

ASTROBIOLOGY  
IN THE FIELD

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**GREENLAND**



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00:00:02,950 --> 00:00:32,709

[Music]

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00:00:36,470 --> 00:00:34,470  
greenland

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00:00:38,869 --> 00:00:36,480  
a massive ice-covered island in the

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00:00:41,670 --> 00:00:38,879  
northern arctic a land of pristine

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00:00:42,869 --> 00:00:41,680  
waters enormous glaciers and ancient

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00:00:44,790 --> 00:00:42,879  
geology

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and for some the site of a hotly

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00:00:49,910 --> 00:00:47,360  
contested claim of the oldest signs of

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00:00:52,869 --> 00:00:49,920  
microbial life on earth

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00:00:55,830 --> 00:00:52,879  
meet dr abigail allwood astrobiologist

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00:00:57,270 --> 00:00:55,840  
at the nasa jet propulsion laboratory dr

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00:00:59,430 --> 00:00:57,280  
allwood is here in greenland to

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00:01:01,990 --> 00:00:59,440

investigate recently published findings

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of possible stromatolites or microbial

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fossils dating back to 3.7 billion years

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ago

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it's always when i go and see some rocks

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00:01:12,789 --> 00:01:11,520

and outcrops in the flesh

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00:01:14,310 --> 00:01:12,799

it's so much

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00:01:15,670 --> 00:01:14,320

so so much more eye opening and

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00:01:18,149 --> 00:01:15,680

informative than it is to read about

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00:01:19,590 --> 00:01:18,159

them in papers and absolutely the case

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with this one when i came to see them

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00:01:23,350 --> 00:01:21,680

after that paper was published i very

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00:01:25,749 --> 00:01:23,360

much doubted that interpretation and i

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00:01:27,030 --> 00:01:25,759

thought well we need to do two things we

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need to put a paper out and secondly we

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00:01:30,230 --> 00:01:28,560

need to do a workshop and bring a lot of

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people out here to

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also

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see what their opinion is be some sort

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00:01:38,789 --> 00:01:34,479

of a consensus on

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00:01:43,109 --> 00:01:40,630

extraordinary claims require

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00:01:46,469 --> 00:01:43,119

extraordinary evidence and a finding

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like this requires further investigation

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00:01:50,630 --> 00:01:48,079

dr allwood has gathered a team of

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00:01:53,109 --> 00:01:50,640

astrobiologists and will now travel by

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00:01:57,870 --> 00:01:53,119

helicopter into the wilderness of the

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00:01:57,880 --> 00:02:40,229

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00:02:44,790 --> 00:02:42,790

so we're out here to study an outcrop

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that there is some controversy over

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there is a group of authors that has

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made a claim that there are uh uh

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biosignatures in the form of

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stromatolites in these rocks and there's

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another group of authors uh i happen to

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be one of that other group of authors uh

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that has refuted that claim so we're out

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here in greenland to study those

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00:03:09,350 --> 00:03:07,360  
outcrops in more detail and to try to

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00:03:12,309 --> 00:03:09,360  
get a sense of the

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00:03:14,470 --> 00:03:12,319  
geology that surrounds those potentially

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00:03:16,550 --> 00:03:14,480  
stromatolite bearing outcrops and try to

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00:03:18,149 --> 00:03:16,560  
get a sense for what the ancient

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00:03:20,390 --> 00:03:18,159  
environment looked like at the time that

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00:03:21,990 --> 00:03:20,400  
those rocks were forming the claim was

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00:03:24,630 --> 00:03:22,000  
such a big deal

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00:03:28,070 --> 00:03:24,640  
because if it proves to be true

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00:03:30,869 --> 00:03:28,080  
then this pushes back the earliest signs

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00:03:33,110 --> 00:03:30,879  
of life in earth's geological record by

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00:03:35,190 --> 00:03:33,120  
a couple of hundred million years

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00:03:36,949 --> 00:03:35,200

it means that the window of opportunity

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for life to emerge doesn't have to be

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very big you know literally as the last

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bombardment is occurring that you can

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say that

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life can take hold at least our one

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example we have that life took hold go

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00:03:49,830 --> 00:03:48,720

to mars it means that only it only also

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00:03:51,910 --> 00:03:49,840

had to

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maintain its conditions it's sort of

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cradle of life it's you know it's

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opportunity for life to emerge for that

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short period of time it didn't have to

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00:04:00,470 --> 00:03:58,560  
sort of maintain it for a couple hundred

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00:04:03,350 --> 00:04:00,480  
million years longer

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00:04:05,990 --> 00:04:03,360  
and when you go back to those very old

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00:04:08,949 --> 00:04:06,000  
rocks they're usually altered and

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00:04:11,270 --> 00:04:08,959  
deformed and it's very difficult to find

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00:04:13,910 --> 00:04:11,280  
those signs of life but those are also

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00:04:15,750 --> 00:04:13,920  
the most interesting rocks to look at

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00:04:17,749 --> 00:04:15,760  
because we don't know when life

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00:04:20,150 --> 00:04:17,759  
originated on earth and we don't know

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00:04:20,870 --> 00:04:20,160  
what that earliest life was like

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00:04:24,230 --> 00:04:20,880  
so

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00:04:26,150 --> 00:04:24,240  
the record that we have from geology

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00:04:28,469 --> 00:04:26,160

is in these rocks that are very

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difficult to interpret sorting out

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00:04:35,430 --> 00:04:34,150

sampling here in greenland is

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you know it's not all that different

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from sampling anywhere else geologists

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tools are

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kind of the same no matter where you go

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you need a hammer a chisel a little you

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know hand lens to look at the rocks up

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close field notebook camera and you know

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00:04:54,150 --> 00:04:51,840

you record your observations and when

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you think you've zeroed in on a piece of

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rock that might be worth taking back to

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00:04:59,909 --> 00:04:58,240  
the lab you get your trusty rock hammer

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00:05:00,870 --> 00:04:59,919  
out and just start banging away until

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00:05:04,950 --> 00:05:00,880  
the

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00:05:07,510 --> 00:05:04,960  
when we're looking at rocks trying to

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00:05:08,390 --> 00:05:07,520  
understand if they preserve evidence of

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00:05:11,029 --> 00:05:08,400  
life

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00:05:14,070 --> 00:05:11,039  
we look for things in the rock that

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00:05:16,469 --> 00:05:14,080  
cannot form without the influence of

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life they can change the chemistry and

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00:05:21,189 --> 00:05:18,720  
they can actually change the shape of

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00:05:24,710 --> 00:05:21,199  
the ground and they can make things like

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00:05:26,950 --> 00:05:24,720  
peaks and domes that are sometimes

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00:05:29,110 --> 00:05:26,960

unique to the biology

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again i think here what you need to do

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00:05:33,029 --> 00:05:31,280

is look at the context of the rocks

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00:05:34,870 --> 00:05:33,039

around those stromatolites and try to

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00:05:36,310 --> 00:05:34,880

get a sense for what that geology is

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00:05:38,870 --> 00:05:36,320

telling you

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this is our sample here it came from the

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00:05:41,670 --> 00:05:40,000

output

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that you sort of cut and polish the face

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there

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and if if it was really a cone-shaped

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structure

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then

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you shouldn't see it

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on the back of the sample you shouldn't

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00:05:55,990 --> 00:05:53,360

see it in the back of the hole there

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that's about 14 centimeters depth hole

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00:05:58,629 --> 00:05:57,360

and you're still seeing the structure

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00:06:01,590 --> 00:05:58,639

there yeah

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so it's not a cone it's a it's a ridge

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if you can sort of reconstruct that in

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00:06:07,189 --> 00:06:05,440

your mind i've got to prove the uh the

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00:06:08,950 --> 00:06:07,199

three-dimensional morphology absolutely

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00:06:10,150 --> 00:06:08,960

have to prove it's the same story you

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can see

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00:06:13,110 --> 00:06:11,759

the uh the structure at the back of the

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hole there it's

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maybe 15 centimeters or so

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00:06:19,990 --> 00:06:17,520

it was present at the front that's

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00:06:21,510 --> 00:06:20,000

present at the back so it it's at least

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00:06:23,430 --> 00:06:21,520

that distance

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00:06:25,749 --> 00:06:23,440

in length

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it's not a kind shape at all

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a lot of times when you're looking for

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something that's related to earth

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history i i think of it as being

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like i'm a detective and i'm looking for

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00:06:39,029 --> 00:06:37,039

clues but the thing is that the rocks

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that are not very good at preserving

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clues and my job as a geologist is to

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take those little bits of information

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and see if i can make a story about what

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happened in the rocks part of making

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that story though is understanding the

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uncertainty the story is never complete

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because you're always missing a lot of

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the clues because the clues have just

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been lost through time

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after investigating the site thoroughly

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the team concludes that there is

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insufficient evidence of life in these

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00:07:12,550 --> 00:07:10,240

structures

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however there is still much to learn

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from the geology in this environment

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00:07:22,070 --> 00:07:19,840

the rocks that we're looking at here in

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00:07:24,469 --> 00:07:22,080

greenland are

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similar if not identical in age to the

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rocks that we're going to be exploring

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with the mars 2020 rover we'd like to

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think that we can use the

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lessons that we take from studying the

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earth's geological record and apply them

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when we start exploring the geology of

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mars

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one of the really interesting things

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about searching for life on other worlds

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is as a scientist i have to actually

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when i'm looking for life anywhere i

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00:07:52,950 --> 00:07:50,960

have to actually have a model of what

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i'm looking for to help guide my

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observations and so by looking at these

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places that are very difficult to

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interpret on earth we get that practice

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and experience of how do we look at

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something and what are the questions

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that we need to ask and what are the

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observations we need to take to be able

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to answer them any claim that is made

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about a biosignature on mars is going to

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be

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debated

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so i think that this workshop gives us

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an opportunity to

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exercise our ability to have civil

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disagreements over uh matters of

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scientific importance because i think

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we're going to be doing

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much of that

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you know with the data that comes back

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00:08:40,630 --> 00:08:39,200  
from mars as well

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i think seeing the rocks in the fish is

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just so important you can't do that for

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many people so uh i think the next best

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thing is to try and recreate that in a

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virtual terrain sort of field trip

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company that's what we're trying to do

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00:08:53,350 --> 00:08:52,080  
so onsite is an application that we

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00:08:55,350 --> 00:08:53,360  
developed for the mars science

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00:08:56,710 --> 00:08:55,360  
laboratory mission to help the science

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00:08:57,910 --> 00:08:56,720  
team that works with the mars rover

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understand the context of the

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environment around the rover and it

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provides

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scientists the ability

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to

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basically meet on mars so it's taking

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martian data down from the the rover and

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using photogrammetry to stitch it

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together to create a 3d model of the

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outcrop and then scientists involved in

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the mission

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and engineers as well are able to use

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that 3d model enter the terrain and make

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decisions with a much better

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understanding of the context we're also

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using lidar imagery out here which is

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something not available on on mars so

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that's using a laser scanner to

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00:09:38,389 --> 00:09:36,399

basically three-dimensionally scan

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outcrops and get uh

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higher fidelity data so that we can get

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some very accurate information yeah so

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this this is the the map of the primary

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outcrops and the laser scans this is the

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a outcrop here

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this is this this is the there's the

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flag there's the cutting block and the

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other cuts

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now on mars it's it's a different

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scenario because we're limited to the

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the instruments on board the rover uh

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the rover doesn't have lidar it'd be

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great if it did so all we have are the

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2d images to work with and 3d

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reconstruction from 2d images has been

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part of the mars missions

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all the way back to pathfinder in the

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late 90s but it's it's always been on a

251  
00:10:18,949 --> 00:10:16,320  
per image basis from one rover position

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so one of the innovations of

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in onsite is we started combining rover

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00:10:25,750 --> 00:10:24,079  
imagery from multiple rover positions so

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if the rover's parked next to a rock and

256  
00:10:28,710 --> 00:10:27,200  
the next day you drive around the rock

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00:10:30,630 --> 00:10:28,720  
you can take imagery from those two

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00:10:32,790 --> 00:10:30,640  
positions and get a more complete model

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00:10:33,829 --> 00:10:32,800  
of that rock than from any one one

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00:10:34,949 --> 00:10:33,839  
position

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00:10:37,030 --> 00:10:34,959  
on its own

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00:10:38,790 --> 00:10:37,040  
and the holy grail of this is to take

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00:10:40,790 --> 00:10:38,800

all of the rover drives from landing to

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the current position register them all

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together so you could walk from the

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landing site to the current rover

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position seeing high quality 3d imagery

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all the way so onsite was started in the

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context of the mars river missions but

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the capability that that onsite and

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tools like it provide is really it's a

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virtual presence and situational

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awareness in an environment that's hard

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to visit mars is an extreme example of

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that but where we are today and in

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00:11:06,949 --> 00:11:05,120

western greenland is not quite as hard

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00:11:09,350 --> 00:11:06,959

to visit as mars but it's certainly not

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00:11:11,030 --> 00:11:09,360

easy you can imagine geologists going

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00:11:13,269 --> 00:11:11,040

into the field to these remote locations

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00:11:15,910 --> 00:11:13,279

and bringing back not only their written

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00:11:17,910 --> 00:11:15,920

field notes and photos but a 3d capture

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00:11:20,389 --> 00:11:17,920

of the the environment that becomes kind

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00:11:21,829 --> 00:11:20,399

of an immersive field notebook that they

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00:11:23,910 --> 00:11:21,839

can revisit they can share with their

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00:11:25,110 --> 00:11:23,920

colleagues and with the public and help

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00:11:27,430 --> 00:11:25,120

to communicate

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00:11:29,350 --> 00:11:27,440

what that environment is like in a way

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00:11:31,190 --> 00:11:29,360

that's that's really hard to get without

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00:11:32,790 --> 00:11:31,200

actually being there in the field so i

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00:11:35,030 --> 00:11:32,800

don't think this technology ever really

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00:11:37,110 --> 00:11:35,040

replaces a human in the field

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00:11:39,430 --> 00:11:37,120

whether or not humans will go to mars is

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00:11:41,350 --> 00:11:39,440

is uh you know not my expertise

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00:11:43,350 --> 00:11:41,360

but if and when humans do go to mars

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00:11:44,870 --> 00:11:43,360

only if the select few will

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00:11:46,790 --> 00:11:44,880

go to mars but with this kind of

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00:11:49,430 --> 00:11:46,800

technology they can bring along experts

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00:11:50,870 --> 00:11:49,440

from earth to extend their knowledge and

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00:11:52,470 --> 00:11:50,880

share that experience with the public so

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00:11:53,650 --> 00:11:52,480

the whole world gets to go along you

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00:11:55,590 --> 00:11:53,660  
know for the ride

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00:11:58,310 --> 00:11:55,600  
[Music]

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00:12:01,590 --> 00:11:58,320  
so i've never been here before and the

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00:12:04,389 --> 00:12:01,600  
landscape in this environment is just i

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00:12:06,310 --> 00:12:04,399  
i could see that my mind has been blown

306  
00:12:07,350 --> 00:12:06,320  
being out here for a couple of days i

307  
00:12:10,550 --> 00:12:07,360  
mean the

308  
00:12:13,670 --> 00:12:10,560  
the scale of the glaciers the the the

309  
00:12:15,750 --> 00:12:13,680  
complete lack of vegetation in this area

310  
00:12:18,230 --> 00:12:15,760  
uh other than sort of you know lichens

311  
00:12:19,990 --> 00:12:18,240  
and moss it's just a it's kind of an

312  
00:12:22,150 --> 00:12:20,000  
otherworldly place

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00:12:23,990 --> 00:12:22,160

it's really starkly beautiful i think in

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00:12:26,470 --> 00:12:24,000

terms of why anybody should care about

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00:12:28,550 --> 00:12:26,480

these rocks i mean they are

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00:12:29,750 --> 00:12:28,560

they are the record of

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00:12:33,110 --> 00:12:29,760

some of the

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00:12:34,550 --> 00:12:33,120

oldest processes occurring on our planet

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00:12:37,030 --> 00:12:34,560

i mean there are very few places that

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00:12:39,590 --> 00:12:37,040

preserve rocks this old and so so

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00:12:42,790 --> 00:12:39,600

they're really uh a precious resource

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00:12:45,670 --> 00:12:42,800

for geologists to understand what was

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00:12:48,470 --> 00:12:45,680

going on uh on the earth you know

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00:12:50,829 --> 00:12:48,480

close to you know in its in its infancy

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00:12:53,670 --> 00:12:50,839

uh so it's an important and special

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00:12:56,069 --> 00:12:53,680

place i will gain a huge insight into

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00:12:59,590 --> 00:12:56,079

these particular rocks but it will also

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00:13:02,069 --> 00:12:59,600

increase my understanding of of how you

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00:13:04,069 --> 00:13:02,079

actually demonstrate that something is

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00:13:06,629 --> 00:13:04,079

or isn't a biosignature that i will

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00:13:08,629 --> 00:13:06,639

apply in all my other work

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00:13:10,949 --> 00:13:08,639

it's the ability to

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00:13:12,629 --> 00:13:10,959

minimize the ambiguity before it even

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00:13:15,269 --> 00:13:12,639

gets to the publication minimise the

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00:13:16,629 --> 00:13:15,279

ambiguity and minimise the bias when it

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00:13:18,150 --> 00:13:16,639

gets out into the press it's going to be

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that much more considered that much more

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robust i think that's what's the best