



**THE LIFE DETECTION FORUM PROJECT:  
STATUS AND NEXT STEPS**

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00:00:04,950 --> 00:00:03,189  
i think that i probably know many of you

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00:00:07,190 --> 00:00:04,960  
quite well and and you know me and yet

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00:00:09,110 --> 00:00:07,200  
you chose to come anyway which um is a

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00:00:11,830 --> 00:00:09,120  
little surprising but uh for those of

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00:00:13,749 --> 00:00:11,840  
you who don't i'm tory holler i'm part

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00:00:16,470 --> 00:00:13,759  
of a group center for life detection

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00:00:19,750 --> 00:00:16,480  
that is a collaboration between ames and

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00:00:22,230 --> 00:00:19,760  
goddard supported by psd to do basic

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00:00:23,990 --> 00:00:22,240  
research and also community service in

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00:00:25,429 --> 00:00:24,000  
the area of life detection and so we're

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00:00:27,750 --> 00:00:25,439  
talking about today the life detection

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00:00:29,349 --> 00:00:27,760  
forum project is part of our community

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00:00:30,790 --> 00:00:29,359

service

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00:00:32,389 --> 00:00:30,800

i'm going to introduce the folks to my

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00:00:34,310 --> 00:00:32,399

left in just a minute here but before i

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00:00:36,549 --> 00:00:34,320

do i want to thank the organizers for

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00:00:38,950 --> 00:00:36,559

making time for this in what i think was

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00:00:40,869 --> 00:00:38,960

a very over subscribed um town hall

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00:00:42,389 --> 00:00:40,879

schedule uh i i think it's been a real

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00:00:44,630 --> 00:00:42,399

juggling act to put this meeting

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together and and well done

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00:00:48,630 --> 00:00:47,120

thanks also to all of you um i know i'm

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00:00:50,389 --> 00:00:48,640

kind of exhausted at this point in the

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meeting and i look for things that i

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00:00:54,950 --> 00:00:52,480

cannot go to if if given the chance so i

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00:00:56,950 --> 00:00:54,960  
really appreciate your being here um for

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00:00:59,029 --> 00:00:56,960  
this and i hope it will be worthwhile

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00:01:00,790 --> 00:00:59,039  
for you so here's the ground that i want

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00:01:02,229 --> 00:01:00,800  
to try to cover tonight first just a

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00:01:04,390 --> 00:01:02,239  
little bit of the motivation for the

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00:01:05,990 --> 00:01:04,400  
life detection forum project

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00:01:07,590 --> 00:01:06,000  
i'm going to focus in on something

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00:01:09,990 --> 00:01:07,600  
called the life detection knowledge base

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00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:10,000  
which is the the key and central module

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00:01:13,429 --> 00:01:11,680  
of this tool that we're developing and

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00:01:14,630 --> 00:01:13,439  
we'll do that in a few ways

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00:01:16,950 --> 00:01:14,640  
i want to talk a little bit about the

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00:01:18,710 --> 00:01:16,960

basic idea and purpose behind it

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00:01:20,070 --> 00:01:18,720

something about the conceptual basis for

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it and then to make it tangible and

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00:01:23,910 --> 00:01:22,240

because it is a built system

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00:01:25,350 --> 00:01:23,920

we're going to have a live tour or

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00:01:27,109 --> 00:01:25,360

hopefully if we can make the technology

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work we're going to have a live tour um

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00:01:31,109 --> 00:01:29,040

graham lau to my left is going to be the

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00:01:32,870 --> 00:01:31,119

person giving that to her and and he's

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00:01:35,109 --> 00:01:32,880

our best chance for surviving the

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technology of it um

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then you know one of the things that we

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really hope to do when building this

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00:01:42,149 --> 00:01:39,840  
tool

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00:01:43,990 --> 00:01:42,159  
is suit multiple purposes and serve

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00:01:45,510 --> 00:01:44,000  
multiple users and one of the key things

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00:01:47,590 --> 00:01:45,520  
for us was doing something that would

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00:01:49,350 --> 00:01:47,600  
provide an educational tool

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00:01:51,429 --> 00:01:49,360  
and a very valuable partnership for us

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00:01:52,950 --> 00:01:51,439  
for the last few years has been working

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00:01:54,389 --> 00:01:52,960  
with jen glass

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00:01:56,789 --> 00:01:54,399  
here at georgia tech

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00:01:58,469 --> 00:01:56,799  
to use the life detection knowledge base

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00:02:00,469 --> 00:01:58,479  
in the context of her course and so

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00:02:02,230 --> 00:02:00,479  
we're very fortunate to have both jen

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00:02:04,630 --> 00:02:02,240

and claire elban

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00:02:06,149 --> 00:02:04,640

so this is instructor and student in

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00:02:08,070 --> 00:02:06,159

this class to talk a little bit about

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00:02:10,550 --> 00:02:08,080

the life detection knowledge base in its

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use specifically in that class

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after we do that i'll spend a little bit

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of time on what comes next in the

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project what we're working on now how

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you can be involved this is this is part

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letting you know what's going on part

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trying to recruit you into the project a

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little bit

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so we'll talk about that and i really

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hope to leave a good bit of time at the

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end for questions that to me is the most

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important part is to know what you think

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about this

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hear your feedback so

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let me start with a little bit of

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context and motivation during the three

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years since the last abs icon kind of a

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lot has happened and and a couple of

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really big things have been the release

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of the decadal surveys in astronomy and

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astrophysics and in planetary sciences

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and

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astrobiology i think in both of those

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cases you know i hope that all of you or

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some of you had a chance to um take part

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in the in the decadal town hall earlier

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this week or have read them had a chance

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to digest them astrobiology is prominent

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in these two decadal surveys and in

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particular i think

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life detection missions uh take front

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and center in both of them it's a real

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thing in the coming decades and as much

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as that is for sure based on the amazing

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set of observations that have come back

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00:03:24,229 --> 00:03:22,640  
from spacecraft and telescopes

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00:03:26,710 --> 00:03:24,239  
it also rests very much on the

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00:03:28,869 --> 00:03:26,720  
interpretive context that this community

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00:03:30,869 --> 00:03:28,879  
has built

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00:03:31,589 --> 00:03:30,879  
and i think that's something to be proud

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00:03:35,110 --> 00:03:31,599  
of

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00:03:37,910 --> 00:03:35,120  
impetus for taking these important next

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steps so i think we can look very much

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00:03:42,789 --> 00:03:40,080  
forward to what's ahead uh i think that

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00:03:44,630 --> 00:03:42,799  
we can be proud of our role in in having

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made some of that possible

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i also think it levies a lot of

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responsibility on all of us to marshal

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our knowledge and our expertise in the

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very specific way that is required to

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parameterize and define missions

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and

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that's something i think the exoplanet

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community has done consistently and well

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and i think it's something that we

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really need to strive to do in the

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planetary science community as well

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that's a lot of what we're talking about

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tonight and and whether you

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like this particular approach to doing

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it or not i urge everyone to begin

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thinking about how we can bring our

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knowledge to bear to make these missions

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happen in the best and most rigorous way

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possible

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so really

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the life detection forum concept is

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is designed to provide a tool that

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catalyzes that process

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of looking at this really broad diffuse

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diverse body of knowledge that's been

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created by this community over the last

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few decades and distilling out the

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pieces that are specifically relevant to

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mission conceptualization and design and

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in particular to do it in a way that the

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results are accessible to everybody

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and able to be updated on a continuing

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basis and so we envision this as sort of

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a living online suite of tools that's

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community-based user-based and living

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and here's the basic idea the basic idea

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is that if we take what we have come to

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understand about biosignatures or at

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least things that might serve as

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evidence for life it gives us some

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00:05:11,270 --> 00:05:09,840  
insight into how we should design

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mission objectives

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00:05:14,550 --> 00:05:13,039  
it gives us some insight in cases where

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00:05:16,550 --> 00:05:14,560  
there are knowledge gaps into what our

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00:05:18,070 --> 00:05:16,560  
research priorities should be

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and if we then compare that with our

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understanding of the technology that's

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available in development to measure

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these things that might serve as

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evidence for life we can do two more

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important things we can try to establish

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science traceability if that's a new

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term to some of you it basically means

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the logic flow from science goal to

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proposed payload element and where that

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logic flow is incomplete or interrupted

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it identifies technology development

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priorities for us and so the idea behind

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the system has been to build these two

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components and be able to make this

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comparison on an ongoing basis

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and so the one on your left uh the part

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that has to do with biosignatures is a

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built system that we call the life

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detection knowledge base that's what

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we're going to talk about mostly here

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tonight the one on the right the

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component that has to do with technology

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existing or in development is something

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that we're trying to build now and and

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that will be interested in your feedback

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everything that we've done to this point

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everything that you're going to see

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presented tonight is a result of an

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effort to engage extensively with the

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community and that started two and a

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half or three years ago at the last

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abseicon where we introduced the basic

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concept

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tried to get people engaged and

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interested in what we were doing and

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that has commenced with a series of

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workshops over time that have vetted the

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organizing basis for the life detection

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knowledge base introduced the knowledge

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base had a content development activity

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that served also for beta testing

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and most recently we held a workshop

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called future of the

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future of the search for life workshop

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that really was about science and

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technology integration and that's going

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to inform our next steps as we begin to

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develop the technology component of this

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so let me talk a little bit about this

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life detection knowledge base really

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this is the system that is designed to

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tackle what i see as a very diverse and

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diffuse body of relevant information in

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some cases created within the

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astrobiology community in some cases

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created in communities that historically

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have had no relation to space science

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maybe haven't perceived their relevance

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to national to nasa missions or to light

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detection but nevertheless have

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something real to contribute um how do

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you manage that really diverse body of

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information and and streamline it and

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collimate it in a way that makes it

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specifically relevant to life detection

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that's what the knowledge base is

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supposed to be about so i'm going to

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talk briefly about sort of three axes of

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organization for this knowledge base one

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is a taxonomy of what we call features

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potential biosignatures a second is

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criteria for assessing those features

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and finally arguments and evidence and

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i'll explain in a minute what that means

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so briefly the feature taxonomy i think

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is pretty simple to understand

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it starts with the three categories of

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potential biosignatures that are

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identified in the decadal chemistry

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morphology or structure and activity

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and then seeks to break them down to a

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taxonomic level at which you have some

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common level of granularity among all

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the things that you're comparing and the

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idea is to be able to support an apples

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to apples comparison among all of the

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different signs of evidence that

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signs that we might seek as evidence for

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life

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we've tried as much as possible to make

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that level correspond roughly speaking

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to the level of a science investigation

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in a science traceability matrix right

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something that you can actually tangibly

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place within the context of science

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traceability

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for any of the features or potential

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biosignatures that appear within that

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taxonomy we want to ask a specific and

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standard set of questions and so we take

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as the basis for for the way that we do

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this assessment a recommendation from

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the 2018 national academies study on

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astrobiology strategy they focused on

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assessing the potential for false

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positive and false negative false

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positive being that you see a signal

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when life is actually not present false

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negative being that life is present but

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you see no signal at all both of those

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things matter to consider when you're

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designing mission objectives

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so the decadal in planetary science that

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just appeared broke this down

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one more step and they said in each of

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these cases it matters to consider a

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00:09:25,670 --> 00:09:22,720

more probabilistic component so what is

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00:09:27,590 --> 00:09:25,680

the likely prevalence if life is

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00:09:29,590 --> 00:09:27,600

there what is the chances that it

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00:09:30,630 --> 00:09:29,600

creates at all the signal that you're

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00:09:31,990 --> 00:09:30,640

looking for

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00:09:33,829 --> 00:09:32,000

and if it does

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00:09:35,350 --> 00:09:33,839

how large in magnitude is that signal

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00:09:37,430 --> 00:09:35,360

likely to be and those are different

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00:09:40,070 --> 00:09:37,440

things and and each worth considering

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00:09:41,990 --> 00:09:40,080

independently you can ask that same set

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00:09:43,750 --> 00:09:42,000

of questions both for biology and for

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00:09:45,990 --> 00:09:43,760

abiotic processes that might produce

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00:09:47,990 --> 00:09:46,000

mimics for what you're looking for so

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00:09:50,389 --> 00:09:48,000

these four questions which we call

289

00:09:52,710 --> 00:09:50,399

criteria are what we ask in a standard

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00:09:54,949 --> 00:09:52,720

way of every single thing that appears

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00:09:58,470 --> 00:09:54,959

as a as a potential biosignature in the

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00:10:00,470 --> 00:09:58,480

life detection knowledge base

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00:10:02,310 --> 00:10:00,480

so what i think is new to people if if

294

00:10:03,910 --> 00:10:02,320

you look at this sort of flow diagram

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00:10:05,269 --> 00:10:03,920

the upper two levels the measurement

296

00:10:06,870 --> 00:10:05,279

type and the criteria that's what we

297

00:10:09,670 --> 00:10:06,880

just talked about with the feature

298

00:10:11,350 --> 00:10:09,680

taxonomy and the criteria what's new

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00:10:12,949 --> 00:10:11,360

about this and i think what will strike

300

00:10:15,190 --> 00:10:12,959

people as novel and a little difficult

301  
00:10:17,430 --> 00:10:15,200  
to wrap your heads around initially is

302  
00:10:19,509 --> 00:10:17,440  
that for any given criterion let's say

303  
00:10:20,949 --> 00:10:19,519  
it's it's the abiotic prevalence of a

304  
00:10:23,750 --> 00:10:20,959  
particular feature

305  
00:10:26,150 --> 00:10:23,760  
we ask users to to take the existing

306  
00:10:28,389 --> 00:10:26,160  
scientific literature and distill from

307  
00:10:30,150 --> 00:10:28,399  
it very specific arguments that bear on

308  
00:10:32,069 --> 00:10:30,160  
that criterion

309  
00:10:34,949 --> 00:10:32,079  
and we do this with a with a series of

310  
00:10:36,710 --> 00:10:34,959  
arguments and evidence so argument is i

311  
00:10:39,350 --> 00:10:36,720  
think that the abiotic prevalence is

312  
00:10:41,110 --> 00:10:39,360  
high for the following reason evidence

313  
00:10:43,750 --> 00:10:41,120

is a piece of scientific literature that

314

00:10:46,069 --> 00:10:43,760

specifically supports that argument and

315

00:10:47,910 --> 00:10:46,079

so the idea behind this is that it

316

00:10:50,230 --> 00:10:47,920

represents a distillation of the broader

317

00:10:51,990 --> 00:10:50,240

literature into a very specific form

318

00:10:54,710 --> 00:10:52,000

that bears on the potential for false

319

00:10:56,790 --> 00:10:54,720

positive and false negative so to try to

320

00:10:58,550 --> 00:10:56,800

make that just a little bit more

321

00:10:59,990 --> 00:10:58,560

tangible to you i'll give you a specific

322

00:11:02,150 --> 00:11:00,000

example this is pulled straight out of

323

00:11:04,230 --> 00:11:02,160

the life detection knowledge base you

324

00:11:05,670 --> 00:11:04,240

could go and look for it right now

325

00:11:07,269 --> 00:11:05,680

so in this case the measurement type in

326

00:11:09,910 --> 00:11:07,279

this specific example

327

00:11:11,350 --> 00:11:09,920

is enantiomer ratios in amino acids one

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00:11:13,430 --> 00:11:11,360

of the things that people have proposed

329

00:11:16,230 --> 00:11:13,440

as a potential sign of life and the

330

00:11:18,630 --> 00:11:16,240

criterion in this example is the abiotic

331

00:11:20,949 --> 00:11:18,640

prevalence of that signal meaning how

332

00:11:23,190 --> 00:11:20,959

often do non-biological processes

333

00:11:26,550 --> 00:11:23,200

nevertheless produce some excess in in

334

00:11:28,389 --> 00:11:26,560

the enantiomer ratios the argument that

335

00:11:30,150 --> 00:11:28,399

the creator of this thing has created

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00:11:32,230 --> 00:11:30,160

has has put forward

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00:11:34,230 --> 00:11:32,240

is that some abiotic amino acids that

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00:11:36,790 --> 00:11:34,240

are found in meteorites can have

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00:11:38,630 --> 00:11:36,800

significant enantiomeric excess despite

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00:11:40,630 --> 00:11:38,640

being created by non-biological

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00:11:43,190 --> 00:11:40,640

processes and the evidence for that

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00:11:46,069 --> 00:11:43,200

specifically is that l excesses of

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00:11:47,910 --> 00:11:46,079

aspartic acid and glutamic acid up to 60

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00:11:49,190 --> 00:11:47,920

were measured in tigers like meteorite

345

00:11:52,150 --> 00:11:49,200

and the literature from which that's

346

00:11:54,629 --> 00:11:52,160

drawn is danny glavin's 2012 paper

347

00:11:57,269 --> 00:11:54,639

so that paper is one of three forms of

348

00:11:59,990 --> 00:11:57,279

evidence that support this particular

349

00:12:02,870 --> 00:12:00,000

argument that argument is one of four

350

00:12:05,190 --> 00:12:02,880

arguments that are relevant to um

351  
00:12:07,110 --> 00:12:05,200  
the pro arguments for this criterion and

352  
00:12:09,590 --> 00:12:07,120  
so there are 12 papers that have been

353  
00:12:12,710 --> 00:12:09,600  
sorted into a specific bearing

354  
00:12:14,790 --> 00:12:12,720  
on potential for for uh false positives

355  
00:12:16,629 --> 00:12:14,800  
in this case and so

356  
00:12:18,629 --> 00:12:16,639  
really overall the idea behind the

357  
00:12:20,310 --> 00:12:18,639  
knowledge base is to catalyze this

358  
00:12:22,389 --> 00:12:20,320  
process of distillation and it puts

359  
00:12:23,910 --> 00:12:22,399  
users on the hook to do it and the idea

360  
00:12:26,550 --> 00:12:23,920  
behind it is there's a very standard

361  
00:12:28,389 --> 00:12:26,560  
portion that is the the feature taxonomy

362  
00:12:29,829 --> 00:12:28,399  
and then the standard set of criteria

363  
00:12:31,910 --> 00:12:29,839

and then a very flexible portion that

364

00:12:34,230 --> 00:12:31,920

relies on user-defined arguments to

365

00:12:35,590 --> 00:12:34,240

place things in context to acknowledge

366

00:12:37,990 --> 00:12:35,600

that different biosignatures are

367

00:12:39,670 --> 00:12:38,000

different and nevertheless find a way to

368

00:12:41,590 --> 00:12:39,680

channel that literature and distill it

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00:12:43,030 --> 00:12:41,600

into into a form that matters for

370

00:12:43,990 --> 00:12:43,040

mission design

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00:12:45,430 --> 00:12:44,000

so

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00:12:47,110 --> 00:12:45,440

at this point i want to actually turn it

373

00:12:48,470 --> 00:12:47,120

over to graham uh and give us a little

374

00:12:53,910 --> 00:12:48,480

tour of the knowledge base that you can

375

00:12:59,110 --> 00:12:55,910

all right thank you tori i'm going to

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00:13:00,550 --> 00:12:59,120

exit out of our slideshow here

377

00:13:02,069 --> 00:13:00,560

so if you do want to follow along you

378

00:13:04,790 --> 00:13:02,079

can pull out your phone or your computer

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00:13:07,110 --> 00:13:04,800

and go to [ldfknowledgebase.com](http://ldfknowledgebase.com)

380

00:13:09,190 --> 00:13:07,120

or check it out later just a very brief

381

00:13:10,710 --> 00:13:09,200

tour of the site and how it works

382

00:13:13,430 --> 00:13:10,720

uh on the home page you have just a

383

00:13:15,350 --> 00:13:13,440

brief description of the knowledge base

384

00:13:17,509 --> 00:13:15,360

but if we click enter

385

00:13:19,190 --> 00:13:17,519

we can go into the site and immediately

386

00:13:21,829 --> 00:13:19,200

see this taxonomy tour he was talking

387

00:13:23,430 --> 00:13:21,839

about where we have our branching kind

388

00:13:25,350 --> 00:13:23,440

of tree right here showing our

389

00:13:27,509 --> 00:13:25,360

categories

390

00:13:28,949 --> 00:13:27,519

for looking in life detection so if we

391

00:13:31,590 --> 00:13:28,959

go to chemistry you can see this tree

392

00:13:33,269 --> 00:13:31,600

opens up as a branching tree

393

00:13:35,430 --> 00:13:33,279

you can see these topics down below like

394

00:13:37,990 --> 00:13:35,440

enantiomer ratios that we mentioned

395

00:13:40,550 --> 00:13:38,000

other topics within chemistry

396

00:13:42,389 --> 00:13:40,560

if i click on structure the same thing

397

00:13:44,150 --> 00:13:42,399

it brings up more of a tree with topics

398

00:13:45,990 --> 00:13:44,160

i can see down below them some of the

399

00:13:47,990 --> 00:13:46,000

entries that have material entered

400

00:13:49,750 --> 00:13:48,000

already

401  
00:13:52,310 --> 00:13:49,760  
now note the knowledge base is not yet

402  
00:13:54,710 --> 00:13:52,320  
complete there's still a lot of room for

403  
00:13:56,949 --> 00:13:54,720  
entries provided by yourselves and

404  
00:13:59,430 --> 00:13:56,959  
others and so entries that currently

405  
00:14:00,949 --> 00:13:59,440  
have some content are black

406  
00:14:02,710 --> 00:14:00,959  
in their text here there's other text

407  
00:14:04,870 --> 00:14:02,720  
that's gray right now

408  
00:14:08,629 --> 00:14:04,880  
those are places where we foresee future

409  
00:14:10,790 --> 00:14:08,639  
entries future content being developed

410  
00:14:13,430 --> 00:14:10,800  
on each of these there's some background

411  
00:14:15,509 --> 00:14:13,440  
information at every single level of the

412  
00:14:16,790 --> 00:14:15,519  
knowledge base within this taxonomy so

413  
00:14:18,470 --> 00:14:16,800

within chemistry i can click on

414

00:14:19,990 --> 00:14:18,480

background and it brings up a brief

415

00:14:23,350 --> 00:14:20,000

description at the very fundamental

416

00:14:24,949 --> 00:14:23,360

level of what chemistry is

417

00:14:27,189 --> 00:14:24,959

in looking at these i can also download

418

00:14:28,949 --> 00:14:27,199

this background information as a pdf i

419

00:14:30,470 --> 00:14:28,959

won't do that on this computer but if

420

00:14:31,590 --> 00:14:30,480

you click download background anywhere

421

00:14:33,269 --> 00:14:31,600

you get

422

00:14:35,750 --> 00:14:33,279

never minded to download it

423

00:14:37,509 --> 00:14:35,760

you get a pdf document showing the

424

00:14:40,710 --> 00:14:37,519

background and if there are any images

425

00:14:43,430 --> 00:14:42,150

the same things on every topic there's

426  
00:14:45,269 --> 00:14:43,440  
some background information you can

427  
00:14:47,189 --> 00:14:45,279  
click on that see the background

428  
00:14:49,750 --> 00:14:47,199  
information provided to the website by

429  
00:14:51,910 --> 00:14:49,760  
our curators for each of these topics

430  
00:14:53,350 --> 00:14:51,920  
every single entry has a curator who's

431  
00:14:56,230 --> 00:14:53,360  
responsible for

432  
00:14:57,829 --> 00:14:56,240  
ensuring the accuracy of the material

433  
00:15:01,269 --> 00:14:57,839  
ensuring the users are appropriately

434  
00:15:04,949 --> 00:15:03,509  
and so i'm going to go into one of these

435  
00:15:06,870 --> 00:15:04,959  
from this page where you have this

436  
00:15:08,870 --> 00:15:06,880  
branching tree

437  
00:15:10,790 --> 00:15:08,880  
you can click on one of three

438  
00:15:13,350 --> 00:15:10,800

biosignature categories

439

00:15:14,629 --> 00:15:13,360

click on any of these black text boxes

440

00:15:15,990 --> 00:15:14,639

to bring up bio signatures that you're

441

00:15:19,590 --> 00:15:16,000

interested in so

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00:15:22,069 --> 00:15:19,600

i'll do a couple here in the isotopes

443

00:15:23,910 --> 00:15:22,079

and then click go

444

00:15:26,230 --> 00:15:23,920

and that brings me to another page where

445

00:15:27,910 --> 00:15:26,240

we can filter out the biosignatures of

446

00:15:29,990 --> 00:15:27,920

interest by certain environments that

447

00:15:31,749 --> 00:15:30,000

were selected by the community

448

00:15:32,790 --> 00:15:31,759

to be relevant in light detection

449

00:15:34,470 --> 00:15:32,800

searches

450

00:15:36,550 --> 00:15:34,480

so things like the surface or atmosphere

451  
00:15:38,629 --> 00:15:36,560  
of an exoplanet the surface or

452  
00:15:41,110 --> 00:15:38,639  
subsurface of mars

453  
00:15:42,470 --> 00:15:41,120  
or just all of those things

454  
00:15:43,990 --> 00:15:42,480  
allows us to search through these

455  
00:15:45,910 --> 00:15:44,000  
different bio signatures we've already

456  
00:15:47,189 --> 00:15:45,920  
selected to figure out which ones we

457  
00:15:49,110 --> 00:15:47,199  
want to look at

458  
00:15:51,030 --> 00:15:49,120  
so here we have isotope ratio patterns

459  
00:15:53,030 --> 00:15:51,040  
for carbon redox states

460  
00:15:55,350 --> 00:15:53,040  
there's some background information in

461  
00:15:57,430 --> 00:15:55,360  
this case it also includes a picture and

462  
00:15:59,350 --> 00:15:57,440  
so if i did download background here it

463  
00:16:02,150 --> 00:15:59,360

would download all of the text and

464

00:16:03,829 --> 00:16:02,160

images as well for offline reading

465

00:16:06,150 --> 00:16:03,839

there's a read more button in some cases

466

00:16:07,350 --> 00:16:06,160

that allows you to expand things and see

467

00:16:10,310 --> 00:16:07,360

where we've worked really hard to

468

00:16:11,910 --> 00:16:10,320

develop these background entries um but

469

00:16:14,310 --> 00:16:11,920

the real power is in each of these

470

00:16:17,110 --> 00:16:14,320

potential biosignatures when you go into

471

00:16:18,790 --> 00:16:17,120

one of them so for carbon redox states

472

00:16:20,310 --> 00:16:18,800

we can see these different categories

473

00:16:22,470 --> 00:16:20,320

that tori mentioned things like

474

00:16:24,870 --> 00:16:22,480

prevalence and feature strength both

475

00:16:26,710 --> 00:16:24,880

biological and abiotic

476

00:16:29,910 --> 00:16:26,720

on any of these if i if i click this

477

00:16:31,749 --> 00:16:29,920

down arrow or click on the the criterion

478

00:16:34,629 --> 00:16:31,759

it then brings me to the place where i

479

00:16:38,069 --> 00:16:34,639

now have the arguments both arguments

480

00:16:40,790 --> 00:16:38,079

pro and con for biological prevalence

481

00:16:42,949 --> 00:16:40,800

or arguments pro and con for abiotic

482

00:16:44,550 --> 00:16:42,959

prevalence

483

00:16:46,870 --> 00:16:44,560

and so for each of these you can read

484

00:16:49,189 --> 00:16:46,880

the argument itself a very simple

485

00:16:50,949 --> 00:16:49,199

statement making the argument and then

486

00:16:51,829 --> 00:16:50,959

you can see where there's this evidence

487

00:16:54,150 --> 00:16:51,839

button

488

00:16:56,230 --> 00:16:54,160

that brings up the the evidence pulled

489

00:16:57,590 --> 00:16:56,240

from the literature supporting these

490

00:16:59,189 --> 00:16:57,600

arguments

491

00:17:02,790 --> 00:16:59,199

in any of those cases i can click on

492

00:17:04,789 --> 00:17:02,800

that evidence piece and it takes me to

493

00:17:05,590 --> 00:17:04,799

information that says what the evidence

494

00:17:07,909 --> 00:17:05,600

is

495

00:17:09,590 --> 00:17:07,919

describing it fully and then saying

496

00:17:11,270 --> 00:17:09,600

which piece of literature its source

497

00:17:13,110 --> 00:17:11,280

from

498

00:17:15,429 --> 00:17:13,120

and also giving me a way to download

499

00:17:17,110 --> 00:17:15,439

code for it so i can add it to my my own

500

00:17:18,390 --> 00:17:17,120

citation manager

501  
00:17:20,230 --> 00:17:18,400  
you also can see the citation in

502  
00:17:21,429 --> 00:17:20,240  
different formats as well for finding

503  
00:17:23,429 --> 00:17:21,439  
the article

504  
00:17:25,189 --> 00:17:23,439  
currently there is a link button but it

505  
00:17:27,029 --> 00:17:25,199  
doesn't actually link to the articles

506  
00:17:28,789 --> 00:17:27,039  
hopefully in the very near future you

507  
00:17:33,830 --> 00:17:28,799  
can also link directly to the literature

508  
00:17:38,549 --> 00:17:36,789  
a few more things with the website

509  
00:17:39,590 --> 00:17:38,559  
so for those who maybe aren't used to

510  
00:17:42,870 --> 00:17:39,600  
using

511  
00:17:44,470 --> 00:17:42,880  
websites like this there is a help page

512  
00:17:46,470 --> 00:17:44,480  
and an about page the about page will

513  
00:17:48,950 --> 00:17:46,480

give you some more information on this

514

00:17:50,070 --> 00:17:48,960

project the development of the site in

515

00:17:51,750 --> 00:17:50,080

general

516

00:17:53,909 --> 00:17:51,760

lay out some of these categories and

517

00:17:54,950 --> 00:17:53,919

criteria that we use within the site as

518

00:17:56,230 --> 00:17:54,960

well

519

00:17:58,070 --> 00:17:56,240

so if you're interested i highly

520

00:17:59,590 --> 00:17:58,080

recommend reading all of this

521

00:18:01,270 --> 00:17:59,600

but then for those who want to use the

522

00:18:03,590 --> 00:18:01,280

site there is a help page that walks you

523

00:18:06,310 --> 00:18:03,600

through the whole process of registering

524

00:18:08,150 --> 00:18:06,320

of contributing content to the site uh

525

00:18:09,590 --> 00:18:08,160

of adding comments on the site

526

00:18:11,510 --> 00:18:09,600

everywhere throughout that taxonomy

527

00:18:13,270 --> 00:18:11,520

there's places where you can add

528

00:18:16,549 --> 00:18:13,280

comments to the site that will help us

529

00:18:18,390 --> 00:18:16,559

in our development of this material

530

00:18:20,789 --> 00:18:18,400

and so within help we have lots of ways

531

00:18:22,390 --> 00:18:20,799

of registering browsing

532

00:18:23,830 --> 00:18:22,400

eventually we'll have an faq document

533

00:18:25,190 --> 00:18:23,840

here as well

534

00:18:26,549 --> 00:18:25,200

if at any time when you're using the

535

00:18:28,950 --> 00:18:26,559

site you have any issues there's an

536

00:18:31,590 --> 00:18:28,960

email button that will allow you to send

537

00:18:33,830 --> 00:18:31,600

an email to myself as an administrator

538

00:18:35,750 --> 00:18:33,840

or to one of our curators to let us know

539

00:18:36,630 --> 00:18:35,760

what the issue is you're having

540

00:18:38,230 --> 00:18:36,640

or if you just want to have a

541

00:18:39,909 --> 00:18:38,240

conversation about the content if you

542

00:18:41,590 --> 00:18:39,919

have an argument

543

00:18:43,510 --> 00:18:41,600

to make about the content feel free to

544

00:18:44,950 --> 00:18:43,520

do that with us there

545

00:18:46,549 --> 00:18:44,960

and then finally if you do want to use

546

00:18:47,990 --> 00:18:46,559

the site we highly recommend creating

547

00:18:49,510 --> 00:18:48,000

your own account

548

00:18:51,990 --> 00:18:49,520

registering for an account will allow

549

00:18:54,390 --> 00:18:52,000

you to then make comments as well as

550

00:18:56,390 --> 00:18:54,400

contribute arguments and evidence

551  
00:18:58,150 --> 00:18:56,400  
towards these various potential bio

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00:18:59,510 --> 00:18:58,160  
signatures

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00:19:00,710 --> 00:18:59,520  
and then one more thing there there is a

554  
00:19:03,190 --> 00:19:00,720  
glossary

555  
00:19:05,270 --> 00:19:03,200  
we realize there's a lot of nuanced

556  
00:19:07,270 --> 00:19:05,280  
language within the site

557  
00:19:09,190 --> 00:19:07,280  
it does come from the literature but for

558  
00:19:11,590 --> 00:19:09,200  
those who do have any questions there's

559  
00:19:13,190 --> 00:19:11,600  
a very long glossary explaining

560  
00:19:15,750 --> 00:19:13,200  
the definitions and some background

561  
00:19:18,070 --> 00:19:15,760  
material for every single one of the

562  
00:19:20,070 --> 00:19:18,080  
criteria for all of the nuanced language

563  
00:19:22,630 --> 00:19:20,080

we use in the site there's also some

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00:19:24,710 --> 00:19:22,640

more specific

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00:19:26,950 --> 00:19:24,720

language primarily for structures or

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00:19:28,390 --> 00:19:26,960

morphologies since there's some language

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00:19:29,669 --> 00:19:28,400

you know if you're not a geologist you

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00:19:31,590 --> 00:19:29,679

might not have heard some of those terms

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00:19:33,350 --> 00:19:31,600

before and so we have those in the

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00:19:35,110 --> 00:19:33,360

glossary as well

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00:19:36,390 --> 00:19:35,120

um but you know there is a lot of

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00:19:38,950 --> 00:19:36,400

content here already i mentioned it's

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00:19:41,430 --> 00:19:38,960

not complete yet but we've done a lot so

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00:19:43,750 --> 00:19:41,440

far there are many entries um

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00:19:46,710 --> 00:19:43,760

contributed by various users in the past

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00:19:49,110 --> 00:19:46,720

we had a criteria workshop a knowledge

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00:19:51,909 --> 00:19:49,120

base workshop this past year and we had

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00:19:53,830 --> 00:19:51,919

several users contributing content

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00:19:55,350 --> 00:19:53,840

and then recently we've also had jen

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00:19:57,270 --> 00:19:55,360

glass from georgia tech

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00:19:59,029 --> 00:19:57,280

have a class of graduate students who've

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00:20:00,789 --> 00:19:59,039

contributed a lot of content to the site

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as well and so i'm going to have jen

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00:20:04,710 --> 00:20:02,480

come up and explain

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00:20:06,390 --> 00:20:04,720

what her class has done

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00:20:16,149 --> 00:20:06,400

in developing this content for the

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00:20:20,789 --> 00:20:17,669

all right

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00:20:21,990 --> 00:20:20,799

great thank you graham uh

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00:20:25,029 --> 00:20:22,000

should i

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00:20:40,310 --> 00:20:27,909

oh i have to click through

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00:20:46,390 --> 00:20:42,950

there we go okay i think that was it

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00:20:47,830 --> 00:20:46,400

all right okay great uh so thanks

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00:20:50,149 --> 00:20:47,840

everyone for being here so i'm just

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00:20:53,430 --> 00:20:50,159

gonna talk for a few minutes about how

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00:20:55,830 --> 00:20:53,440

our class at georgia tech has been um

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00:20:58,870 --> 00:20:55,840

really helping to contribute to the

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00:21:02,310 --> 00:20:58,880

knowledge base um and also just how it

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00:21:03,669 --> 00:21:02,320

really nicely kind of blends in with

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00:21:05,430 --> 00:21:03,679

academic work

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00:21:08,390 --> 00:21:05,440

and scholarship so

601  
00:21:10,390 --> 00:21:08,400  
this is our class it's been going

602  
00:21:13,350 --> 00:21:10,400  
we've done it three times

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00:21:15,190 --> 00:21:13,360  
and it is a core course for our

604  
00:21:17,110 --> 00:21:15,200  
astrobiology certificate graduate

605  
00:21:19,029 --> 00:21:17,120  
program at georgia tech

606  
00:21:21,110 --> 00:21:19,039  
so every every student that goes through

607  
00:21:21,990 --> 00:21:21,120  
our program is required to take this

608  
00:21:24,149 --> 00:21:22,000  
course

609  
00:21:26,390 --> 00:21:24,159  
and as you can see a major component of

610  
00:21:28,630 --> 00:21:26,400  
it is the science communication project

611  
00:21:30,549 --> 00:21:28,640  
so this is where we contribute to the

612  
00:21:35,190 --> 00:21:30,559  
knowledge base but we also have these

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00:21:37,430 --> 00:21:35,200

weekly discussions where a student

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00:21:39,110 --> 00:21:37,440

presents on a seminal paper so you can

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00:21:40,149 --> 00:21:39,120

see how this kind of really goes hand in

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00:21:41,590 --> 00:21:40,159

hand

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00:21:44,149 --> 00:21:41,600

and these are some of the papers that we

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00:21:46,630 --> 00:21:44,159

did this past year and of course their

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00:21:47,510 --> 00:21:46,640

seminal so you probably recognize

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um

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uh the

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stanley miller paper for instance um if

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and

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so the way this assignment went uh first

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of all we

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spoke with our wonderful nasa

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00:22:11,430 --> 00:22:09,039

center for life detection colleagues and

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00:22:12,710 --> 00:22:11,440

they they recommended us this time

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00:22:14,470 --> 00:22:12,720

because if we try to kind of have a

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00:22:17,029 --> 00:22:14,480

different theme each semester so i'm

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00:22:19,909 --> 00:22:17,039

just going to focus on this past spring

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00:22:21,110 --> 00:22:19,919

we had the theme of

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mars

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and so we did the mckay 1996 paper and

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then we did the the viking what is it

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1970

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whatever paper okay and so they read

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those those two seminal papers in

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addition to all the other seminal papers

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they wrote and uh and

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and this is really important i think for

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00:22:42,549 --> 00:22:41,200

the students the reason we make them do

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00:22:44,789 --> 00:22:42,559

all these seminal papers is so they

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00:22:47,029 --> 00:22:44,799

really understand the history the deep

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00:22:48,950 --> 00:22:47,039

history of this field which i think

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00:22:50,789 --> 00:22:48,960

which i think we can agree is so

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00:22:52,390 --> 00:22:50,799

important understanding how this field

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if you went to the event last night goes

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all the way back to

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you know to the 50s and and even before

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um and so understanding how

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to each student really seeing this how

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the scholarship has grown through time

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how they are really

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you know

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building standing on the shoulders of

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these giants and how their work just

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00:23:16,950 --> 00:23:14,080

builds from this timeline of papers and

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who all who all their academic ancestors

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00:23:20,870 --> 00:23:19,600

were this is kind of part and parcel of

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00:23:23,909 --> 00:23:20,880

that process

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00:23:25,110 --> 00:23:23,919

so these are the assignments that we go

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through so you can see we've kind of

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broken it up

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00:23:30,870 --> 00:23:29,120

into a series of assignments

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00:23:32,950 --> 00:23:30,880

basically they read and understand the

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seminal papers

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00:23:36,630 --> 00:23:34,799

they they tell us which one they're most

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interested in they learn about the

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database meanwhile they're having office

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00:23:45,190 --> 00:23:42,799

hours the whole time with every week

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four nasa scientists may and and as well

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00:23:49,190 --> 00:23:47,440

as graham made their time available for

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00:23:51,510 --> 00:23:49,200

an hour for these students

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00:23:54,310 --> 00:23:51,520

they create annotated bibliographies

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00:23:55,990 --> 00:23:54,320  
with three pieces of pro and com con

677  
00:23:58,630 --> 00:23:56,000  
evidence as you saw

678  
00:24:00,950 --> 00:23:58,640  
and then they group those evidence into

679  
00:24:02,870 --> 00:24:00,960  
pieces of evidence into pro and con

680  
00:24:04,549 --> 00:24:02,880  
arguments we start learning about the

681  
00:24:07,269 --> 00:24:04,559  
hierarchies then between what is

682  
00:24:08,630 --> 00:24:07,279  
evidence what is arguments

683  
00:24:10,310 --> 00:24:08,640  
et cetera

684  
00:24:11,830 --> 00:24:10,320  
what is prevalence what is signal

685  
00:24:14,310 --> 00:24:11,840  
strength all these things so we talk a

686  
00:24:16,789 --> 00:24:14,320  
lot about that

687  
00:24:18,630 --> 00:24:16,799  
they write background summary compiled

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00:24:20,390 --> 00:24:18,640

and they do peer review so this is a

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really good practice with what is peer

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review and and that whole process then

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they even do response to peer review so

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00:24:29,669 --> 00:24:27,200

that's super good practice too they edit

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their contribution and they then they

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00:24:33,669 --> 00:24:31,760

create an account and upload it

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00:24:36,070 --> 00:24:33,679

and final presentation so you can see

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00:24:37,750 --> 00:24:36,080

it's a pretty involved involved process

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00:24:39,990 --> 00:24:37,760

and i'm happy to provide the full copy

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of the assignment if you'd like so

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here's

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00:24:44,230 --> 00:24:42,480

some of the

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00:24:46,789 --> 00:24:44,240

contributions that our students with

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00:24:49,190 --> 00:24:46,799

their names and and pictures have made

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00:24:51,669 --> 00:24:49,200

you might recognize uh so elizabeth

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00:24:55,510 --> 00:24:51,679

corbin hank uh rainwater

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00:24:57,430 --> 00:24:55,520

kavita matangay and um tatiana gibson

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00:25:00,789 --> 00:24:57,440

oops

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00:25:03,029 --> 00:25:00,799

jordan mckay ben zusman lily turner emmy

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00:25:05,590 --> 00:25:03,039

and jay so they basically our students

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00:25:07,750 --> 00:25:05,600

have really kind of and here is claire

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00:25:09,590 --> 00:25:07,760

oh spelled frog i forgot the hell i'm

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00:25:11,430 --> 00:25:09,600

sorry claire

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00:25:14,630 --> 00:25:11,440

i can't spell my own student's name

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00:25:16,470 --> 00:25:14,640

first name claire and katie have made um

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00:25:17,990 --> 00:25:16,480

and so you can see our fingerprints are

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00:25:21,350 --> 00:25:18,000

kind of all over this we're pretty proud

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00:25:24,390 --> 00:25:21,360

of that and so every every week they had

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00:25:28,549 --> 00:25:24,400

um office hours with andro alfonso dave

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00:25:30,310 --> 00:25:28,559

demere and svetlana and graham uh and

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that was really special so some of them

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really

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00:25:34,789 --> 00:25:32,320

kind of

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00:25:37,430 --> 00:25:34,799

came every week and got just um you can

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00:25:39,269 --> 00:25:37,440

imagine basically four and four nasa

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00:25:40,870 --> 00:25:39,279

scientists just

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00:25:43,110 --> 00:25:40,880

just you ask them any question and they

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00:25:44,470 --> 00:25:43,120

just talk for an hour and that was like

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you can probably gain more knowledge

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00:25:47,669 --> 00:25:46,400

then than than ever so it's really

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00:25:50,310 --> 00:25:47,679

really special

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00:25:52,230 --> 00:25:50,320

um and then this is uh this is some of

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the feedback we got this is ben said one

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00:25:55,190 --> 00:25:53,760

of the coolest class projects i've ever

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00:25:56,710 --> 00:25:55,200

worked on because there's a tangible

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00:25:57,590 --> 00:25:56,720

result we got a lot of feedback like

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00:25:59,430 --> 00:25:57,600

that

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and here's our happy students getting

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their certificates um

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so i'm happy to introduce now claire

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spelled correctly albin

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who is a georgia tech ocean science and

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00:26:11,830 --> 00:26:11,120

engineering phd candidate

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00:26:13,590 --> 00:26:11,840

and

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00:26:14,950 --> 00:26:13,600

nsf grfp

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00:26:16,950 --> 00:26:14,960

fellow

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00:26:19,909 --> 00:26:16,960

and just got the astrobiology

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00:26:23,350 --> 00:26:19,919

certificate and an astrobiology fellow

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00:26:24,789 --> 00:26:23,360

so i'm very happy to introduce claire

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00:26:32,470 --> 00:26:24,799

was going to tell you more about her

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00:26:38,950 --> 00:26:35,350

hi everyone so um i'm claire and i got

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00:26:40,789 --> 00:26:38,960

to participate in the spring 2022

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00:26:43,110 --> 00:26:40,799

section of this class and so i'm just

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00:26:46,950 --> 00:26:43,120

going to talk a little bit about my

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so i focused on the viking lander

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experiments of

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1976

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00:26:58,230 --> 00:26:55,520

and this really focused on metabolism as

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a bio signature

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so they did four main experience

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experiments

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00:27:06,549 --> 00:27:04,240

but what i focused on

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was the labeled release experiment which

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00:27:10,549 --> 00:27:08,159

is essentially

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where they were able to see

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um when they were adding a radio labeled

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carbon into this martian soil they

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actually saw release of this labeled

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carbon into the above air

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which was uh

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very highly criticized and highly

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disputed whether or not it was a true

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positive

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00:27:34,070 --> 00:27:31,520

um so the the question that i really

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00:27:36,630 --> 00:27:34,080

focused on for this uh course was what

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00:27:38,789 --> 00:27:36,640

is the prevalence of an abiotic ex

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signal in this experiment

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and that's just sort of an example of if

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it was a biotic signal this is uh the

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oxidation of formate so this is

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00:27:51,269 --> 00:27:49,440

a biological signal that they were

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00:27:54,549 --> 00:27:51,279

inferring might be happening but we're

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00:27:57,510 --> 00:27:54,559

wondering here okay what are the abiotic

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00:28:01,669 --> 00:27:58,549

um

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00:28:03,990 --> 00:28:01,679

so it got cut off but essentially uh

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00:28:06,389 --> 00:28:04,000

formulating an argument from literature

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00:28:09,029 --> 00:28:06,399

review of a seminal paper can feel like

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00:28:11,269 --> 00:28:09,039

you're drowning especially when you're

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00:28:13,510 --> 00:28:11,279

looking at a paper this far back it can

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00:28:15,669 --> 00:28:13,520

be really difficult to know

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where to get started and what to focus

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so what really helped a lot was the nasa

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office hours

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they were able to provide

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as you said you could as jen said you

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can you know mention a singular topic

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and they'll have just

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such a broad and

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depth of understanding and knowledge of

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00:28:39,430 --> 00:28:37,840

the papers and review and just talk for

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00:28:41,830 --> 00:28:39,440

hours it's great

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but two main points that were brought up

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00:28:47,350 --> 00:28:43,919  
to me that really helped me sort of hone

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00:28:49,190 --> 00:28:47,360  
in on this abiotic signal prevalence

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00:28:51,990 --> 00:28:49,200  
and the relevant papers for that

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00:28:54,389 --> 00:28:52,000  
criteria were perchlorate and the

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00:28:56,230 --> 00:28:54,399  
autocad autocoma desert

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00:28:58,230 --> 00:28:56,240  
so that was really really helpful

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00:29:00,870 --> 00:28:58,240  
because at that point i was able to

808  
00:29:01,909 --> 00:29:00,880  
start a more typical literature review

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00:29:04,230 --> 00:29:01,919  
process

810  
00:29:06,789 --> 00:29:04,240  
uh keeping those in mind in these highly

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00:29:09,350 --> 00:29:06,799  
relevant papers and then work on those

812  
00:29:12,789 --> 00:29:09,360  
pro and con arguments based on the

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00:29:15,190 --> 00:29:12,799

evidence from literature

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00:29:18,389 --> 00:29:15,200

so this is assignment seven so this is

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00:29:20,389 --> 00:29:18,399

sort of towards the end of our semester

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00:29:22,549 --> 00:29:20,399

where we started to compile our

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00:29:24,710 --> 00:29:22,559

contributions into the correct format

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for the ldkb upload

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and this this was really helpful because

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up until this point

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um

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i hadn't even realized how much

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literature i had reviewed and how much i

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had really

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started to understand

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you know abiotic prevalence of

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metabolism

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looking at martian surfaces so that was

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really cool that

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we had done all of this back work i

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hadn't even realized it until we got to

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00:29:52,870 --> 00:29:50,720

this assignment when it was just like

833

00:29:54,389 --> 00:29:52,880

wow i've done a lot

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00:29:58,549 --> 00:29:54,399

and it definitely would have been

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00:30:02,470 --> 00:30:00,789

and then the peer review process

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00:30:05,110 --> 00:30:02,480

i really really

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00:30:07,510 --> 00:30:05,120

appreciated having this process because

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00:30:09,510 --> 00:30:07,520

not only did we send

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00:30:12,230 --> 00:30:09,520

peer review as like oh you should change

840

00:30:15,269 --> 00:30:12,240

this sentence or oh maybe you should

841

00:30:18,630 --> 00:30:15,279

sort it shorten this part or expand here

842

00:30:20,630 --> 00:30:18,640

we um did really what is more a journal

843

00:30:22,470 --> 00:30:20,640

submission style peer review where you

844

00:30:24,710 --> 00:30:22,480

had paragraphs

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00:30:26,310 --> 00:30:24,720

summarizing what you read and then a

846

00:30:30,070 --> 00:30:26,320

point by point

847

00:30:32,470 --> 00:30:30,080

um kind of a response to go through

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00:30:34,470 --> 00:30:32,480

and then um so we sent that to each

849

00:30:37,350 --> 00:30:34,480

other and then the second half of the

850

00:30:40,549 --> 00:30:37,360

peer review was going through

851

00:30:43,190 --> 00:30:40,559

these um responses and saying what did i

852

00:30:45,510 --> 00:30:43,200

edit what did i add and then having this

853

00:30:47,750 --> 00:30:45,520

uh corresponding

854

00:30:51,909 --> 00:30:47,760

document keeping track of all of this

855

00:30:54,470 --> 00:30:53,750

and i know other students have mentioned

856

00:30:59,190 --> 00:30:54,480

it

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00:31:00,789 --> 00:30:59,200

cool at the end of a class to not just

858

00:31:03,909 --> 00:31:00,799

turn in what you think is a good piece

859

00:31:05,350 --> 00:31:03,919

of work but to be able to upload it and

860

00:31:07,029 --> 00:31:05,360

see it and you know send it to your

861

00:31:10,070 --> 00:31:07,039

parents and be like look this is what

862

00:31:12,470 --> 00:31:10,080

i'm doing um so that was really really

863

00:31:13,269 --> 00:31:12,480

enjoyable having something so tangible

864

00:31:17,669 --> 00:31:13,279

to

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00:31:19,269 --> 00:31:17,679

personally i worked a little bit harder

866

00:31:23,750 --> 00:31:19,279

on it knowing anyone on the internet

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00:31:27,350 --> 00:31:25,269

and this is just kind of like how i

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00:31:29,750 --> 00:31:27,360

thought about this class working so the

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00:31:33,590 --> 00:31:29,760

ldkb is you know it starts off as very

870

00:31:36,070 --> 00:31:33,600

broad as this you structure

871

00:31:37,430 --> 00:31:36,080

and you go down to category and topic

872

00:31:39,590 --> 00:31:37,440

and everything

873

00:31:41,750 --> 00:31:39,600

sort of centering on arguments and

874

00:31:43,750 --> 00:31:41,760

evidence i feel like we kind of worked

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00:31:46,470 --> 00:31:43,760

from the bottom up where there's

876

00:31:48,149 --> 00:31:46,480

so much peer-reviewed literature on

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00:31:50,230 --> 00:31:48,159

these seminal papers

878

00:31:52,630 --> 00:31:50,240

and you just become more and more and

879

00:31:56,070 --> 00:31:52,640

more specific and kind of hone in on

880

00:32:03,830 --> 00:31:56,080

that argument and evidence as well

881

00:32:09,750 --> 00:32:04,870

thanks

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00:32:11,430 --> 00:32:09,760

really great i i appreciate that so um

883

00:32:13,110 --> 00:32:11,440

just a few more minutes before we open

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00:32:14,470 --> 00:32:13,120

it up for q a and i want to focus on

885

00:32:16,230 --> 00:32:14,480

what comes next

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00:32:18,230 --> 00:32:16,240

and to do that i like to return to the

887

00:32:19,830 --> 00:32:18,240

basic idea behind the whole system which

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00:32:22,070 --> 00:32:19,840

is that there's a lot to be gained by

889

00:32:24,149 --> 00:32:22,080

comparing and organizing our knowledge

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00:32:26,710 --> 00:32:24,159

about potential biosignatures and about

891

00:32:28,549 --> 00:32:26,720

the technology that might be used to

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00:32:29,990 --> 00:32:28,559

to measure them and in particular i want

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00:32:31,990 --> 00:32:30,000

to focus on this idea that that

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00:32:33,750 --> 00:32:32,000

comparison allows you either to

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00:32:36,230 --> 00:32:33,760

conceptually establish science

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00:32:38,470 --> 00:32:36,240

traceability or in the absence of of

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00:32:40,549 --> 00:32:38,480

that link to identify technology

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00:32:43,430 --> 00:32:40,559

development priorities and to give a

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00:32:46,230 --> 00:32:43,440

sense of you know how this is perceived

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00:32:49,029 --> 00:32:46,240

at at headquarters and and the fact that

901  
00:32:50,389 --> 00:32:49,039  
this is a sought after thing to do

902  
00:32:51,909 --> 00:32:50,399  
i'll point to

903  
00:32:53,909 --> 00:32:51,919  
the future of the search for life

904  
00:32:55,110 --> 00:32:53,919  
workshop i'll thank kate craft for this

905  
00:32:56,950 --> 00:32:55,120  
slide

906  
00:32:58,630 --> 00:32:56,960  
and the idea behind this workshop really

907  
00:33:00,230 --> 00:32:58,640  
the impetus came from headquarters in

908  
00:33:02,310 --> 00:33:00,240  
part from the astrobiology program

909  
00:33:04,230 --> 00:33:02,320  
office in part from the pleisto the

910  
00:33:06,789 --> 00:33:04,240  
pesto office planetary exploration

911  
00:33:08,470 --> 00:33:06,799  
science and technology office i think um

912  
00:33:10,310 --> 00:33:08,480  
so from both sides really both house the

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00:33:12,310 --> 00:33:10,320

science and the technology represented

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00:33:14,070 --> 00:33:12,320

with an eye toward trying to understand

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00:33:16,310 --> 00:33:14,080

this this science traceability and the

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00:33:18,630 --> 00:33:16,320

need for technology development so

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00:33:20,549 --> 00:33:18,640

the appetite is really there for seeing

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00:33:22,149 --> 00:33:20,559

this comparison made and so that drives

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00:33:24,950 --> 00:33:22,159

our next step which is trying to build

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00:33:26,630 --> 00:33:24,960

this second half to the system

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00:33:28,149 --> 00:33:26,640

so what comes next is something that for

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00:33:30,549 --> 00:33:28,159

now we call the measurement technology

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00:33:32,149 --> 00:33:30,559

module the idea behind the technology

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00:33:34,230 --> 00:33:32,159

module is that it will be something like

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00:33:35,750 --> 00:33:34,240

a catalog of the methods that are

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00:33:37,269 --> 00:33:35,760  
applicable to measurement of a given

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00:33:38,470 --> 00:33:37,279  
biosignature or a given thing that

928  
00:33:39,830 --> 00:33:38,480  
appears

929  
00:33:41,509 --> 00:33:39,840  
in our system

930  
00:33:43,029 --> 00:33:41,519  
and that along with it you'll get

931  
00:33:44,789 --> 00:33:43,039  
citations to the literature that

932  
00:33:46,950 --> 00:33:44,799  
supports that use describes how it's

933  
00:33:49,110 --> 00:33:46,960  
been used in different contexts before

934  
00:33:50,710 --> 00:33:49,120  
and gives you links uh to web content

935  
00:33:53,029 --> 00:33:50,720  
that already exists that allows you to

936  
00:33:54,950 --> 00:33:53,039  
dig deeper into that instrumentation

937  
00:33:56,870 --> 00:33:54,960  
and in each case for every entry in the

938  
00:33:58,389 --> 00:33:56,880

knowledge base there'll be a live link

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00:33:59,909 --> 00:33:58,399

that you can click on that says okay

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00:34:01,509 --> 00:33:59,919

well i really would like to understand

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00:34:03,830 --> 00:34:01,519

the different options that are available

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00:34:06,389 --> 00:34:03,840

to me if i want to measure for example

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00:34:08,310 --> 00:34:06,399

an anti-american clicking on that link

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00:34:10,230 --> 00:34:08,320

will show you everything that sits in

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00:34:11,669 --> 00:34:10,240

the measurement technology module that

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00:34:13,589 --> 00:34:11,679

represents a potential to do that

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00:34:15,430 --> 00:34:13,599

measurement and the idea is to get us

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00:34:17,349 --> 00:34:15,440

out of the specific patterns that that

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00:34:18,790 --> 00:34:17,359

you know this is used to measure this

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00:34:19,909 --> 00:34:18,800

and start to show us what the options

951  
00:34:21,750 --> 00:34:19,919  
are when we think a little bit more

952  
00:34:24,230 --> 00:34:21,760  
broadly and enable people to do that

953  
00:34:25,750 --> 00:34:24,240  
connection and along with it we hope to

954  
00:34:27,430 --> 00:34:25,760  
to develop something called a science

955  
00:34:29,829 --> 00:34:27,440  
traceability tool

956  
00:34:32,149 --> 00:34:29,839  
science traceability is is really the

957  
00:34:34,389 --> 00:34:32,159  
beating heart of conceptualizing a

958  
00:34:36,629 --> 00:34:34,399  
mission and defining a mission and so we

959  
00:34:39,109 --> 00:34:36,639  
feel like giving the community an

960  
00:34:41,190 --> 00:34:39,119  
ability to visualize how that process

961  
00:34:43,349 --> 00:34:41,200  
works is really going to be important

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00:34:45,669 --> 00:34:43,359  
and so this is a practical tool in part

963  
00:34:47,030 --> 00:34:45,679

to understand how information like the

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00:34:48,470 --> 00:34:47,040

information that's contained in the

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00:34:50,629 --> 00:34:48,480

knowledge base and the measurement

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00:34:52,550 --> 00:34:50,639

technology module maps into the

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00:34:54,629 --> 00:34:52,560

different categories of a science

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00:34:56,470 --> 00:34:54,639

traceability matrix i don't know how

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00:34:58,390 --> 00:34:56,480

many of you have encountered this but is

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00:34:59,990 --> 00:34:58,400

a challenging thing to do when you come

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00:35:02,230 --> 00:35:00,000

from the science side and first

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00:35:03,750 --> 00:35:02,240

encounter that process so this is meant

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00:35:04,630 --> 00:35:03,760

to be an aid to understanding how to do

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00:35:07,589 --> 00:35:04,640

that

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00:35:09,829 --> 00:35:07,599

and secondly it it is meant to help

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00:35:11,990 --> 00:35:09,839  
people establish concept level science

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00:35:13,990 --> 00:35:12,000  
traceability so not quantitative science

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00:35:16,150 --> 00:35:14,000  
traceability but at least is there a

979  
00:35:18,950 --> 00:35:16,160  
consistent logic flow from goal to

980  
00:35:20,310 --> 00:35:18,960  
potential measurement capability

981  
00:35:22,950 --> 00:35:20,320  
it's not a quantitative tool for

982  
00:35:25,589 --> 00:35:22,960  
generating a proposal ready stm but it's

983  
00:35:27,109 --> 00:35:25,599  
sufficient to establish logic flow and

984  
00:35:28,870 --> 00:35:27,119  
that's the idea behind what's coming

985  
00:35:30,630 --> 00:35:28,880  
next we hope to to

986  
00:35:32,550 --> 00:35:30,640  
put both of these out and make them live

987  
00:35:33,910 --> 00:35:32,560  
within the coming year in kind of the

988  
00:35:35,910 --> 00:35:33,920

same way that we did with the knowledge

989

00:35:38,390 --> 00:35:35,920

base itself introduce it in a workshop

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00:35:40,230 --> 00:35:38,400

style format seek comment allow for some

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00:35:42,550 --> 00:35:40,240

beta testing and then eventually have

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00:35:45,829 --> 00:35:42,560

the working product

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00:35:48,790 --> 00:35:45,839

um and so finally if any of this sounds

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00:35:50,310 --> 00:35:48,800

of interest and and you'd like to follow

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00:35:52,390 --> 00:35:50,320

up you'd like to become involved at any

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00:35:53,589 --> 00:35:52,400

level how can you do that

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00:35:55,670 --> 00:35:53,599

i think it can be done in both

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00:35:57,589 --> 00:35:55,680

individual ways and as we've heard

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00:35:59,750 --> 00:35:57,599

educational ways

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00:36:02,150 --> 00:35:59,760

i realize that anything like this

1001  
00:36:03,990 --> 00:36:02,160  
represents an ask of time and that time

1002  
00:36:06,310 --> 00:36:04,000  
is really precious and so i've tried to

1003  
00:36:08,470 --> 00:36:06,320  
put things on here that represent both

1004  
00:36:10,470 --> 00:36:08,480  
very modest amounts of time and effort

1005  
00:36:12,790 --> 00:36:10,480  
and more substantive amounts of time and

1006  
00:36:15,990 --> 00:36:12,800  
effort if you're interested so simply as

1007  
00:36:18,069 --> 00:36:16,000  
a user of existing content

1008  
00:36:20,310 --> 00:36:18,079  
not modifying content at all you can

1009  
00:36:22,390 --> 00:36:20,320  
browse you can tell us what you think

1010  
00:36:24,150 --> 00:36:22,400  
about how the system works you can use

1011  
00:36:25,910 --> 00:36:24,160  
it in a teaching capacity as jen has

1012  
00:36:28,470 --> 00:36:25,920  
done and actually as several other

1013  
00:36:30,870 --> 00:36:28,480

instructors have done

1014

00:36:32,950 --> 00:36:30,880

if you think it's useful spread the word

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00:36:34,710 --> 00:36:32,960

to your colleagues cite the knowledge

1016

00:36:37,589 --> 00:36:34,720

base

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00:36:39,829 --> 00:36:37,599

i think the more we can gain use of the

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00:36:41,670 --> 00:36:39,839

system the more powerful it becomes as a

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00:36:43,430 --> 00:36:41,680

tool uh and becomes sort of

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00:36:46,150 --> 00:36:43,440

self-reinforcing

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00:36:47,829 --> 00:36:46,160

you also can add content so the whole

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00:36:50,150 --> 00:36:47,839

system is designed to be interactive

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00:36:51,910 --> 00:36:50,160

it's designed to grow with user input

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00:36:53,990 --> 00:36:51,920

and there are multiple ways that you can

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00:36:55,750 --> 00:36:54,000

do that you can do something as simple

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00:36:57,589 --> 00:36:55,760  
as add a comment to an existing piece of

1027  
00:36:59,910 --> 00:36:57,599  
evidence i think the person who entered

1028  
00:37:01,910 --> 00:36:59,920  
this evidence got it wrong

1029  
00:37:03,750 --> 00:37:01,920  
for this reason you as a user can enter

1030  
00:37:05,670 --> 00:37:03,760  
a comment that gets captured in the

1031  
00:37:07,750 --> 00:37:05,680  
system and the whole point of this is

1032  
00:37:09,109 --> 00:37:07,760  
not necessarily to seek consensus but to

1033  
00:37:11,190 --> 00:37:09,119  
understand that there will always be

1034  
00:37:12,790 --> 00:37:11,200  
differences of opinion and to capture

1035  
00:37:15,430 --> 00:37:12,800  
all of the arguments that underlie those

1036  
00:37:17,030 --> 00:37:15,440  
differences so you can add an argument

1037  
00:37:21,829 --> 00:37:17,040  
you can add a

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00:37:23,910 --> 00:37:21,839

new piece of evidence to an existing

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00:37:26,150 --> 00:37:23,920

argument i just published a paper that i

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00:37:27,589 --> 00:37:26,160

think really bolsters this argument

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00:37:29,190 --> 00:37:27,599

this is how

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you can create a new argument if you

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00:37:33,030 --> 00:37:30,960

find that there's some critical thing

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00:37:35,910 --> 00:37:33,040

that's missing from that you can create

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00:37:37,829 --> 00:37:35,920

an entire new entry and i'll note here

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00:37:39,510 --> 00:37:37,839

that one of the things that has happened

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00:37:41,829 --> 00:37:39,520

in this project is it's given us an

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opportunity to see who raises their hand

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00:37:45,990 --> 00:37:44,000

and self identifies as a life detection

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00:37:47,910 --> 00:37:46,000

person and really missing from that

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community at the moment

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00:37:52,069 --> 00:37:50,160

is the the group of people who can

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00:37:53,990 --> 00:37:52,079

comment in detail on the abiotic

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00:37:56,630 --> 00:37:54,000

background what are we trying to fish a

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00:37:58,630 --> 00:37:56,640

signal of life out from so for example

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00:38:00,230 --> 00:37:58,640

the origin of life community the astro

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materials community that's very much

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00:38:04,870 --> 00:38:02,160

needed people who can comment on the

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00:38:07,030 --> 00:38:04,880

activity category as claire actually did

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00:38:08,630 --> 00:38:07,040

in here that content is very much needed

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00:38:10,710 --> 00:38:08,640

also and so we really would like your

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00:38:13,270 --> 00:38:10,720

help in any of these areas

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you can review submitted content so

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00:38:17,030 --> 00:38:15,680

every single entry every single piece of

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00:38:18,790 --> 00:38:17,040

information that you see in the

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00:38:20,790 --> 00:38:18,800

knowledge base is peer-reviewed in the

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00:38:23,109 --> 00:38:20,800

way that a journal article would be

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00:38:25,430 --> 00:38:23,119

it's peer-reviewed by a naive reviewer

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00:38:27,430 --> 00:38:25,440

for clarity do i as a non-expert

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00:38:29,910 --> 00:38:27,440

understand it and it's peer-reviewed for

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00:38:31,910 --> 00:38:29,920

accuracy by an expert reviewer

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we need help in that area and that's not

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a not a lot of energy to put in

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and finally each one of these entries as

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graham mentioned has a curator for it

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the curator's job is to make sure that

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information is sorted into the right

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place that people are being accurate in

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00:38:47,190 --> 00:38:45,200

their statements

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and that kind of thing so any of these

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represent potential ways to contribute

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if you're interested and if you are

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please contact fetch goliar at the

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00:38:55,670 --> 00:38:54,480

address that you see on the bottom of

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00:38:57,190 --> 00:38:55,680

the screen

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00:38:58,870 --> 00:38:57,200

and so with that

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00:39:01,109 --> 00:38:58,880

thank you so much for your attention

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00:39:03,510 --> 00:39:01,119

thanks for coming thanks to graham

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00:39:14,870 --> 00:39:03,520

claire and jen and we'll be happy to

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00:39:19,990 --> 00:39:17,190

go ahead please can you hear me

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00:39:21,910 --> 00:39:20,000

uh can you speak a little later

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00:39:24,950 --> 00:39:21,920

thank you for uh doing that first of all

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i'm not english not just or not yet but

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it's very cool to see all the pieces

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together

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and i i like the organization as well

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which i think is really funny to look at

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my first question is have you you know

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done the primary individual publication

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of it so that we could cite it and say

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let me use this tool to find this paper

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00:39:48,470 --> 00:39:46,560

and show it yeah

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00:39:50,950 --> 00:39:48,480

i i think i understood correctly as have

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00:39:52,470 --> 00:39:50,960

we published anything about this so um

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00:39:54,390 --> 00:39:52,480

we are

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00:39:56,310 --> 00:39:54,400

we have in development a series of

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00:39:58,470 --> 00:39:56,320

papers that will come out in a special

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00:40:00,310 --> 00:39:58,480

issue of astrobiology i'm hoping later

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00:40:02,390 --> 00:40:00,320

this year that will

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00:40:04,470 --> 00:40:02,400

take each of the sort of levels of

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00:40:06,230 --> 00:40:04,480

organization that i talked about and

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00:40:08,870 --> 00:40:06,240

detail the rationale behind it in a

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00:40:11,109 --> 00:40:08,880

paper so there will be an ability both

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00:40:12,630 --> 00:40:11,119

to look at the functionality of the

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00:40:15,349 --> 00:40:12,640

system in the sort of help section

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00:40:16,630 --> 00:40:15,359

online but also to go in and understand

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00:40:18,309 --> 00:40:16,640

all of the

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00:40:19,910 --> 00:40:18,319

conversation and discussion that went

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00:40:21,109 --> 00:40:19,920

into choosing this particular way of

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00:40:22,829 --> 00:40:21,119

doing things and why we think it's

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00:40:25,510 --> 00:40:22,839

appropriate so

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00:40:27,349 --> 00:40:25,520

um my second question is have you

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00:40:29,829 --> 00:40:27,359

thought about making the detection of

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00:40:31,990 --> 00:40:29,839

any one of those signals you know some

1125

00:40:33,270 --> 00:40:32,000

sort of a quantitative metric like if i

1126

00:40:35,829 --> 00:40:33,280

see this i'm

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00:40:37,589 --> 00:40:35,839

90 confident it's like and if i see this

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00:40:40,069 --> 00:40:37,599

one and this one at 95 percent

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00:40:41,589 --> 00:40:40,079

confidence like you just i know you

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00:40:43,030 --> 00:40:41,599

might mention the uh

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00:40:44,870 --> 00:40:43,040

looking for where we need to put more

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00:40:46,710 --> 00:40:44,880

money for

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00:40:48,630 --> 00:40:46,720

science to understand particular

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00:40:51,270 --> 00:40:48,640

components but i just wanted to

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00:40:53,190 --> 00:40:51,280

yeah so so the quick answer is yes we've

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00:40:55,349 --> 00:40:53,200

thought about it

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00:40:56,630 --> 00:40:55,359

it is a lot to tackle and so there are a

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00:40:58,309 --> 00:40:56,640

few different things that you could do

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00:41:00,230 --> 00:40:58,319

here one one thing that's worth saying

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00:41:02,069 --> 00:41:00,240

is you know we've we've tried to boil

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00:41:03,670 --> 00:41:02,079

things down to a level of granularity

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00:41:05,990 --> 00:41:03,680

that as i said would sort of correspond

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00:41:08,069 --> 00:41:06,000

to an individual science investigation

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00:41:10,710 --> 00:41:08,079

um in an intermission or science

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00:41:12,550 --> 00:41:10,720

traceability matrix in many cases these

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00:41:15,430 --> 00:41:12,560

are things that people would not accept

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00:41:17,349 --> 00:41:15,440

as standalone evidence for life so

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00:41:20,069 --> 00:41:17,359

one example of where you go from here is

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00:41:21,990 --> 00:41:20,079

some kind of combinatorics how do you

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00:41:23,510 --> 00:41:22,000

use the system to recombine those

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00:41:25,589 --> 00:41:23,520

different elements into something that

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00:41:27,030 --> 00:41:25,599

might look like acceptable evidence and

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00:41:28,950 --> 00:41:27,040

and are they really independent and

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00:41:30,630 --> 00:41:28,960

orthogonal the thing that you're talking

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00:41:33,109 --> 00:41:30,640

about is another thing that we've talked

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00:41:35,670 --> 00:41:33,119

about how do you introduce some

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00:41:38,309 --> 00:41:35,680

probabilistic assessment

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00:41:40,230 --> 00:41:38,319

i think that that where we are now

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00:41:42,230 --> 00:41:40,240

is that it's a significant amount of

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00:41:45,030 --> 00:41:42,240

work to build the basis in evidence that

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00:41:46,470 --> 00:41:45,040

should underlie any such calculation and

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00:41:48,230 --> 00:41:46,480

we want to make sure that we get that

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00:41:51,670 --> 00:41:48,240

right before we start thinking about

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00:41:58,069 --> 00:41:54,390

lucas mix really cool tool i think it's

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00:42:02,309 --> 00:42:00,790

scientific sorry

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00:42:04,790 --> 00:42:02,319

a great way to teach how to do

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00:42:06,150 --> 00:42:04,800

experiments uh and how to justify your

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00:42:08,230 --> 00:42:06,160

results as well so i think that's

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00:42:11,030 --> 00:42:08,240

wonderful very technical question how

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did you populate your glossary

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00:42:14,309 --> 00:42:12,800

how did we populate our glossary how did

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00:42:17,109 --> 00:42:14,319

you decide which words go in and who

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00:42:20,309 --> 00:42:17,119

gets to decide how they're defined

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00:42:22,870 --> 00:42:20,319

um we actually devoted a whole group

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00:42:25,109 --> 00:42:22,880

whose job it was to go through so the

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00:42:26,870 --> 00:42:25,119

group included people who really hadn't

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00:42:29,190 --> 00:42:26,880

been part and parcel to the discussions

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00:42:31,270 --> 00:42:29,200

that led to all of this terminology and

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00:42:32,950 --> 00:42:31,280

a lot of the process really was i've got

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00:42:34,309 --> 00:42:32,960

no idea what that means that should be

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00:42:38,309 --> 00:42:34,319

in the glossary

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00:42:39,990 --> 00:42:38,319

and so we we had a group that first

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developed those terms a separate group

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00:42:44,069 --> 00:42:41,440

that was a little bit more naive that

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00:42:46,230 --> 00:42:44,079

reviewed them for clarity and that was

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00:42:50,630 --> 00:42:46,240

our process awesome nothing nothing more

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00:42:54,710 --> 00:42:51,510

hi

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00:42:56,950 --> 00:42:54,720

um chris bravo from apl um so really

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00:42:58,630 --> 00:42:56,960

great thank you i really like the

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00:43:00,150 --> 00:42:58,640

science traceability

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00:43:01,349 --> 00:43:00,160

aspect of the tool

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00:43:02,870 --> 00:43:01,359

um i'm wondering if you could just

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00:43:05,109 --> 00:43:02,880

comment about how you can prompt the

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00:43:06,470 --> 00:43:05,119

press solution for disagreements you

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00:43:09,510 --> 00:43:06,480

know among

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00:43:10,390 --> 00:43:09,520

value particularly literature

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00:43:12,390 --> 00:43:10,400

yes

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00:43:14,630 --> 00:43:12,400

sorry could you repeat one more time how

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00:43:16,309 --> 00:43:14,640

do you handle conflict resolution for

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00:43:18,390 --> 00:43:16,319

opinions on

1201  
00:43:21,670 --> 00:43:18,400  
papers

1202  
00:43:23,990 --> 00:43:21,680  
yeah very very important question so um

1203  
00:43:26,390 --> 00:43:24,000  
in a sense the the

1204  
00:43:29,349 --> 00:43:26,400  
the system is designed to encompass

1205  
00:43:31,270 --> 00:43:29,359  
conflict um and lay it bare so that

1206  
00:43:32,870 --> 00:43:31,280  
people can see that

1207  
00:43:34,230 --> 00:43:32,880  
you know there there wasn't

1208  
00:43:36,230 --> 00:43:34,240  
you know there wasn't necessarily a

1209  
00:43:38,870 --> 00:43:36,240  
resolution that it can remain an open

1210  
00:43:42,390 --> 00:43:38,880  
argument and so the ability to do that

1211  
00:43:44,309 --> 00:43:42,400  
is several-fold so at the level of an

1212  
00:43:47,910 --> 00:43:44,319  
argument

1213  
00:43:49,109 --> 00:43:47,920

you can as a user go in and create

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00:43:52,150 --> 00:43:49,119

a linked

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00:43:53,910 --> 00:43:52,160

counter argument that says this is wrong

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00:43:55,750 --> 00:43:53,920

because

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00:43:57,270 --> 00:43:55,760

so the ability to create a new argument

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00:43:58,390 --> 00:43:57,280

depends on citing literature that

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00:44:00,309 --> 00:43:58,400

supports it

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00:44:02,390 --> 00:44:00,319

nothing appears without a connection to

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00:44:04,069 --> 00:44:02,400

the literature so at that level you can

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00:44:05,589 --> 00:44:04,079

create a counter argument

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00:44:07,990 --> 00:44:05,599

you can

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00:44:09,190 --> 00:44:08,000

at the level of evidence enter a comment

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00:44:11,349 --> 00:44:09,200

that says

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00:44:13,670 --> 00:44:11,359

this person got it wrong

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00:44:15,510 --> 00:44:13,680

and and this is why i think so

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00:44:19,109 --> 00:44:15,520

and i'm going to cite this piece of

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00:44:20,550 --> 00:44:19,119

literature to to support my case so

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00:44:23,589 --> 00:44:20,560

the very first level at which that

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00:44:25,349 --> 00:44:23,599

happens is the level of review uh if if

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00:44:27,270 --> 00:44:25,359

you know just as in peer review you may

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00:44:28,870 --> 00:44:27,280

have a reviewer who comes back and says

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00:44:31,190 --> 00:44:28,880

i completely disagree

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00:44:34,710 --> 00:44:31,200

there has to be some resolution

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00:44:37,349 --> 00:44:34,720

and and one possible resolution is that

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00:44:39,910 --> 00:44:37,359

the reviewer writes a counter argument

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00:44:41,109 --> 00:44:39,920

right so so the initial argument gets

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00:44:42,950 --> 00:44:41,119

placed in the knowledge base the

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00:44:45,270 --> 00:44:42,960

reviewer writes a counter argument but

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00:44:47,109 --> 00:44:45,280

um i think that's an important

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00:44:49,030 --> 00:44:47,119

area that i may be

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00:44:51,510 --> 00:44:49,040

rushed over a little bit is is the

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00:44:53,829 --> 00:44:51,520

notion that you know so often we go

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00:44:54,790 --> 00:44:53,839

through some process emerge with an

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00:44:57,270 --> 00:44:54,800

answer

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00:44:58,950 --> 00:44:57,280

and all of the value that's left that

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00:45:01,190 --> 00:44:58,960

that relates to the discussion that

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00:45:03,190 --> 00:45:01,200

underlay that answer

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00:45:04,790 --> 00:45:03,200

can kind of get lost when that goes away

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00:45:07,030 --> 00:45:04,800  
and we just take the answer at face

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00:45:09,510 --> 00:45:07,040  
value the purpose of this is to place

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00:45:12,309 --> 00:45:09,520  
the value on the discussion itself

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00:45:14,630 --> 00:45:12,319  
and then leave it to a proposer say

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00:45:16,870 --> 00:45:14,640  
to take those arguments give them some

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00:45:18,309 --> 00:45:16,880  
weight and say this is what i think the

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00:45:20,790 --> 00:45:18,319  
appropriate way forward is or this is

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00:45:23,430 --> 00:45:20,800  
why this is the best thing to use um so

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00:45:25,910 --> 00:45:23,440  
we are not trying to

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00:45:27,829 --> 00:45:25,920  
create a way to to necessarily weigh the

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00:45:29,430 --> 00:45:27,839  
arguments but rather to let the

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00:45:31,109 --> 00:45:29,440  
arguments just be established and not

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00:45:32,550 --> 00:45:31,119

let users

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00:45:34,230 --> 00:45:32,560

go where they think with it

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00:45:36,309 --> 00:45:34,240

so it's the arguments as the arguments

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00:45:37,910 --> 00:45:36,319

filled up over time

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00:45:39,510 --> 00:45:37,920

everything laid out

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00:45:41,270 --> 00:45:39,520

um

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00:45:43,829 --> 00:45:41,280

yeah that certainly is the idea jen did

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00:45:46,150 --> 00:45:43,839

you want to add something

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00:45:47,750 --> 00:45:46,160

yeah so so that's very much the idea and

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the other the other notion behind the

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00:45:50,710 --> 00:45:49,040

system is

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00:45:51,750 --> 00:45:50,720

you know there are many cases where for

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00:45:53,910 --> 00:45:51,760

a given

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biosignature or suite of biosignatures

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there'll be a very substantive important

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00:45:59,589 --> 00:45:57,760

paper that comes out and captures the

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00:46:01,109 --> 00:45:59,599

state of the art at that time and then

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00:46:03,109 --> 00:46:01,119

time passes and maybe something else

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important happens and and you know that

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00:46:08,150 --> 00:46:05,520

sort of gets lost and so the idea here

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00:46:10,230 --> 00:46:08,160

has been to create a way

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to track in real time on sort of a

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00:46:15,430 --> 00:46:12,480

living basis how our thinking about it

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evolves and emerges

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thank you

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the national university in mexico

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this is

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00:46:31,910 --> 00:46:29,680

a great tool thank you i i

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00:46:34,710 --> 00:46:31,920

learned how to write a paper

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00:46:37,270 --> 00:46:34,720

by doing it and it was like

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what wasn't it though

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00:46:39,910 --> 00:46:38,079

so

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it is great that you have done this but

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i was curious about um when you use the

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atacama dessert experiments for

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um

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the biking experiment i was curious

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about how the students respond when they

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saw the biman response which has a lot

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00:47:01,670 --> 00:46:59,040

of arguments but has some adjectives too

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00:47:03,829 --> 00:47:01,680

that doesn't seem like

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00:47:05,829 --> 00:47:03,839

it should be in science but i mean

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00:47:09,190 --> 00:47:05,839

because most of my students when they

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00:47:11,589 --> 00:47:09,200

read that i i made it read both papers

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so they are very surprised about this

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00:47:16,470 --> 00:47:14,160

and i was wondering how the students

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00:47:18,150 --> 00:47:16,480

take that and what do they learn if it's

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00:47:21,430 --> 00:47:18,160

the same experience as

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i have in mexico or is this different

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we have a special relationship with that

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00:47:27,670 --> 00:47:25,359

paper because he was my advice also my

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patreon party sources it's like special

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00:47:31,589 --> 00:47:30,160

for us but i wanted to know about people

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who is not

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00:47:35,670 --> 00:47:33,520

who has not that link

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00:47:37,430 --> 00:47:35,680

yep um great questions and maybe i could

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00:47:39,430 --> 00:47:37,440

ask jen and claire to weigh in on that

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00:47:42,150 --> 00:47:39,440

since um that specifically was what you

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were looking at

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can you repeat it repeat it yeah so um

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00:47:48,630 --> 00:47:46,400

so to make sure that i understood

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correctly um

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how how did you you know the

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the literature that came around at that

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00:47:58,069 --> 00:47:56,079

time was lively um as as it sometimes is

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00:48:00,549 --> 00:47:58,079

and when you encountered that if i'm

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00:48:02,549 --> 00:48:00,559

understanding the question correctly um

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how did you feel about trying to to sort

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of capture that in the knowledge base

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and it was very passionate the the

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discussion about the the banking

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experience because they were i mean it

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was not only the papers but it was uh a

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huge deal

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in the present and i think several of

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00:48:19,670 --> 00:48:18,480

those papers have the same thing that

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there was things

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in the paper so the students respond

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when they saw that science is not only

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these arguments but there are some

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passions there that are that are

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presented in papers which is

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00:48:41,829 --> 00:48:36,559

yeah i don't know

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00:48:51,670 --> 00:48:43,109

yeah

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00:48:53,990 --> 00:48:51,680

i think we did that even more probably

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with we had more people focused on the

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mckay paper

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and we split that up into uh more

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categories so i'm sorry to to kind of uh

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not focus on the biking as much but um

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but i can comment on um i think we went

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into more detail on the mckay and

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everybody got to read many many papers

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so we might have represented that one a

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little more in detail whereas i think

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the the viking one as opposed to

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focusing on all the literature from the

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70s we kind of zoomed forward a little

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bit and focused more on the

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perforate which i don't think they knew

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um so i

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i think the the focus on the more recent

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literature um

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to a point was kind of just time

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constraint um and

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being in the nasa office hours it was

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00:49:54,390 --> 00:49:51,839

like for there's there is um even within

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the subject of performance there is a

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00:49:59,190 --> 00:49:57,040

enough for me to have a substantial

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substantial argument to add to the

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knowledge base i think there are

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a lot of papers that came out of the

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vice

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00:50:09,829 --> 00:50:07,200  
lander experiments that can definitely

1377  
00:50:12,790 --> 00:50:09,839  
be explored but i think the focus for

1378  
00:50:15,829 --> 00:50:12,800  
that was just essentially i

1379  
00:50:18,950 --> 00:50:15,839  
you know part of the project was to find

1380  
00:50:21,829 --> 00:50:18,960  
a very specific set of papers

1381  
00:50:24,150 --> 00:50:21,839  
um that are highly relevant to a very

1382  
00:50:26,549 --> 00:50:24,160  
specific argument

1383  
00:50:28,790 --> 00:50:26,559  
so i think there could be a multitude of

1384  
00:50:31,510 --> 00:50:28,800  
other arguments that could be added

1385  
00:50:33,750 --> 00:50:31,520  
um to that specific section of the

1386  
00:50:35,270 --> 00:50:33,760  
database

1387  
00:50:37,109 --> 00:50:35,280  
can i say one more thing

1388  
00:50:39,270 --> 00:50:37,119

yeah that was great you know i will say

1389

00:50:40,790 --> 00:50:39,280

one really interesting thing that that

1390

00:50:43,750 --> 00:50:40,800

came out of these discussions in the

1391

00:50:45,349 --> 00:50:43,760

office hours um is that we went through

1392

00:50:46,950 --> 00:50:45,359

i'll just talk about the mckay one for

1393

00:50:48,870 --> 00:50:46,960

instance we went through every piece of

1394

00:50:50,950 --> 00:50:48,880

evidence which i had actually done as an

1395

00:50:52,710 --> 00:50:50,960

undergrad with roger buick at one point

1396

00:50:54,470 --> 00:50:52,720

as well and then got to go back as a

1397

00:50:56,230 --> 00:50:54,480

professor now and look through all these

1398

00:50:57,910 --> 00:50:56,240

and we went through biotic and abiotic

1399

00:51:00,950 --> 00:50:57,920

on every single one of those items and

1400

00:51:03,750 --> 00:51:00,960

the one that we i challenged someone to

1401

00:51:07,030 --> 00:51:03,760

find and emmy if emmy's here it was her

1402

00:51:08,390 --> 00:51:07,040

if it was her emmy hughes is who's a

1403

00:51:09,510 --> 00:51:08,400

one of our students and is at this

1404

00:51:12,790 --> 00:51:09,520

conference

1405

00:51:14,549 --> 00:51:12,800

we were looking for abiotic ways of

1406

00:51:18,309 --> 00:51:14,559

magnetite

1407

00:51:20,790 --> 00:51:18,319

and

1408

00:51:22,470 --> 00:51:20,800

the way it's aligned in that meteorite

1409

00:51:25,270 --> 00:51:22,480

and we could not find

1410

00:51:27,190 --> 00:51:25,280

any abiotic way to do that so far so

1411

00:51:31,589 --> 00:51:27,200

that's something it just forces you to

1412

00:51:33,750 --> 00:51:31,599

really hunt you know for these um

1413

00:51:35,589 --> 00:51:33,760

you know abiotic mechanisms so so far

1414

00:51:38,230 --> 00:51:35,599

that's the only thing that still stands

1415

00:51:41,030 --> 00:51:38,240

as far as i know from the uh

1416

00:51:42,630 --> 00:51:41,040

the k paper we still can't find a biotic

1417

00:51:43,430 --> 00:51:42,640

way of doing that

1418

00:51:47,109 --> 00:51:43,440

so

1419

00:51:50,390 --> 00:51:47,990

hi

1420

00:51:51,829 --> 00:51:50,400

my name is erica antil and i had two

1421

00:51:53,750 --> 00:51:51,839

questions the first one actually

1422

00:51:55,030 --> 00:51:53,760

dovetails on the previous question a

1423

00:51:57,670 --> 00:51:55,040

little bit where

1424

00:51:59,670 --> 00:51:57,680

i was wondering since this is a platform

1425

00:52:01,430 --> 00:51:59,680

it also really great talk by the way and

1426  
00:52:02,710 --> 00:52:01,440  
really great system since this is a

1427  
00:52:04,309 --> 00:52:02,720  
platform where it seems like you have

1428  
00:52:05,910 --> 00:52:04,319  
the potential for a lot of users are

1429  
00:52:08,069 --> 00:52:05,920  
there going to be like community

1430  
00:52:09,030 --> 00:52:08,079  
guidelines or some way of structuring it

1431  
00:52:11,430 --> 00:52:09,040  
that people

1432  
00:52:13,670 --> 00:52:11,440  
um you know there's not

1433  
00:52:15,510 --> 00:52:13,680  
unscientific uh you know kind of

1434  
00:52:17,030 --> 00:52:15,520  
feelings going into some of those

1435  
00:52:22,710 --> 00:52:17,040  
commentary in the back and forth that's

1436  
00:52:25,750 --> 00:52:24,390  
still hear me or should i just there we

1437  
00:52:27,829 --> 00:52:25,760  
go um

1438  
00:52:29,750 --> 00:52:27,839

so great question i i think there are

1439

00:52:33,030 --> 00:52:29,760

two levels to that

1440

00:52:34,790 --> 00:52:33,040

one is that that each entry is curated

1441

00:52:38,150 --> 00:52:34,800

and so if you're actually adding new

1442

00:52:39,750 --> 00:52:38,160

content there is a person there who's

1443

00:52:42,150 --> 00:52:39,760

you know who who's not

1444

00:52:44,390 --> 00:52:42,160

weighing you know this is right or wrong

1445

00:52:46,870 --> 00:52:44,400

but is there to help deal with the kind

1446

00:52:48,950 --> 00:52:46,880

of thing that you're talking about right

1447

00:52:50,150 --> 00:52:48,960

i think we have something built into the

1448

00:52:53,109 --> 00:52:50,160

way that we

1449

00:53:04,150 --> 00:52:53,119

engage new users graham do we

1450

00:53:07,270 --> 00:53:05,670

um yeah so we don't actually have like

1451  
00:53:09,109 --> 00:53:07,280  
the community guidelines set up right

1452  
00:53:10,549 --> 00:53:09,119  
now for new users

1453  
00:53:12,470 --> 00:53:10,559  
but whenever you try to provide a

1454  
00:53:13,589 --> 00:53:12,480  
comment or a new argument or piece of

1455  
00:53:14,950 --> 00:53:13,599  
evidence

1456  
00:53:16,150 --> 00:53:14,960  
it doesn't actually become visible to

1457  
00:53:19,510 --> 00:53:16,160  
anyone else

1458  
00:53:21,750 --> 00:53:19,520  
until it's been vetted by our curators

1459  
00:53:23,270 --> 00:53:21,760  
to make sure one there's no spam but

1460  
00:53:25,270 --> 00:53:23,280  
also to make sure there's no you know

1461  
00:53:27,190 --> 00:53:25,280  
harassing language or any of those kinds

1462  
00:53:28,710 --> 00:53:27,200  
of issues that come up as well

1463  
00:53:30,309 --> 00:53:28,720

but it is a good point we really haven't

1464

00:53:32,790 --> 00:53:30,319

addressed you know like guidelines for

1465

00:53:34,309 --> 00:53:32,800

community behavior necessarily yet but i

1466

00:53:36,790 --> 00:53:34,319

feel like at least this way we have some

1467

00:53:38,870 --> 00:53:36,800

built-in process to avoid any major

1468

00:53:40,870 --> 00:53:38,880

issues that could come up

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00:53:42,150 --> 00:53:40,880

awesome that makes sense thank you um

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00:53:44,150 --> 00:53:42,160

and the other question that i'd had is

1471

00:53:46,309 --> 00:53:44,160

that you know you mentioned um needing

1472

00:53:48,069 --> 00:53:46,319

more input on some of the abiotic

1473

00:53:50,230 --> 00:53:48,079

aspects and i wondered if you had

1474

00:53:51,589 --> 00:53:50,240

considered collaborating um further

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00:53:53,510 --> 00:53:51,599

outside maybe the traditional

1476  
00:53:55,910 --> 00:53:53,520  
astrobiology community with like you

1477  
00:53:57,990 --> 00:53:55,920  
know chemistry and geology societies are

1478  
00:54:00,230 --> 00:53:58,000  
other places to to try to draw a little

1479  
00:54:04,630 --> 00:54:00,240  
bit more on the non-biological knowledge

1480  
00:54:07,750 --> 00:54:04,640  
base yeah def definitely yes um so so we

1481  
00:54:10,230 --> 00:54:07,760  
have in the works um maybe for late this

1482  
00:54:11,829 --> 00:54:10,240  
year or early next year a workshop that

1483  
00:54:14,390 --> 00:54:11,839  
will kind of focus on the abiotic

1484  
00:54:17,270 --> 00:54:14,400  
background specifically and the the

1485  
00:54:19,270 --> 00:54:17,280  
purpose is not just to

1486  
00:54:21,109 --> 00:54:19,280  
help understand the state of the art

1487  
00:54:23,510 --> 00:54:21,119  
from that community's perspective but

1488  
00:54:25,510 --> 00:54:23,520

it's it's to engage those communities

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00:54:28,069 --> 00:54:25,520

and let them know their relevance to to

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00:54:31,109 --> 00:54:28,079

what's going on now um abiotic

1491

00:54:33,190 --> 00:54:31,119

background is is easily half of what we

1492

00:54:36,069 --> 00:54:33,200

need to understand in order to do this

1493

00:54:38,470 --> 00:54:36,079

right and the communities that that have

1494

00:54:39,750 --> 00:54:38,480

the most relevance to doing that i think

1495

00:54:42,470 --> 00:54:39,760

haven't necessarily perceived their

1496

00:54:43,349 --> 00:54:42,480

relevance and so so a good bit of our

1497

00:54:45,349 --> 00:54:43,359

job

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00:54:47,829 --> 00:54:45,359

is outreach and engagement we have a

1499

00:54:50,390 --> 00:54:47,839

person who's dedicated to doing that

1500

00:54:52,950 --> 00:54:50,400

and and we try to engage through the

1501

00:54:54,950 --> 00:54:52,960

rcns through the ags

1502

00:54:56,150 --> 00:54:54,960

and even through uh conferences

1503

00:54:57,589 --> 00:54:56,160

representing some of the groups that

1504

00:54:58,870 --> 00:54:57,599

you're talking about

1505

00:55:00,789 --> 00:54:58,880

to try to let them know what we have

1506

00:55:03,670 --> 00:55:00,799

going and it is always an ask right

1507

00:55:06,150 --> 00:55:03,680

you're asking for people's time um but

1508

00:55:09,349 --> 00:55:06,160

but that is expertise that i think if we

1509

00:55:11,430 --> 00:55:09,359

as a community want to do

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00:55:13,190 --> 00:55:11,440

you know our missions right we'll need

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00:55:19,589 --> 00:55:13,200

to tap

1512

00:55:19,599 --> 00:55:23,190

any other questions