

**MAY 22**

**AB  
GRAD  
CON  
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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:08,570  
foreign

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00:00:38,710 --> 00:00:20,810  
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00:00:51,810 --> 00:00:38,720  
foreign

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00:01:21,289 --> 00:00:58,500  
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00:01:21,299 --> 00:01:24,460  
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00:01:52,429 --> 00:01:30,020  
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00:01:52,439 --> 00:02:04,590  
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00:03:26,649 --> 00:02:16,870  
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00:03:26,659 --> 00:03:36,150  
thank you

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00:05:13,850 --> 00:03:48,390  
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00:05:13,860 --> 00:05:18,520  
foreign

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00:06:27,730 --> 00:05:32,180  
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thank you

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00:07:46,980 --> 00:07:41,890

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00:08:38,880 --> 00:08:21,550

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00:09:31,990 --> 00:08:45,520

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00:09:32,000 --> 00:09:39,370

thank you

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thank you

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00:12:47,610 --> 00:12:52,069  
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thank you

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thank you

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00:15:19,740 --> 00:15:24,690

foreign

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00:16:26,629 --> 00:15:49,610

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00:16:26,639 --> 00:16:34,360

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00:17:29,990 --> 00:16:51,830

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00:17:30,000 --> 00:17:34,330

thank you

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00:18:40,909 --> 00:17:37,549

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00:18:48,830 --> 00:18:42,830

thank you

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00:18:48,830 --> 00:18:48,840

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00:18:48,840 --> 00:18:54,010

foreign

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00:19:44,390 --> 00:19:11,470

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00:19:54,860 --> 00:19:46,380

thank you

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00:24:57,419 --> 00:25:00,470  
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00:29:47,760 --> 00:29:32,750

foreign

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00:30:15,610 --> 00:30:02,700

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00:30:15,620 --> 00:30:24,690

oh yeah

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00:30:49,450 --> 00:30:30,730

[Music]

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00:31:13,789 --> 00:30:51,300

this is

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00:31:26,970 --> 00:31:16,010

my life

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00:31:53,630 --> 00:31:47,790

[Music]

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00:32:00,230 --> 00:31:55,210

okay

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00:32:00,240 --> 00:32:04,130

everybody hear me

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00:32:04,140 --> 00:32:07,669

oh it's very exciting

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00:32:12,889 --> 00:32:11,090

spent a lot of time all the organizing

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00:32:15,230 --> 00:32:12,899

not everyone's here but you'll certainly

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00:32:16,789 --> 00:32:15,240

throughout the con

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00:32:19,610 --> 00:32:16,799

um but yeah it's just so exciting to see

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00:32:21,889 --> 00:32:19,620

faces all the names so

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00:32:24,350 --> 00:32:21,899

um thank you so much for coming

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00:32:27,409 --> 00:32:24,360

um and we're just so happy to be here

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00:32:29,930 --> 00:32:27,419

and glad everyone could make it

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00:32:31,909 --> 00:32:29,940

hey everyone my name is Miguel and I'm a

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00:32:34,010 --> 00:32:31,919

PhD student here at Scripps

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00:32:35,990 --> 00:32:34,020

and I'm the co-lead organizer of app

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00:32:37,250 --> 00:32:36,000

gradcon this year with this beautiful

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00:32:39,950 --> 00:32:37,260

team

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00:32:42,830 --> 00:32:39,960

it's been quite so you can actually

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00:32:45,049 --> 00:32:42,840

decided to apply to host I've gradcon in

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00:32:46,549 --> 00:32:45,059

September so it's been crazy eight

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00:32:49,269 --> 00:32:46,559

months and most of all we're very

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00:32:52,250 --> 00:32:49,279

excited to have all of you here today

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00:32:55,070 --> 00:32:52,260

and that said we're already on the

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00:32:57,169 --> 00:32:55,080

search for the host for next app gradcon

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00:32:59,750 --> 00:32:57,179

so I've gradcon 2024 so if you're

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00:33:01,909 --> 00:32:59,760

interested in hosting next year just

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00:33:02,810 --> 00:33:01,919

come and chat with us in the next couple

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00:33:05,510 --> 00:33:02,820

days

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00:33:07,090 --> 00:33:05,520

we'll be able to give you an idea of

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00:33:10,250 --> 00:33:07,100

what it entails

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00:33:13,250 --> 00:33:10,260

and without further ado I want to

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00:33:16,610 --> 00:33:13,260

introduce tonight's keynote speaker Dr

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00:33:18,230 --> 00:33:16,620

Karen G Lloyd who is a subsurface

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00:33:19,370 --> 00:33:18,240

microbiologist at the University of

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00:33:23,149 --> 00:33:19,380

Tennessee

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00:33:24,950 --> 00:33:23,159

although in 2024 she will be the the

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00:33:27,110 --> 00:33:24,960

Wrigley professor of Earth Sciences at

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00:33:29,990 --> 00:33:27,120

the University of Southern California

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00:33:31,789 --> 00:33:30,000

Dr Lloyd discovers new types of life in

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00:33:34,549 --> 00:33:31,799

Arctic permafrost

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00:33:37,730 --> 00:33:34,559

what kind of volcanic hot spring systems

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00:33:40,970 --> 00:33:37,740

and deepsea environments she combines

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00:33:43,750 --> 00:33:40,980

geochemistry with metabolomics meta

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00:33:45,950 --> 00:33:43,760

transcriptomics metagenomics and other

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00:33:48,470 --> 00:33:45,960

environmental measurements to infer what

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00:33:53,810 --> 00:33:48,480

life is like in natural complex systems

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00:33:53,820 --> 00:33:57,590

foreign

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00:34:03,110 --> 00:34:00,769

thanks thanks for having me y'all and I

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00:34:05,990 --> 00:34:03,120

went to AB gradcon here

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00:34:08,810 --> 00:34:06,000

um would that have been like 2005 I

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00:34:11,389 --> 00:34:08,820

think it's a as a attendee so it's kind

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00:34:13,490 --> 00:34:11,399

of nice to be back um speaking

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00:34:16,310 --> 00:34:13,500

um so I'm going to talk about

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00:34:18,109 --> 00:34:16,320

um life inside Earth's crust but one of

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00:34:20,030 --> 00:34:18,119

the reasons why we study life in Earth's

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crust is that we obviously the reason

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00:34:24,470 --> 00:34:21,359

we're all here is that we want to find

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00:34:26,089 --> 00:34:24,480

life outside of earth that is something

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00:34:27,169 --> 00:34:26,099

that it's really kind of nice to give a

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00:34:30,169 --> 00:34:27,179

talk here because I don't have to

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00:34:32,329 --> 00:34:30,179

justify that like we all agree

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00:34:33,710 --> 00:34:32,339

that is a thing worth doing

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00:34:40,790 --> 00:34:33,720

so

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00:34:43,310 --> 00:34:40,800

planetary bodies that seem like a place

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00:34:45,710 --> 00:34:43,320

you could find some stuff but where in

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00:34:47,869 --> 00:34:45,720

them do we expect to find some stuff

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00:34:49,609 --> 00:34:47,879

well the place we know the most about on

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00:34:51,050 --> 00:34:49,619

these planetary bodies is the surface

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00:34:52,849 --> 00:34:51,060

and

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00:34:55,129 --> 00:34:52,859

I'm not saying there's not life there

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00:34:57,050 --> 00:34:55,139

definitely not I mean that would be

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00:34:58,910 --> 00:34:57,060

ridiculous but there's not like the

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00:35:01,010 --> 00:34:58,920

Amazon rainforest sitting up there we

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00:35:03,710 --> 00:35:01,020

would have seen it if it was up there

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00:35:06,710 --> 00:35:03,720

um so it doesn't seem to be like teeming

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00:35:08,750 --> 00:35:06,720

on the surface but the subsurface if you

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00:35:11,390 --> 00:35:08,760

think about the subsurfaces of all of

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00:35:13,970 --> 00:35:11,400

these places it's a pretty Clement place

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00:35:15,349 --> 00:35:13,980

to be there's often liquid water at

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00:35:17,210 --> 00:35:15,359  
least in the case of Europa and

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00:35:18,650 --> 00:35:17,220  
Enceladus there's whole oceans worth of

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00:35:21,050 --> 00:35:18,660  
water so that's cool that's a major

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00:35:23,390 --> 00:35:21,060  
thing ticked off our list

155  
00:35:25,310 --> 00:35:23,400  
protection from UV damage there's tons

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00:35:26,990 --> 00:35:25,320  
of stuff to build cells with it's kind

157  
00:35:29,569 --> 00:35:27,000  
of a nice place to be

158  
00:35:31,550 --> 00:35:29,579  
um and the evidence for this is that I

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00:35:32,930 --> 00:35:31,560  
don't know if you keep up with methane

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00:35:34,370 --> 00:35:32,940  
on Mars but this has been something

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00:35:35,990 --> 00:35:34,380  
that's been kind of controversial over

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00:35:39,050 --> 00:35:36,000  
the years and now is no longer

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00:35:40,730 --> 00:35:39,060

controversial it is definitely there we

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00:35:42,530 --> 00:35:40,740

have methane in the Martian atmosphere

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00:35:44,329 --> 00:35:42,540

and the thing that I love the most about

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00:35:46,670 --> 00:35:44,339

this methane is that it's not always

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00:35:48,130 --> 00:35:46,680

there we get whiffs of it and so this

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00:35:51,829 --> 00:35:48,140

this is something that seems very

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00:35:53,870 --> 00:35:51,839

lifelike to me if you know Titan Titan

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00:35:56,089 --> 00:35:53,880

is so full of methane you're like is

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00:35:57,650 --> 00:35:56,099

that really biological but for for Mars

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00:36:00,310 --> 00:35:57,660

it seems kind of biological so I wonder

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00:36:02,810 --> 00:36:00,320

if right now there's a subsurface life

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00:36:05,450 --> 00:36:02,820

ecosystem happening on Mars right now it

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00:36:08,810 --> 00:36:05,460

could be and Europa Europa is really

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00:36:10,550 --> 00:36:08,820

easy right like this is this lovely

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00:36:12,650 --> 00:36:10,560

artist rendering if I had the artists

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00:36:14,030 --> 00:36:12,660

that NASA does I would get so much

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funding

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00:36:18,290 --> 00:36:16,320

um but they've got this ice cap and then

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these occasional Jets Enceladus

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definitely has jets and absolutely for

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100 sure there's a giant ocean of liquid

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probably saline water on Europa which is

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just very intriguing okay so a high

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probability shot for astrobiology is to

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look for life in the subsurface of

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00:36:38,390 --> 00:36:35,579

planetary bodies so

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we've got this planet to look for so can

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00:36:43,190 --> 00:36:41,099

we use Earth life the life we find here

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00:36:44,630 --> 00:36:43,200

is a guide for what might be there on

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00:36:46,609 --> 00:36:44,640

the subsurface of these other planetary

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00:36:49,190 --> 00:36:46,619

bodies and I don't know if you guys ever

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00:36:51,589 --> 00:36:49,200

do this view of Earth do you ever try to

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00:36:55,010 --> 00:36:51,599

get the to get the land out you know

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00:36:57,170 --> 00:36:55,020

it's like Hawaii and New Zealand you

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00:36:59,390 --> 00:36:57,180

know California is fighting them to to

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00:37:01,069 --> 00:36:59,400

gain place but I love looking at Earth

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00:37:02,990 --> 00:37:01,079

like this because it really reminds you

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00:37:05,089 --> 00:37:03,000

that we are an ocean planet we know that

201  
00:37:07,550 --> 00:37:05,099  
but you can you can look at it from the

202  
00:37:09,530 --> 00:37:07,560  
back side and some of my colleagues have

203  
00:37:11,030 --> 00:37:09,540  
added up the total number of microbial

204  
00:37:12,829 --> 00:37:11,040  
cells that are living underneath the

205  
00:37:14,690 --> 00:37:12,839  
ocean in the subsurface in the Marine

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00:37:17,930 --> 00:37:14,700  
sediments and it's literally

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00:37:19,609 --> 00:37:17,940  
astronomical it's 10 to the 29 which is

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00:37:21,770 --> 00:37:19,619  
a third of the microbes on the planet

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00:37:23,150 --> 00:37:21,780  
are buried in the subsurface underneath

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00:37:25,670 --> 00:37:23,160  
our oceans

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00:37:27,349 --> 00:37:25,680  
which is 10 000 times more than the

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00:37:29,150 --> 00:37:27,359  
number of stars in the universe

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00:37:31,430 --> 00:37:29,160

um although that number has a big error

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00:37:33,770 --> 00:37:31,440

bar on it too

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00:37:36,050 --> 00:37:33,780

um so actually most of the life on Earth

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00:37:39,290 --> 00:37:36,060

is actually inside Earth so we are a

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00:37:40,910 --> 00:37:39,300

subsurface Planet too and if you look at

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00:37:42,470 --> 00:37:40,920

the terrestrial environment

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00:37:43,970 --> 00:37:42,480

um this has pretty much the same amount

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00:37:46,370 --> 00:37:43,980

of microbes in it so it's not just the

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00:37:48,430 --> 00:37:46,380

oceans this stuff is kind of everywhere

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00:37:51,589 --> 00:37:48,440

um okay so but if you think about

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00:37:54,230 --> 00:37:51,599

microbes and life inside Earth's crust

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our dominant signal is things like the

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00:37:57,410 --> 00:37:55,800

Amazon rainforest there's no question

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00:38:00,589 --> 00:37:57,420

that this planet has tons of surface

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00:38:03,410 --> 00:38:00,599

life so you have to ask the question

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00:38:04,790 --> 00:38:03,420

is it real you know like what are all

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00:38:06,950 --> 00:38:04,800

those little creepy crawlies are they

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00:38:08,690 --> 00:38:06,960

meant to be there or are they just like

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00:38:10,970 --> 00:38:08,700

the leftovers

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00:38:13,790 --> 00:38:10,980

um you know it can be dangerous to

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00:38:15,530 --> 00:38:13,800

assume that an organism is optimized to

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00:38:17,870 --> 00:38:15,540

live just where you found it

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00:38:20,510 --> 00:38:17,880

um I have this really self-deprecating

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00:38:23,750 --> 00:38:20,520

anecdote hopefully

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00:38:26,450 --> 00:38:23,760

um you guys will get so I I did a um the

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geobiology the agaron geobiology summer

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course which is now at Penn State do you

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00:38:31,790 --> 00:38:30,839

guys know about this it's fantastic you

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00:38:34,069 --> 00:38:31,800

should look into it if you don't know

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00:38:35,270 --> 00:38:34,079

about it it's a um I think it's six week

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00:38:37,190 --> 00:38:35,280

summer course and this year it's going

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to be in Italy is anybody going

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00:38:41,450 --> 00:38:40,140

no okay it's gonna be great Jen mcelady

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00:38:43,010 --> 00:38:41,460

is running it it's Penn State's first

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00:38:44,329 --> 00:38:43,020

year so maybe it's a rocky first year go

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00:38:45,470 --> 00:38:44,339

next year

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00:38:47,390 --> 00:38:45,480

um

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00:38:48,829 --> 00:38:47,400

but I I did that in the second year that

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00:38:51,349 --> 00:38:48,839

it was ever around and we went to

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00:38:53,450 --> 00:38:51,359

Yellowstone for our field trip and I was

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00:38:55,250 --> 00:38:53,460

just like so full of wonder and like my

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00:38:56,810 --> 00:38:55,260

eyes were saucers and I was taking in

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00:38:58,790 --> 00:38:56,820

everything that I could and I was

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00:39:01,849 --> 00:38:58,800

watching in this hot spring I was

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00:39:03,770 --> 00:39:01,859

watching a spider in a hot spring and I

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00:39:06,349 --> 00:39:03,780

was like oh my God this place is Magic

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00:39:07,849 --> 00:39:06,359

even the spiders are adapted to high

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00:39:10,609 --> 00:39:07,859

temperature and I was just watching this

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00:39:13,130 --> 00:39:10,619

spider just like you know cool just like

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00:39:14,690 --> 00:39:13,140

chilling in this hot spring just

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00:39:16,609 --> 00:39:14,700

thinking oh my God I need to work on

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00:39:17,690 --> 00:39:16,619

arachnids like I gotta switch my whole

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00:39:19,790 --> 00:39:17,700

thing

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00:39:22,790 --> 00:39:19,800

and do you know where this story is

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00:39:24,829 --> 00:39:22,800

going right it died I watched the thing

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00:39:26,630 --> 00:39:24,839

died it just like curled up and then I

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00:39:29,810 --> 00:39:26,640

was like oh my God Karen you're such an

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00:39:31,370 --> 00:39:29,820

idiot you know but that that we have to

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00:39:33,530 --> 00:39:31,380

be conscious of that like are we just

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00:39:35,450 --> 00:39:33,540

looking at something that's kind of not

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00:39:36,890 --> 00:39:35,460

really supposed to be there well I I

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00:39:38,870 --> 00:39:36,900

would like to convince you in this talk

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that that is not true for the subsurface

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00:39:43,550 --> 00:39:41,460

it's got a lot more going for it than a

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spider in a hot spring

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00:39:47,750 --> 00:39:45,900

um so here's my my list of evidence that

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the Deep biosphere on Earth is real

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alive and not just leftovers from the

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00:39:54,290 --> 00:39:52,140

sub from the surface

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first of all there's a lot of energy

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00:39:58,250 --> 00:39:56,579

sources in the subsurface it's not just

284

00:40:02,210 --> 00:39:58,260

like Marine sediments that are sort of

285

00:40:04,430 --> 00:40:02,220

piling up so um I see this figure a lot

286

00:40:06,470 --> 00:40:04,440

um but it's nice because it encapsulates

287

00:40:09,470 --> 00:40:06,480

a lot of different environments so we've

288

00:40:11,450 --> 00:40:09,480

got polar regions underneath glaciers we

289

00:40:13,250 --> 00:40:11,460

have deep anoxic brines we have a

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00:40:15,589 --> 00:40:13,260

hydrothermal vents we of course have

291

00:40:17,750 --> 00:40:15,599

Marine sediments which cover so much of

292

00:40:20,109 --> 00:40:17,760

the planet we have subduction zones we

293

00:40:23,170 --> 00:40:20,119

have serpentinizing environments we have

294

00:40:26,690 --> 00:40:23,180

volcanic adjacent areas and then we have

295

00:40:28,370 --> 00:40:26,700

human-made areas as well for for

296

00:40:31,930 --> 00:40:28,380

human-made environments all of these

297

00:40:34,069 --> 00:40:31,940

things are are places where you can find

298

00:40:35,870 --> 00:40:34,079

nutrients to drive a subsurface

299

00:40:37,490 --> 00:40:35,880

biosphere so that's that's one thing

300

00:40:40,010 --> 00:40:37,500

it's got going for it

301  
00:40:41,870 --> 00:40:40,020  
the other thing is that when we look at

302  
00:40:43,310 --> 00:40:41,880  
what's down there we actually see

303  
00:40:45,770 --> 00:40:43,320  
evidence that these things are breathing

304  
00:40:48,290 --> 00:40:45,780  
that they're alive because we can see

305  
00:40:50,270 --> 00:40:48,300  
the chemical signature that they leave

306  
00:40:52,010 --> 00:40:50,280  
um and if you are a marine sediment

307  
00:40:54,170 --> 00:40:52,020  
person like I am you live and breathe

308  
00:40:56,930 --> 00:40:54,180  
these kind of diagrams but if you're not

309  
00:40:59,150 --> 00:40:56,940  
if you look at small what is it faint

310  
00:41:01,250 --> 00:40:59,160  
things next to bright things in the

311  
00:41:02,810 --> 00:41:01,260  
atmosphere then maybe you're not used to

312  
00:41:06,170 --> 00:41:02,820  
looking at stuff like this but this is

313  
00:41:08,030 --> 00:41:06,180

this is my life um this is up here

314

00:41:09,410 --> 00:41:08,040

that's the ocean up there this is the

315

00:41:11,210 --> 00:41:09,420

surface of the mud and we're just like

316

00:41:12,890 --> 00:41:11,220

looking down into the muck and look at

317

00:41:14,630 --> 00:41:12,900

the depth scale on this this is meters

318

00:41:17,510 --> 00:41:14,640

so this is like drilling a football

319

00:41:19,310 --> 00:41:17,520

field worth down so this is a massive

320

00:41:21,050 --> 00:41:19,320

drilling operation

321

00:41:22,910 --> 00:41:21,060

um and then if you measure you section

322

00:41:24,650 --> 00:41:22,920

this thing into sections and you measure

323

00:41:27,410 --> 00:41:24,660

the concentrations of in this case

324

00:41:28,730 --> 00:41:27,420

sulfate as you go down and then methane

325

00:41:30,890 --> 00:41:28,740

as well

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00:41:32,750 --> 00:41:30,900

the fact that this is curved like this

327

00:41:35,089 --> 00:41:32,760

and we can measure the sedimentation

328

00:41:36,589 --> 00:41:35,099

rate we can use those two factors and

329

00:41:38,210 --> 00:41:36,599

then just what we know about diffusion

330

00:41:40,310 --> 00:41:38,220

and compaction and basic things like

331

00:41:41,930 --> 00:41:40,320

that to calculate the rate at which

332

00:41:43,670 --> 00:41:41,940

these organisms are breathing the

333

00:41:45,650 --> 00:41:43,680

sulfate and the fact that it's shaped

334

00:41:47,210 --> 00:41:45,660

that it's got this concave shape means

335

00:41:49,010 --> 00:41:47,220

that somebody was breathing it you can't

336

00:41:50,810 --> 00:41:49,020

really get that shape unless you have

337

00:41:53,569 --> 00:41:50,820

upward infection of sulfate free fluids

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00:41:55,790 --> 00:41:53,579

which we don't have in this situation so

339

00:41:58,730 --> 00:41:55,800

um this is evidence that these things

340

00:42:01,730 --> 00:41:58,740

are breathing and they're alive

341

00:42:03,650 --> 00:42:01,740

um and it's not like the stuff we find

342

00:42:04,970 --> 00:42:03,660

down there is just surface stuff that's

343

00:42:07,430 --> 00:42:04,980

hanging on

344

00:42:09,470 --> 00:42:07,440

um it's its own thing so if you do this

345

00:42:10,910 --> 00:42:09,480

is a easiest way to show this is one of

346

00:42:13,849 --> 00:42:10,920

my colleagues papers

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00:42:15,849 --> 00:42:13,859

um this is a non-met non multi what's

348

00:42:18,530 --> 00:42:15,859

nmds what does that stand for

349

00:42:19,790 --> 00:42:18,540

non-multi-dimensional scaling parametric

350

00:42:24,530 --> 00:42:19,800

test

351

00:42:25,970 --> 00:42:24,540

um this is a uh axis-less axes but all

352

00:42:27,890 --> 00:42:25,980

you have to know to understand these

353

00:42:29,510 --> 00:42:27,900

data are the dots that are close

354

00:42:30,950 --> 00:42:29,520

together have more similar microbial

355

00:42:32,690 --> 00:42:30,960

communities and dots that are farther

356

00:42:35,510 --> 00:42:32,700

apart have more different microbial

357

00:42:37,250 --> 00:42:35,520

communities so all the seawater grouped

358

00:42:39,470 --> 00:42:37,260

together and all the Marine sediment

359

00:42:41,329 --> 00:42:39,480

group together and anybody who works in

360

00:42:43,670 --> 00:42:41,339

seawater and sediment just knows this

361

00:42:45,170 --> 00:42:43,680

intuitively we have almost no overlap in

362

00:42:48,410 --> 00:42:45,180

the types of microbes we find in these

363

00:42:50,510 --> 00:42:48,420

places so it's its own thing and then

364

00:42:52,849 --> 00:42:50,520

the last thing is much harder to show

365

00:42:55,550 --> 00:42:52,859

and I've spent a lot of my career and my

366

00:42:57,230 --> 00:42:55,560

students in my lab have worked on this

367

00:42:59,270 --> 00:42:57,240

um how do you show they're actually

368

00:43:01,130 --> 00:42:59,280

adapted to live in this place that's

369

00:43:02,329 --> 00:43:01,140

that's been a little more I'll spend a

370

00:43:04,730 --> 00:43:02,339

little bit more time talking about this

371

00:43:06,890 --> 00:43:04,740

because it's a bit more nuanced

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00:43:09,109 --> 00:43:06,900

um but I'll first not go into the whole

373

00:43:11,089 --> 00:43:09,119

story but just talk about one of my

374

00:43:13,670 --> 00:43:11,099

graduate students Jordan bird took

375

00:43:15,530 --> 00:43:13,680

samples from an iotp expedition on the

376

00:43:18,890 --> 00:43:15,540

great shipment Nisha not the geordie's

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00:43:21,109 --> 00:43:18,900

resolution which which the Baltic Sea

378

00:43:23,809 --> 00:43:21,119

and drilled hundreds of meters into the

379

00:43:26,450 --> 00:43:23,819

Baltic Sea and he combined meta

380

00:43:28,910 --> 00:43:26,460

transcriptomes metabolomes if you don't

381

00:43:31,250 --> 00:43:28,920

work with those things we basically if

382

00:43:33,890 --> 00:43:31,260

you think about like a cell as a bag of

383

00:43:35,690 --> 00:43:33,900

biomolecules like DNA RNA proteins

384

00:43:37,190 --> 00:43:35,700

lipids and all that kind of stuff and

385

00:43:39,710 --> 00:43:37,200

then all the chemicals that get pushed

386

00:43:41,750 --> 00:43:39,720

Along by those processes if you take a

387

00:43:43,609 --> 00:43:41,760

natural sample and you pull all those

388

00:43:46,250 --> 00:43:43,619

chemicals out and then just say well

389

00:43:48,230 --> 00:43:46,260

what was there then you can kind of back

390

00:43:50,569 --> 00:43:48,240

calculate what that cell was doing you

391

00:43:51,890 --> 00:43:50,579

can reconstruct how these organisms were

392

00:43:54,309 --> 00:43:51,900

actually functioning and that's the kind

393

00:43:58,130 --> 00:43:54,319

of stuff we do and so from that

394

00:43:59,930 --> 00:43:58,140

we found that it looks like they do have

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00:44:02,210 --> 00:43:59,940

some adaptations to being there so we

396

00:44:04,670 --> 00:44:02,220

can see some actual chemical evidence

397

00:44:06,170 --> 00:44:04,680

not just in genes so remember this is

398

00:44:08,150 --> 00:44:06,180

why I'm sort of harping on this is that

399

00:44:10,069 --> 00:44:08,160

you can predict a lot of things from

400

00:44:13,069 --> 00:44:10,079

genes but we saw actual evidence that

401  
00:44:15,950 --> 00:44:13,079  
these functions were happening we saw a

402  
00:44:18,710 --> 00:44:15,960  
DNA repair that consumes NAD which is a

403  
00:44:20,390 --> 00:44:18,720  
cofactor that gets redox cycled in a

404  
00:44:22,910 --> 00:44:20,400  
cell but in this case is using for

405  
00:44:24,650 --> 00:44:22,920  
getting used for DNA repair

406  
00:44:25,849 --> 00:44:24,660  
we found an accumulation of osmo

407  
00:44:28,190 --> 00:44:25,859  
protectants so this is not a

408  
00:44:29,990 --> 00:44:28,200  
particularly saline place we kind of

409  
00:44:32,630 --> 00:44:30,000  
think that collecting things like

410  
00:44:34,970 --> 00:44:32,640  
triose inside cells is a lot about

411  
00:44:37,190 --> 00:44:34,980  
shutting down and slowing down the cells

412  
00:44:40,250 --> 00:44:37,200  
like pickling themselves

413  
00:44:42,650 --> 00:44:40,260

and we were able to find we discovered

414

00:44:44,930 --> 00:44:42,660

ecology which maybe doesn't sound like

415

00:44:46,430 --> 00:44:44,940

such an exciting thing to find but when

416

00:44:48,530 --> 00:44:46,440

you're dealing with an ecosystem that

417

00:44:50,569 --> 00:44:48,540

might kind of be dead finding ecological

418

00:44:52,490 --> 00:44:50,579

niches is a great little indicator that

419

00:44:56,390 --> 00:44:52,500

they're actually alive so we found that

420

00:44:58,069 --> 00:44:56,400

microbe a eats food a and micro b eats

421

00:45:00,650 --> 00:44:58,079

food B and we've showed that with

422

00:45:02,690 --> 00:45:00,660

functional assays which still blows my

423

00:45:04,970 --> 00:45:02,700

mind that that actually worked so this

424

00:45:07,130 --> 00:45:04,980

may be something that they do to not

425

00:45:09,170 --> 00:45:07,140

fight because basically when you don't

426  
00:45:11,329 --> 00:45:09,180  
have a lot of resources and nobody gets

427  
00:45:13,550 --> 00:45:11,339  
to come in and nobody gets to leave if

428  
00:45:15,950 --> 00:45:13,560  
you compete then it's mutually assured

429  
00:45:18,050 --> 00:45:15,960  
destruction if you kill that cell it's

430  
00:45:20,270 --> 00:45:18,060  
never getting another one

431  
00:45:22,630 --> 00:45:20,280  
um and then we found this one group if

432  
00:45:25,130 --> 00:45:22,640  
you are a microbiologist this might

433  
00:45:26,690 --> 00:45:25,140  
make sense to you the atro bacteria

434  
00:45:27,890 --> 00:45:26,700  
which is a deeply branching uncultured

435  
00:45:29,750 --> 00:45:27,900  
clade

436  
00:45:31,069 --> 00:45:29,760  
we think it eats this thing called Alan

437  
00:45:33,050 --> 00:45:31,079  
toen which is a nitrogen-rich

438  
00:45:35,270 --> 00:45:33,060

degradation product and we think it's

439

00:45:37,970 --> 00:45:35,280

maybe a keystone of that Community

440

00:45:40,250 --> 00:45:37,980

because it looks like of all the

441

00:45:41,390 --> 00:45:40,260

transcripts so again those are the MRNA

442

00:45:43,730 --> 00:45:41,400

that are going to turn into proteins

443

00:45:46,609 --> 00:45:43,740

that were the most highly transcribed in

444

00:45:49,670 --> 00:45:46,619

this whole 8 000 year old sediment like

445

00:45:51,109 --> 00:45:49,680

50 meters down into the seafloor the

446

00:45:53,510 --> 00:45:51,119

second most the number one most

447

00:45:55,130 --> 00:45:53,520

transcribed Gene which if you've worked

448

00:45:56,089 --> 00:45:55,140

with transcriptomes you could probably

449

00:45:57,790 --> 00:45:56,099

guess what the number one was

450

00:45:59,690 --> 00:45:57,800

transcribed Gene was

451  
00:46:04,370 --> 00:45:59,700  
hypothetical

452  
00:46:05,990 --> 00:46:04,380  
things are like the most important genes

453  
00:46:08,390 --> 00:46:06,000  
in the whole ecosystem and we have no

454  
00:46:10,670 --> 00:46:08,400  
clue what they are so the second

455  
00:46:13,250 --> 00:46:10,680  
thing that was most transcribed was

456  
00:46:14,630 --> 00:46:13,260  
actually a sharing Gene so this is a

457  
00:46:16,910 --> 00:46:14,640  
starving environment where they don't

458  
00:46:19,069 --> 00:46:16,920  
have much to eat and the second most

459  
00:46:22,250 --> 00:46:19,079  
highly transcribed Gene was actually a

460  
00:46:23,930 --> 00:46:22,260  
transporter that's used in centrifuges to

461  
00:46:25,670 --> 00:46:23,940  
share your food with others which is

462  
00:46:27,290 --> 00:46:25,680  
very touching

463  
00:46:29,870 --> 00:46:27,300

um but it but it also

464

00:46:31,910 --> 00:46:29,880

um you know basically feeds into one of

465

00:46:35,210 --> 00:46:31,920

my sort of ongoing theories that these

466

00:46:36,650 --> 00:46:35,220

extreme apocalyptic ecosystems are not

467

00:46:38,270 --> 00:46:36,660

dog eat dog at all because it doesn't

468

00:46:40,849 --> 00:46:38,280

make sense to compete when things are so

469

00:46:43,309 --> 00:46:40,859

limited um they actually cooperate I

470

00:46:45,230 --> 00:46:43,319

think quite a bit

471

00:46:45,829 --> 00:46:45,240

um this is another

472

00:46:47,750 --> 00:46:45,839

um

473

00:46:49,370 --> 00:46:47,760

little piece of evidence that we have

474

00:46:50,990 --> 00:46:49,380

some adaptation to this environment is

475

00:46:52,309 --> 00:46:51,000

work that came from

476

00:46:54,170 --> 00:46:52,319

um one of my another one of my PhD

477

00:46:55,849 --> 00:46:54,180

students Katie Sipes who is so

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00:46:58,130 --> 00:46:55,859

absolutely addicted to going to the

479

00:46:59,990 --> 00:46:58,140

Arctic after going she can't stay up

480

00:47:01,250 --> 00:47:00,000

it's so funny she keeps finding more

481

00:47:04,069 --> 00:47:01,260

projects and I'm like Katie where are

482

00:47:06,349 --> 00:47:04,079

you and she's like Greenland so what she

483

00:47:08,510 --> 00:47:06,359

found in Siberia this is this beautiful

484

00:47:10,370 --> 00:47:08,520

Kalama River this is some of the oldest

485

00:47:12,290 --> 00:47:10,380

permafrost on Earth so this has been

486

00:47:14,569 --> 00:47:12,300

continuously Frozen for a million years

487

00:47:16,730 --> 00:47:14,579

which is crazy

488

00:47:18,910 --> 00:47:16,740

um she found this group which I was

489

00:47:22,910 --> 00:47:18,920

telling some folks at dinner about this

490

00:47:24,710 --> 00:47:22,920

profundalis group is um uh only ever

491

00:47:26,270 --> 00:47:24,720

found in Marine environments and she

492

00:47:29,210 --> 00:47:26,280

found it in this freshwater

493

00:47:31,190 --> 00:47:29,220

um place and a lot of these um Clays

494

00:47:33,470 --> 00:47:31,200

that she found in this deep weird old

495

00:47:34,910 --> 00:47:33,480

permafrost are very similar to what we

496

00:47:36,470 --> 00:47:34,920

find in these other subsurface

497

00:47:39,109 --> 00:47:36,480

environments so it really seems like

498

00:47:41,210 --> 00:47:39,119

there's something going on and the last

499

00:47:42,470 --> 00:47:41,220

sort of adaptational story I'll tell is

500

00:47:44,270 --> 00:47:42,480

from another one of my former students

501  
00:47:46,309 --> 00:47:44,280  
Joy Bongiorno

502  
00:47:48,290 --> 00:47:46,319  
who looked at these transcriptional

503  
00:47:50,450 --> 00:47:48,300  
differences she has this amazing data

504  
00:47:52,790 --> 00:47:50,460  
set which actually we're still analyzing

505  
00:47:54,650 --> 00:47:52,800  
um but depth is here this is now

506  
00:47:57,349 --> 00:47:54,660  
centimeters so this is like over that

507  
00:47:59,030 --> 00:47:57,359  
much space it's not super deep but what

508  
00:48:01,190 --> 00:47:59,040  
she looked at was the total amount of

509  
00:48:03,290 --> 00:48:01,200  
transcription of each of these genes as

510  
00:48:04,910 --> 00:48:03,300  
as you go with depth and this is the

511  
00:48:07,069 --> 00:48:04,920  
amount of transcription on the y-axis

512  
00:48:09,410 --> 00:48:07,079  
and you can see it's in log here so this

513  
00:48:11,690 --> 00:48:09,420

is quite a huge increase so she found

514

00:48:13,730 --> 00:48:11,700

this very big ramping up of this

515

00:48:15,710 --> 00:48:13,740

transcription of this one gene which

516

00:48:18,290 --> 00:48:15,720

ended up just being a gene to basically

517

00:48:21,170 --> 00:48:18,300

turn it into a Spore it was like a sort

518

00:48:24,230 --> 00:48:21,180

of like a strange type of sporulation so

519

00:48:25,790 --> 00:48:24,240

we think that these things we think that

520

00:48:28,609 --> 00:48:25,800

there are adaptations to being in the

521

00:48:31,309 --> 00:48:28,619

subsurface you know sporulating or

522

00:48:34,250 --> 00:48:31,319

repairing basically

523

00:48:36,770 --> 00:48:34,260

the we're not done I can't say that

524

00:48:38,690 --> 00:48:36,780

definitively but all of my research sort

525

00:48:40,670 --> 00:48:38,700

of points at the fact that these things

526  
00:48:43,250 --> 00:48:40,680  
are actually adapted to be where they

527  
00:48:46,490 --> 00:48:43,260  
are so

528  
00:48:48,589 --> 00:48:46,500  
now maybe I've convinced you that Earth

529  
00:48:50,329 --> 00:48:48,599  
does have a vibrant and varied

530  
00:48:51,950 --> 00:48:50,339  
subsurface biosphere that's supposed to

531  
00:48:53,690 --> 00:48:51,960  
be there it's not just waiting to get to

532  
00:48:56,089 --> 00:48:53,700  
the surface again it's it means to be

533  
00:48:57,650 --> 00:48:56,099  
there so what can how can we use this

534  
00:48:59,030 --> 00:48:57,660  
how can we use this to look for life on

535  
00:49:01,790 --> 00:48:59,040  
Europa

536  
00:49:05,150 --> 00:49:01,800  
um so I think of the subsurface as being

537  
00:49:08,150 --> 00:49:05,160  
divided up into two main categories one

538  
00:49:09,890 --> 00:49:08,160

is subsurface life that gets its

539

00:49:11,750 --> 00:49:09,900

chemicals from inside Earth so it's

540

00:49:14,870 --> 00:49:11,760

basically got its own lunch with it and

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00:49:17,210 --> 00:49:14,880

it's you know making its own biomass so

542

00:49:18,710 --> 00:49:17,220

chemosynthesis that's making biomass

543

00:49:20,690 --> 00:49:18,720

from chemicals

544

00:49:22,190 --> 00:49:20,700

and then the second type would be those

545

00:49:24,109 --> 00:49:22,200

that are dependent on photosynthesis

546

00:49:26,150 --> 00:49:24,119

which

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00:49:27,829 --> 00:49:26,160

um you know are sort of like uh

548

00:49:30,530 --> 00:49:27,839

dependent on the surface world to give

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00:49:31,130 --> 00:49:30,540

them food and to feed them and

550

00:49:33,470 --> 00:49:31,140

um

551

00:49:35,150 --> 00:49:33,480

the second one maybe

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00:49:36,530 --> 00:49:35,160

I mean it's like doesn't seem as

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00:49:38,030 --> 00:49:36,540

exciting right if we're talking about

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00:49:40,430 --> 00:49:38,040

subsurface life you kind of want it to

555

00:49:42,170 --> 00:49:40,440

have its own thing and like just waiting

556

00:49:44,270 --> 00:49:42,180

for for stuff to trickle down from the

557

00:49:46,309 --> 00:49:44,280

surface seems like sort of cheating or

558

00:49:48,770 --> 00:49:46,319

maybe not what we're going for here but

559

00:49:50,450 --> 00:49:48,780

I wanna I wanna argue that this second

560

00:49:52,790 --> 00:49:50,460

group is actually useful for

561

00:49:54,410 --> 00:49:52,800

astrobiology we can still work on these

562

00:49:56,329 --> 00:49:54,420

places on Earth that are dependent on

563

00:49:58,430 --> 00:49:56,339

the surface and learn some stuff from it

564

00:49:59,750 --> 00:49:58,440

and I also forgot to say since it's the

565

00:50:02,150 --> 00:49:59,760

evening and we have a lot of different

566

00:50:03,349 --> 00:50:02,160

area of expertise if I if you want to

567

00:50:04,490 --> 00:50:03,359

ask a question

568

00:50:06,770 --> 00:50:04,500

we're not going to ask too many

569

00:50:08,030 --> 00:50:06,780

questions it's for technical reasons

570

00:50:09,290 --> 00:50:08,040

that you guys can't ask a lot of

571

00:50:12,230 --> 00:50:09,300

questions right now because there's a

572

00:50:14,210 --> 00:50:12,240

microphone but if if you're lost just

573

00:50:17,150 --> 00:50:14,220

raise your hand and be like what is can

574

00:50:21,710 --> 00:50:19,190

Okay so

575

00:50:23,390 --> 00:50:21,720

one useless raster biology do we not

576

00:50:24,950 --> 00:50:23,400

want to study places like Marine

577

00:50:27,349 --> 00:50:24,960

sediments because it's you know

578

00:50:28,430 --> 00:50:27,359

dependent on having Amazon's up at the

579

00:50:31,790 --> 00:50:28,440

top

580

00:50:34,309 --> 00:50:31,800

um no I think it's useful

581

00:50:36,829 --> 00:50:34,319

um because we can get to them which

582

00:50:38,569 --> 00:50:36,839

I mean I know that's not the best reason

583

00:50:40,490 --> 00:50:38,579

to study something but it is important

584

00:50:43,370 --> 00:50:40,500

like getting a sample is very important

585

00:50:45,770 --> 00:50:43,380

and the cool thing about Marine

586

00:50:47,450 --> 00:50:45,780

sediments is that they're layered so if

587

00:50:49,250 --> 00:50:47,460

you want to run an experiment for a

588

00:50:51,109 --> 00:50:49,260

million years and I want to run an

589

00:50:53,690 --> 00:50:51,119

experiment from like I cannot tell you

590

00:50:56,150 --> 00:50:53,700

how badly I want to run an experiment

591

00:50:58,970 --> 00:50:56,160

for a million years but obviously I

592

00:51:01,670 --> 00:50:58,980

cannot but Marine sediments have already

593

00:51:05,210 --> 00:51:01,680

done it and so if you can be creative

594

00:51:07,970 --> 00:51:05,220

about how you sample them you can test

595

00:51:09,829 --> 00:51:07,980

hypotheses that have been run for a

596

00:51:12,650 --> 00:51:09,839

million years already

597

00:51:15,470 --> 00:51:12,660

that's why they're they're magical to me

598

00:51:18,470 --> 00:51:15,480

um so I want to tell you about the kind

599

00:51:21,109 --> 00:51:18,480

of life we find in them by talking about

600

00:51:23,390 --> 00:51:21,119

this first Great Expedition that we had

601  
00:51:25,309 --> 00:51:23,400  
off the coast of Peru with the ocean

602  
00:51:27,109 --> 00:51:25,319  
drilling program it was not the

603  
00:51:28,849 --> 00:51:27,119  
integrated ocean Discovery program back

604  
00:51:31,809 --> 00:51:28,859  
then it was ODP

605  
00:51:33,829 --> 00:51:31,819  
and it was the first sort of aseptic

606  
00:51:35,150 --> 00:51:33,839  
samples that we got from the deep

607  
00:51:37,549 --> 00:51:35,160  
subsurface

608  
00:51:40,010 --> 00:51:37,559  
and I'll show you what we got

609  
00:51:43,010 --> 00:51:40,020  
um with the simplistic not naming the

610  
00:51:45,829 --> 00:51:43,020  
microbes but I'll show them with boxes

611  
00:51:47,089 --> 00:51:45,839  
um so the dark blue boxes will be a

612  
00:51:48,170 --> 00:51:47,099  
strain of microbe that somebody else

613  
00:51:51,049 --> 00:51:48,180

discovered

614

00:51:52,490 --> 00:51:51,059

and the gradient to White will tell you

615

00:51:53,870 --> 00:51:52,500

how far away it is from something

616

00:51:55,430 --> 00:51:53,880

somebody's discovered so like the

617

00:51:57,349 --> 00:51:55,440

novelty of it if it's totally novel

618

00:51:58,670 --> 00:51:57,359

totally new phylum that's never been

619

00:52:01,309 --> 00:51:58,680

discovered before it'll be a white box

620

00:52:04,430 --> 00:52:01,319

and then shades of blue in between

621

00:52:06,470 --> 00:52:04,440

so what we caught with DNA sequences was

622

00:52:09,230 --> 00:52:06,480

a bunch of kind of light colored boxes

623

00:52:10,670 --> 00:52:09,240

this stuff was really new it was very

624

00:52:13,670 --> 00:52:10,680

much unlike anything we'd ever seen

625

00:52:15,530 --> 00:52:13,680

before this is what I did

626  
00:52:17,329 --> 00:52:15,540  
um probably almost exactly at where most

627  
00:52:19,370 --> 00:52:17,339  
of you guys are in your careers right

628  
00:52:21,710 --> 00:52:19,380  
now I was pulling these sequences out

629  
00:52:23,630 --> 00:52:21,720  
and using far less sophisticated

630  
00:52:25,430 --> 00:52:23,640  
bioinformatics at the time to figure out

631  
00:52:28,190 --> 00:52:25,440  
how closely related they were but it was

632  
00:52:31,609 --> 00:52:28,200  
we we didn't know we didn't know about

633  
00:52:34,190 --> 00:52:31,619  
this uncultured dominance of life like

634  
00:52:35,569 --> 00:52:34,200  
you guys do now we were finding it we

635  
00:52:38,089 --> 00:52:35,579  
were like what the hell is this stuff I

636  
00:52:39,890 --> 00:52:38,099  
don't know so obviously the first time

637  
00:52:41,750 --> 00:52:39,900  
you go to a place like this you want to

638  
00:52:43,370 --> 00:52:41,760

start culturing stuff and and this is

639

00:52:45,170 --> 00:52:43,380

low hanging fruit it's full of new stuff

640

00:52:47,270 --> 00:52:45,180

we should be able to grow it

641

00:52:49,130 --> 00:52:47,280

um so I'll show you the results of the

642

00:52:50,750 --> 00:52:49,140

growth experiments and every time they

643

00:52:52,609 --> 00:52:50,760

got one of these guys

644

00:52:54,410 --> 00:52:52,619

I'll show you

645

00:52:56,030 --> 00:52:54,420

um the new one underneath it and then

646

00:52:58,069 --> 00:52:56,040

any extra ones I'll show you off to the

647

00:52:59,089 --> 00:52:58,079

side so this is these are the ones of

648

00:53:01,930 --> 00:52:59,099

these that they caught when they

649

00:53:07,870 --> 00:53:05,390

do you see any overlap

650

00:53:10,309 --> 00:53:07,880

do you see any white boxes

651  
00:53:12,410 --> 00:53:10,319  
got the same thing that people always

652  
00:53:14,329 --> 00:53:12,420  
get and this is not to say that we

653  
00:53:15,530 --> 00:53:14,339  
shouldn't culture I really I really

654  
00:53:17,329 --> 00:53:15,540  
don't want to send that message at all

655  
00:53:19,430 --> 00:53:17,339  
that is the wrong message and there's a

656  
00:53:20,690 --> 00:53:19,440  
lot of novelty even in here just getting

657  
00:53:22,190 --> 00:53:20,700  
something that looks like something

658  
00:53:25,069 --> 00:53:22,200  
we've seen before out of the deep ocean

659  
00:53:26,690 --> 00:53:25,079  
is absolutely worthwhile but we were not

660  
00:53:28,309 --> 00:53:26,700  
catching these guys and there actually

661  
00:53:30,950 --> 00:53:28,319  
was another group that did this too and

662  
00:53:34,370 --> 00:53:30,960  
they got pretty much the same thing so

663  
00:53:36,470 --> 00:53:34,380

this this really hit home to me and is

664

00:53:38,990 --> 00:53:36,480

is one reason why I I really stick to

665

00:53:40,790 --> 00:53:39,000

this biomolecule stuff

666

00:53:42,109 --> 00:53:40,800

um we often call this stuff have you

667

00:53:44,270 --> 00:53:42,119

guys I'm sure you've heard this term

668

00:53:47,450 --> 00:53:44,280

microbial this is controversial does

669

00:53:49,990 --> 00:53:47,460

anybody hate that term no good

670

00:53:57,290 --> 00:53:50,000

accepting

671

00:54:04,130 --> 00:54:00,530

I I actually like this term because um

672

00:54:05,809 --> 00:54:04,140

uh what it's it signifies just how

673

00:54:07,609 --> 00:54:05,819

pervasive this stuff is it's just kind

674

00:54:10,430 --> 00:54:07,619

of like oh it's not like oh we found a

675

00:54:12,170 --> 00:54:10,440

new thing it's like this is the main

676  
00:54:14,750 --> 00:54:12,180  
thing and we don't know what it is but

677  
00:54:18,410 --> 00:54:14,760  
yeah in terms of total mass it is far

678  
00:54:22,730 --> 00:54:18,420  
far less than astronomical dark matter

679  
00:54:24,950 --> 00:54:22,740  
um so since then we did a study where we

680  
00:54:27,290 --> 00:54:24,960  
went through and pulled out Gene

681  
00:54:28,790 --> 00:54:27,300  
sequences from the subsurface and asked

682  
00:54:31,250 --> 00:54:28,800  
the same question for all of them like

683  
00:54:32,809 --> 00:54:31,260  
if we divide up like how many of the

684  
00:54:34,309 --> 00:54:32,819  
sequences that we find are closely

685  
00:54:36,589 --> 00:54:34,319  
related to a culture versus something

686  
00:54:38,030 --> 00:54:36,599  
else new entirely and then we sort of

687  
00:54:41,030 --> 00:54:38,040  
put them in categories

688  
00:54:44,089 --> 00:54:41,040

we find that this biggest pie wedge from

689

00:54:46,609 --> 00:54:44,099

terrestrial subsurface metagenomes is

690

00:54:48,950 --> 00:54:46,619

novel genetic class and then we get

691

00:54:50,390 --> 00:54:48,960

almost more than a third a novel phyla

692

00:54:52,430 --> 00:54:50,400

so they're really dominant in these

693

00:54:54,049 --> 00:54:52,440

environments that's the bacteria and

694

00:54:56,329 --> 00:54:54,059

that's the archaea

695

00:54:57,950 --> 00:54:56,339

um so it's not just it's not just that

696

00:54:59,510 --> 00:54:57,960

they're there and they're dominating

697

00:55:02,210 --> 00:54:59,520

diversity they're actually dominating

698

00:55:04,430 --> 00:55:02,220

the total biomass in these subsequences

699

00:55:07,670 --> 00:55:04,440

they're totally new stuff

700

00:55:10,069 --> 00:55:07,680

um and I my other soapbox about this

701  
00:55:12,230 --> 00:55:10,079  
is that even you know you can look at

702  
00:55:14,750 --> 00:55:12,240  
this little yellow pie wedge so this is

703  
00:55:16,730 --> 00:55:14,760  
a cultured organism this is done you can

704  
00:55:18,589 --> 00:55:16,740  
the things that fall into this pie wedge

705  
00:55:20,750 --> 00:55:18,599  
are things that you can order from a

706  
00:55:23,390 --> 00:55:20,760  
company and grow in your lab

707  
00:55:25,250 --> 00:55:23,400  
um however even these ones are probably

708  
00:55:26,569 --> 00:55:25,260  
going to act differently when we study

709  
00:55:28,549 --> 00:55:26,579  
them in the subsurface than when they

710  
00:55:31,190 --> 00:55:28,559  
grow in our Labs I mean if you if you

711  
00:55:34,309 --> 00:55:31,200  
were like a lion researcher which would

712  
00:55:36,829 --> 00:55:34,319  
be awesome but if you studied Lions only

713  
00:55:39,950 --> 00:55:36,839

in a zoo then you wouldn't you would be

714

00:55:42,589 --> 00:55:39,960

like lions their whole deal is that they

715

00:55:44,089 --> 00:55:42,599

eat little pre-packaged things of meat

716

00:55:45,829 --> 00:55:44,099

and cellophane and that would be your

717

00:55:47,390 --> 00:55:45,839

conclusion I mean that's stupid right we

718

00:55:49,910 --> 00:55:47,400

know they hunt and they kill live things

719

00:55:52,430 --> 00:55:49,920

out in nature but this is kind of like

720

00:55:54,470 --> 00:55:52,440

studying microbes in a zoo so even for

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00:55:56,150 --> 00:55:54,480

the for the cultured guys we still need

722

00:55:57,829 --> 00:55:56,160

to go out into nature and we still need

723

00:56:00,770 --> 00:55:57,839

to sample them where they are and see

724

00:56:02,809 --> 00:56:00,780

try to figure out how they live so

725

00:56:05,210 --> 00:56:02,819

apbox number I don't know what number

726

00:56:08,510 --> 00:56:05,220

I'm on now many

727

00:56:11,930 --> 00:56:08,520

if you take microbiology 101 which I now

728

00:56:14,750 --> 00:56:11,940

teach we call it 220 actually

729

00:56:17,210 --> 00:56:14,760

um but you know like your your basic

730

00:56:18,589 --> 00:56:17,220

microbiology class microbes grow in

731

00:56:21,410 --> 00:56:18,599

cultures that's how we learn about

732

00:56:23,030 --> 00:56:21,420

microbes and we know a lot about like

733

00:56:25,430 --> 00:56:23,040

what microbes do on this planet these

734

00:56:28,190 --> 00:56:25,440

are like basic truths

735

00:56:30,589 --> 00:56:28,200

I'm not saying they're not true but I'm

736

00:56:34,130 --> 00:56:30,599

saying this is a frame of reference I

737

00:56:36,230 --> 00:56:34,140

want all of you to not think of these

738

00:56:38,510 --> 00:56:36,240

things as necessarily true

739

00:56:40,670 --> 00:56:38,520

just

740

00:56:42,530 --> 00:56:40,680

life could be different than what we

741

00:56:44,089 --> 00:56:42,540

think and it could be that there are

742

00:56:46,190 --> 00:56:44,099

microbes that are never going to grow in

743

00:56:48,290 --> 00:56:46,200

culture and are not going to act like

744

00:56:50,030 --> 00:56:48,300

anything that we've seen before and we

745

00:56:53,510 --> 00:56:50,040

need to not limit ourselves especially

746

00:56:55,670 --> 00:56:53,520

as astrobiologists you know we can't

747

00:56:57,049 --> 00:56:55,680

think small-minded about this stuff

748

00:56:58,250 --> 00:56:57,059

because we'll miss something really

749

00:56:59,450 --> 00:56:58,260

important

750

00:57:00,049 --> 00:56:59,460

um so

751

00:57:01,430 --> 00:57:00,059

um

752

00:57:04,190 --> 00:57:01,440

so

753

00:57:07,010 --> 00:57:04,200

how how fast do these things grow in

754

00:57:09,109 --> 00:57:07,020

each sentiments that's that's this is

755

00:57:10,970 --> 00:57:09,119

part of the taking the lid off and

756

00:57:13,190 --> 00:57:10,980

seeing your frame of your implicit frame

757

00:57:14,870 --> 00:57:13,200

of reference that you may not have even

758

00:57:17,030 --> 00:57:14,880

realized you have

759

00:57:19,609 --> 00:57:17,040

um is when we think of microbes maybe we

760

00:57:22,370 --> 00:57:19,619

think fast because pathogens grow fast

761

00:57:24,829 --> 00:57:22,380

right you get sick pretty quickly

762

00:57:26,210 --> 00:57:24,839

um E coli for instance which we've all

763

00:57:28,069 --> 00:57:26,220

worked with certainly has a doubling

764

00:57:30,230 --> 00:57:28,079

time of 30 minutes it's not even the

765

00:57:31,490 --> 00:57:30,240

fastest micro but it's pretty fast but

766

00:57:32,990 --> 00:57:31,500

if you

767

00:57:34,309 --> 00:57:33,000

because we can work in Marine

768

00:57:36,049 --> 00:57:34,319

settlements we can do time scales

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00:57:38,089 --> 00:57:36,059

because we have these layers so we can

770

00:57:40,490 --> 00:57:38,099

actually measure the doubling time so if

771

00:57:42,890 --> 00:57:40,500

you look at sediments with these ages

772

00:57:43,910 --> 00:57:42,900

ranging from 100 years down to 5 000

773

00:57:52,010 --> 00:57:43,920

years

774

00:57:55,849 --> 00:57:52,020

and at the surface in 100 year old

775

00:57:58,549 --> 00:57:55,859

sediments it's still 0.1 year so this is

776

00:58:01,670 --> 00:57:58,559

like still very very slow compared to E

777

00:58:04,490 --> 00:58:01,680

coli but if you go down even further we

778

00:58:07,430 --> 00:58:04,500

get up to the tens of years and maybe

779

00:58:10,069 --> 00:58:07,440

100 years generation time

780

00:58:12,049 --> 00:58:10,079

um which you know

781

00:58:13,910 --> 00:58:12,059

we publish papers with these numbers in

782

00:58:16,430 --> 00:58:13,920

them all the time and we throw throw

783

00:58:18,049 --> 00:58:16,440

them around all the time but it's hard

784

00:58:19,549 --> 00:58:18,059

to wrap your brain around what it's like

785

00:58:20,329 --> 00:58:19,559

for a cell to actually live for that

786

00:58:22,069 --> 00:58:20,339

long

787

00:58:24,049 --> 00:58:22,079

um because this is a generation time

788

00:58:25,609 --> 00:58:24,059

this isn't necessarily dividing this

789

00:58:27,589 --> 00:58:25,619

could be just replacing itself like a

790

00:58:31,010 --> 00:58:27,599

turnover total carbon turnover for these

791

00:58:33,230 --> 00:58:31,020

cells so um so you know the number of

792

00:58:35,750 --> 00:58:33,240

cumulative Generations doesn't really

793

00:58:38,270 --> 00:58:35,760

increase at some point so what we have

794

00:58:40,670 --> 00:58:38,280

are a bunch of organisms that seem to

795

00:58:43,430 --> 00:58:40,680

just be hanging out for

796

00:58:48,289 --> 00:58:43,440

how how long can an individual live does

797

00:58:53,750 --> 00:58:51,049

one one

798

00:58:57,289 --> 00:58:53,760

I don't know nematode

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00:59:00,410 --> 00:58:59,329

does anybody have a feel like what do

800

00:59:05,750 --> 00:59:00,420

you think of when you think of a

801  
00:59:11,809 --> 00:59:07,370  
you guys are all astrobiologists you'll

802  
00:59:15,829 --> 00:59:13,670  
thousands yeah

803  
00:59:17,450 --> 00:59:15,839  
yeah I mean even saying like thousands

804  
00:59:19,849 --> 00:59:17,460  
or five thousand years for a lifespan

805  
00:59:22,309 --> 00:59:19,859  
for one thing is already like utre right

806  
00:59:25,190 --> 00:59:22,319  
that is really long like we have um

807  
00:59:26,990 --> 00:59:25,200  
Sequoias are what 300 Bristlecone Pines

808  
00:59:28,670 --> 00:59:27,000  
or maybe a thousand do you have a

809  
00:59:31,150 --> 00:59:28,680  
thought

810  
00:59:36,530 --> 00:59:31,160  
Aspens

811  
00:59:44,030 --> 00:59:39,829  
10 million how about

812  
00:59:46,490 --> 00:59:44,040  
does that but but even in right and so

813  
00:59:48,950 --> 00:59:46,500

those guys so it's like clonal right and

814

00:59:51,349 --> 00:59:48,960

then even like the Sequoia that's not

815

00:59:53,329 --> 00:59:51,359

clonal it still has that living tissue

816

00:59:55,370 --> 00:59:53,339

and the living tissue certainly like

817

00:59:58,609 --> 00:59:55,380

those cells a living cell doesn't last

818

01:00:01,309 --> 00:59:58,619

as long as the whole tree so

819

01:00:03,109 --> 01:00:01,319

yeah we've got things that what I'm

820

01:00:05,930 --> 01:00:03,119

saying are lasting for a hundred

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01:00:09,289 --> 01:00:05,940

thousand years one cell one like little

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01:00:12,349 --> 01:00:09,299

precious tiny little lipid sack is

823

01:00:14,690 --> 01:00:12,359

hanging out intact

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01:00:16,250 --> 01:00:14,700

for a hundred thousand years and I'm

825

01:00:18,170 --> 01:00:16,260

gonna venture to say also a million

826

01:00:21,650 --> 01:00:18,180

because why not

827

01:00:24,890 --> 01:00:21,660

and and I don't I don't know man like

828

01:00:27,170 --> 01:00:24,900

it's crazy but they might

829

01:00:28,309 --> 01:00:27,180

extra evidence for this because it's

830

01:00:31,370 --> 01:00:28,319

crazy

831

01:00:34,970 --> 01:00:31,380

Biz if you add up a total power so

832

01:00:37,130 --> 01:00:34,980

remember back to physics power is energy

833

01:00:38,569 --> 01:00:37,140

over time it's the flow rate of how much

834

01:00:40,789 --> 01:00:38,579

energy you can feed something because

835

01:00:43,970 --> 01:00:40,799

you can have a very nice Quantum of

836

01:00:46,190 --> 01:00:43,980

energy like you can a pizza will be just

837

01:00:47,690 --> 01:00:46,200

fine for me for a day but a pizza is not

838

01:00:50,569 --> 01:00:47,700

going to last me for my lifetime I'll

839

01:00:52,789 --> 01:00:50,579

die so the delivery rate of your food

840

01:00:54,470 --> 01:00:52,799

really matters so if you add up the

841

01:00:57,049 --> 01:00:54,480

total power per cell because we know

842

01:00:58,910 --> 01:00:57,059

pretty much how many cells there are out

843

01:01:01,190 --> 01:00:58,920

in in Marine sediments

844

01:01:03,289 --> 01:01:01,200

um this right here is the lowest

845

01:01:05,870 --> 01:01:03,299

measured power per cell that somebody

846

01:01:08,329 --> 01:01:05,880

has measured in a non-growing chemostat

847

01:01:09,770 --> 01:01:08,339

have you heard of retento stats I really

848

01:01:12,710 --> 01:01:09,780

love retento stats but people don't work

849

01:01:14,210 --> 01:01:12,720

in them a chemostat is a sort of a

850

01:01:16,430 --> 01:01:14,220

normal thing to do where you're passing

851  
01:01:17,750 --> 01:01:16,440  
fluids through a population and you have

852  
01:01:19,130 --> 01:01:17,760  
them grow at a certain rate and you're

853  
01:01:21,530 --> 01:01:19,140  
constantly feeding them and growing them

854  
01:01:23,809 --> 01:01:21,540  
a retentostat just has a filter at the

855  
01:01:25,190 --> 01:01:23,819  
end so you're not nothing is leaving so

856  
01:01:27,589 --> 01:01:25,200  
they're not regrowing so you just keep

857  
01:01:28,970 --> 01:01:27,599  
them there so in a retentive stat they

858  
01:01:30,890 --> 01:01:28,980  
get down to this extremely

859  
01:01:32,450 --> 01:01:30,900  
extraordinarily low power but then if

860  
01:01:34,549 --> 01:01:32,460  
you look if you integrate the total

861  
01:01:37,069 --> 01:01:34,559  
power available from sulfate reduction

862  
01:01:38,390 --> 01:01:37,079  
and from methanogenesis all underneath

863  
01:01:41,510 --> 01:01:38,400

the world's oceans

864

01:01:44,030 --> 01:01:41,520

it is orders of magnitude less than what

865

01:01:45,950 --> 01:01:44,040

it takes to just keep a cell going not

866

01:01:47,990 --> 01:01:45,960

growing growing is like way out here

867

01:01:51,170 --> 01:01:48,000

growing is not even on this chart this

868

01:01:54,710 --> 01:01:51,180

is just like existing so

869

01:01:57,049 --> 01:01:54,720

it's weird man it's real weird and and

870

01:01:59,510 --> 01:01:57,059

this is the reason I'm emphasizing this

871

01:02:01,789 --> 01:01:59,520

to you guys is that this means that

872

01:02:04,430 --> 01:02:01,799

there's basically a lot more energetic

873

01:02:06,950 --> 01:02:04,440

space for life in this universe than we

874

01:02:09,650 --> 01:02:06,960

think about in our daily lives we can we

875

01:02:11,990 --> 01:02:09,660

can imagine more for where life exists

876

01:02:14,690 --> 01:02:12,000

than you know

877

01:02:16,130 --> 01:02:14,700

just you know my dog and cat my kids and

878

01:02:17,630 --> 01:02:16,140

stuff

879

01:02:18,950 --> 01:02:17,640

um so

880

01:02:20,870 --> 01:02:18,960

um what we've learned from Marine

881

01:02:22,430 --> 01:02:20,880

sediments is that life in the subsurface

882

01:02:24,650 --> 01:02:22,440

may be fundamentally mentally different

883

01:02:27,230 --> 01:02:24,660

than what we've studied before

884

01:02:29,270 --> 01:02:27,240

and we can survive on much less power

885

01:02:30,890 --> 01:02:29,280

than we experience in the sub in the

886

01:02:33,049 --> 01:02:30,900

surface world

887

01:02:34,609 --> 01:02:33,059

and this Hundred Year lifespan thing

888

01:02:36,710 --> 01:02:34,619

which we're kind of intrinsically stuck

889

01:02:38,630 --> 01:02:36,720

within our brains is an assumption it's

890

01:02:39,289 --> 01:02:38,640

not a requirement

891

01:02:42,349 --> 01:02:39,299

um

892

01:02:45,109 --> 01:02:42,359

Okay so

893

01:02:47,690 --> 01:02:45,119

I want to switch gears how far on this

894

01:02:50,390 --> 01:02:47,700

I'm 37 minutes into this well no it's

895

01:02:51,770 --> 01:02:50,400

not quite 37 minutes

896

01:02:53,089 --> 01:02:51,780

I guess the bar is closed I can't tell

897

01:02:55,970 --> 01:02:53,099

you guys to get a drink

898

01:02:57,650 --> 01:02:55,980

does anybody need I'm gonna drink does

899

01:03:04,910 --> 01:02:57,660

anybody have a question before I go to

900

01:03:07,910 --> 01:03:05,589

cool

901  
01:03:11,030 --> 01:03:07,920  
like what's going on with like why

902  
01:03:12,950 --> 01:03:11,040  
they're but they photosynthesize oh

903  
01:03:13,910 --> 01:03:12,960  
that's a good one so for those of you

904  
01:03:15,650 --> 01:03:13,920  
who didn't hear that because the

905  
01:03:17,150 --> 01:03:15,660  
microphone wasn't there oh sorry why are

906  
01:03:18,829 --> 01:03:17,160  
there so many chloroflexy there are they

907  
01:03:20,990 --> 01:03:18,839  
adapted to the subsurface because they

908  
01:03:22,670 --> 01:03:21,000  
are photosynthesizers or at least

909  
01:03:25,809 --> 01:03:22,680  
phototrophic they are not all

910  
01:03:33,470 --> 01:03:30,230  
is a Genus within there's a lot but um

911  
01:03:34,789 --> 01:03:33,480  
the halogen nators I guess you could

912  
01:03:36,710 --> 01:03:34,799  
call them so

913  
01:03:38,030 --> 01:03:36,720

um that's where a lot of the chloroflexi

914

01:03:39,710 --> 01:03:38,040

research has been done just because

915

01:03:41,270 --> 01:03:39,720

that's funded because it's

916

01:03:42,770 --> 01:03:41,280

bioremediation because we use

917

01:03:43,789 --> 01:03:42,780

chlorinated compounds to clean planes

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01:03:46,010 --> 01:03:43,799

and stuff

919

01:03:47,690 --> 01:03:46,020

um so those are fascinating organisms in

920

01:03:50,329 --> 01:03:47,700

and of themselves but most of the

921

01:03:52,370 --> 01:03:50,339

chlorophy that we find are in our linear

922

01:03:54,589 --> 01:03:52,380

I don't know if you know that group it's

923

01:03:56,809 --> 01:03:54,599

not well cultured

924

01:04:00,890 --> 01:03:56,819

um we don't have any phototrophic genes

925

01:04:02,569 --> 01:04:00,900

in them but yeah there's a lot but I

926

01:04:04,190 --> 01:04:02,579

it's cool that you bring up the

927

01:04:05,569 --> 01:04:04,200

chloroflexy because they are one of the

928

01:04:07,910 --> 01:04:05,579

most mysterious

929

01:04:08,569 --> 01:04:07,920

phyla do you work on chloroflexy um I'm

930

01:04:11,870 --> 01:04:08,579

working

931

01:04:13,130 --> 01:04:11,880

uh steam vents and like I'm in uh

932

01:04:14,630 --> 01:04:13,140

Jimmy's laws group so we do a lot of

933

01:04:16,549 --> 01:04:14,640

thermophiles and stuff

934

01:04:18,770 --> 01:04:16,559

um yeah yeah

935

01:04:20,569 --> 01:04:18,780

um so chlorofloxacy keep popping up and

936

01:04:22,010 --> 01:04:20,579

there's a lot of them and I just keep

937

01:04:23,630 --> 01:04:22,020

looking at my genomes and I'm like yeah

938

01:04:25,609 --> 01:04:23,640

so the study that we did where we

939

01:04:27,710 --> 01:04:25,619

Quantified the uncultured things all

940

01:04:32,329 --> 01:04:27,720

around the world of all the we looked at

941

01:04:34,190 --> 01:04:32,339

all environments it the only clade that

942

01:04:35,750 --> 01:04:34,200

showed up in the most uncultured that

943

01:04:38,390 --> 01:04:35,760

showed up as sorry as one of the most

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01:04:40,849 --> 01:04:38,400

abundant clades in every environment

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01:04:45,289 --> 01:04:40,859

you know animal guts engineered places

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01:04:47,690 --> 01:04:45,299

human guts snow everything was annaolini

947

01:04:49,430 --> 01:04:47,700

it's that chlorophy group like

948

01:04:51,230 --> 01:04:49,440

everything else like shifts and you have

949

01:04:53,150 --> 01:04:51,240

some things in some places but

950

01:04:54,950 --> 01:04:53,160

annerolini I don't know if that's how

951  
01:04:58,130 --> 01:04:54,960  
you pronounce it they're everywhere they

952  
01:05:02,870 --> 01:04:58,140  
drive me nuts I don't know what they do

953  
01:05:02,880 --> 01:05:11,329  
this microphone javelin's a bad idea

954  
01:05:15,530 --> 01:05:13,010  
um do you think it's just the the

955  
01:05:17,450 --> 01:05:15,540  
doubling time or is it nutrients and

956  
01:05:19,069 --> 01:05:17,460  
potentially like physical structure

957  
01:05:20,990 --> 01:05:19,079  
that's a problem for culturing microbes

958  
01:05:22,250 --> 01:05:21,000  
in the sediments oh why don't we get

959  
01:05:22,970 --> 01:05:22,260  
cultures

960  
01:05:25,309 --> 01:05:22,980  
um

961  
01:05:27,950 --> 01:05:25,319  
I wish I knew that I think it's all

962  
01:05:29,690 --> 01:05:27,960  
those things I mean it's like

963  
01:05:32,770 --> 01:05:29,700

if you think about what culturing is

964

01:05:35,450 --> 01:05:32,780

it's Limitless access to Abundant

965

01:05:37,309 --> 01:05:35,460

substrate which is a problem if you

966

01:05:39,230 --> 01:05:37,319

don't have like running your metabolism

967

01:05:41,150 --> 01:05:39,240

really hot is actually dangerous for a

968

01:05:42,950 --> 01:05:41,160

cell and those of us who run at a very

969

01:05:44,930 --> 01:05:42,960

high level like have all kinds of

970

01:05:46,970 --> 01:05:44,940

reactive oxygen species defenses and

971

01:05:49,069 --> 01:05:46,980

things like that but if you're not set

972

01:05:51,230 --> 01:05:49,079

up to go fast then being forced to go

973

01:05:53,210 --> 01:05:51,240

fast can kill you so that's one thing

974

01:05:55,370 --> 01:05:53,220

too much too much food you need your

975

01:05:58,670 --> 01:05:55,380

friends you need your enemies you need

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01:06:00,049 --> 01:05:58,680

vitamins you need minerals that you're

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01:06:01,849 --> 01:06:00,059

lacking you need them in the right

978

01:06:03,650 --> 01:06:01,859

crystalline structure

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01:06:04,309 --> 01:06:03,660

pressure

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01:06:06,049 --> 01:06:04,319

um

981

01:06:07,849 --> 01:06:06,059

I don't know if it's self-congratulatory

982

01:06:11,450 --> 01:06:07,859

to talk about my TED talk but I gave

983

01:06:16,670 --> 01:06:14,210

whatever it happened I um

984

01:06:19,250 --> 01:06:16,680

I gave this Ted talk about culturing

985

01:06:21,829 --> 01:06:19,260

things in the deep sea and I get an

986

01:06:23,270 --> 01:06:21,839

email like probably it's slowed down now

987

01:06:24,770 --> 01:06:23,280

but it was like hot and heavy when the

988

01:06:26,510 --> 01:06:24,780

first thing came out thing first came

989

01:06:27,590 --> 01:06:26,520

out somebody being like have you

990

01:06:29,470 --> 01:06:27,600

considered pressure

991

01:06:32,210 --> 01:06:29,480

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992

01:06:34,430 --> 01:06:32,220

yes I've considered pressure it's like I

993

01:06:36,109 --> 01:06:34,440

forgot to mention it in the talk but

994

01:06:37,430 --> 01:06:36,119

um people are thinking it's good there's

995

01:06:39,109 --> 01:06:37,440

a lot there's a lot of reasons why

996

01:06:44,750 --> 01:06:39,119

things are not on culture but I I think

997

01:06:50,150 --> 01:06:47,690

uh hypothetical I think I guess

998

01:06:51,589 --> 01:06:50,160

philosophical question do you think a

999

01:06:54,710 --> 01:06:51,599

cell could

1000

01:06:56,089 --> 01:06:54,720

possibly never die or is it possible

1001

01:06:58,609 --> 01:06:56,099

that the lifespan could just be

1002

01:07:00,049 --> 01:06:58,619

essentially infinite we have a we have a

1003

01:07:01,250 --> 01:07:00,059

limiter on that

1004

01:07:05,870 --> 01:07:01,260

and it's

1005

01:07:10,430 --> 01:07:08,089

but that's it I mean but that's a huge I

1006

01:07:12,650 --> 01:07:10,440

mean that's a lot to play with and then

1007

01:07:14,029 --> 01:07:12,660

if you if you invoke panspermia which I

1008

01:07:15,950 --> 01:07:14,039

don't know if you know this theory that

1009

01:07:18,410 --> 01:07:15,960

life formed outside of which I wanted to

1010

01:07:22,609 --> 01:07:18,420

switch to pan ovia but then I don't know

1011

01:07:24,650 --> 01:07:22,619

whatever pan pan movie of

1012

01:07:26,750 --> 01:07:24,660

um of life then you know you could have

1013

01:07:28,309 --> 01:07:26,760

a living cell that was like when the

1014

01:07:29,690 --> 01:07:28,319

Milwaukee and period on Mars was you

1015

01:07:32,029 --> 01:07:29,700

probably know better than me like five

1016

01:07:34,609 --> 01:07:32,039

billion years ago six

1017

01:07:36,650 --> 01:07:34,619

anyway Mars is older than Earth so

1018

01:07:37,730 --> 01:07:36,660

that may be our limiter I don't know but

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01:07:42,770 --> 01:07:37,740

that's crazy

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01:07:46,970 --> 01:07:44,930

so you mentioned about um the abundance

1021

01:07:48,049 --> 01:07:46,980

of centrifuge in the Deep subsurface

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01:07:49,010 --> 01:07:48,059

communities

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01:07:50,329 --> 01:07:49,020

um do you think

1024

01:07:52,069 --> 01:07:50,339

um are there any like interesting

1025

01:07:53,510 --> 01:07:52,079

patterns in the distribution of like

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01:07:59,150 --> 01:07:53,520

microbes that are typically associated

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01:08:03,349 --> 01:08:01,309

um or is it always just nutrient

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01:08:05,510 --> 01:08:03,359

limitation you mean like physically

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01:08:10,789 --> 01:08:05,520

where cells sit really to each other do

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01:08:15,890 --> 01:08:13,250

yeah like do we see more Center fees in

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01:08:17,150 --> 01:08:15,900

some areas and then others um I don't I

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01:08:19,309 --> 01:08:17,160

don't think we have that kind of

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01:08:20,930 --> 01:08:19,319

knowledge like that resolution like you

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01:08:23,150 --> 01:08:20,940

could maybe do that project but I don't

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01:08:25,370 --> 01:08:23,160

think we have that like just concluding

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01:08:29,749 --> 01:08:25,380

centrifuge from like the transcription of

1037

01:08:36,950 --> 01:08:29,759

some genes is already kind of sketch so

1038

01:08:42,229 --> 01:08:39,289

okay hi I really like your talk so far

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01:08:45,169 --> 01:08:42,239

uh so I I haven't done research in the

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01:08:46,070 --> 01:08:45,179

Deep subsurface as well and so you had a

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01:08:48,530 --> 01:08:46,080

slide that showed the different

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01:08:50,090 --> 01:08:48,540

adaptations for the subsurface microbes

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01:08:52,430 --> 01:08:50,100

and I think you mentioned that you had

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01:08:55,430 --> 01:08:52,440

transcriptomic data genomic data yeah

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01:08:57,229 --> 01:08:55,440

metabolomic data so it's a lot of data

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01:08:59,329 --> 01:08:57,239

um and I only work with

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01:09:01,010 --> 01:08:59,339

um genomic data and already I'm so

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01:09:03,590 --> 01:09:01,020

overwhelmed by the different things that

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01:09:05,090 --> 01:09:03,600

I can analyze so I was just curious I

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01:09:06,349 --> 01:09:05,100

mean I could read the paper but you're

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01:09:07,990 --> 01:09:06,359

here now

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01:09:10,090 --> 01:09:08,000

um how do you

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01:09:16,370 --> 01:09:10,100

how do you

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01:09:18,169 --> 01:09:16,380

mess of data yeah and how does it

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01:09:20,450 --> 01:09:18,179

compare so you mentioned DNA repair

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01:09:22,370 --> 01:09:20,460

mechanisms and all of this like how does

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01:09:24,769 --> 01:09:22,380

that compare to the terrestrial

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01:09:25,849 --> 01:09:24,779

counterparts yeah that's those are

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01:09:26,930 --> 01:09:25,859

really good questions I mean I think

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01:09:29,090 --> 01:09:26,940

this is something that we all face

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01:09:31,729 --> 01:09:29,100

there's like in every project and I've

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01:09:33,709 --> 01:09:31,739

seen it happen to all my students you

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01:09:35,689 --> 01:09:33,719

work so hard to get that giant data set

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01:09:37,729 --> 01:09:35,699

and then you get it and you're like what

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01:09:39,950 --> 01:09:37,739

do I do with this fire of information

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01:09:41,809 --> 01:09:39,960

and it's not like how you analyze it

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01:09:43,010 --> 01:09:41,819

there's no prescribed path through it

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01:09:44,150 --> 01:09:43,020

which I think is a wonderful thing

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01:09:45,530 --> 01:09:44,160

because it means somebody could take

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01:09:47,329 --> 01:09:45,540

your same data set and draw completely

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01:09:49,490 --> 01:09:47,339

different conclusions from it but in the

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01:09:51,110 --> 01:09:49,500

case of the stuff I was talking about we

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01:09:53,689 --> 01:09:51,120

started with our smallest data set and

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01:09:54,830 --> 01:09:53,699

our most valuable so we did metabolites

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01:09:56,450 --> 01:09:54,840

which

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01:09:58,550 --> 01:09:56,460

if you haven't worked with these this is

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01:10:00,890 --> 01:09:58,560

like you do liquid chromatography

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01:10:02,750 --> 01:10:00,900

coupled to mass spectrometry coupled to

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01:10:04,790 --> 01:10:02,760

another Mass spectrometry to sort of

1080

01:10:06,350 --> 01:10:04,800

spread things out and get monomers so

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01:10:08,570 --> 01:10:06,360

you can basically get things at the

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01:10:10,850 --> 01:10:08,580

amino as like monomeric amino acid level

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01:10:13,250 --> 01:10:10,860

and you kind of get what you you get and

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01:10:15,050 --> 01:10:13,260

so I I only did it because my buddy does

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01:10:17,030 --> 01:10:15,060

this like down the hall and he was like

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01:10:18,650 --> 01:10:17,040

let me put some of your weird samples in

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01:10:20,090 --> 01:10:18,660

the machine and I was like that's insane

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01:10:21,649 --> 01:10:20,100

because you're just going to get the

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01:10:23,630 --> 01:10:21,659

organic matter that's around like the

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01:10:25,430 --> 01:10:23,640

stuff is not necessarily connected to

1091

01:10:26,570 --> 01:10:25,440

the living microbes and he's like let's

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01:10:27,770 --> 01:10:26,580

just try it

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01:10:30,290 --> 01:10:27,780

and

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01:10:32,030 --> 01:10:30,300

he was like it totally failed it didn't

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01:10:33,649 --> 01:10:32,040

work and I was like well yeah nothing

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01:10:35,390 --> 01:10:33,659

ever works in the subsurface it doesn't

1097

01:10:38,930 --> 01:10:35,400

surprise me but he was like I only got

1098

01:10:43,130 --> 01:10:38,940

20 metabolites and I was like 20s a lot

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01:10:45,169 --> 01:10:43,140

so we took our 20 and just backed off of

1100

01:10:47,510 --> 01:10:45,179

them we said okay we've got nicotinate

1101

01:10:49,490 --> 01:10:47,520

and I I was like what in the world is

1102

01:10:50,750 --> 01:10:49,500

like I Googled it I was like what is

1103

01:10:52,850 --> 01:10:50,760

this and what is it used for and it's

1104

01:10:55,490 --> 01:10:52,860

like oh it's a precursor to NAD and then

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01:10:57,470 --> 01:10:55,500

we also had quinlanate it's like never

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01:11:00,050 --> 01:10:57,480

heard of that organ of that that

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01:11:01,430 --> 01:11:00,060

compound before and it's also an

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01:11:03,290 --> 01:11:01,440

intermediate in the pathway for the

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01:11:04,729 --> 01:11:03,300

creation of NAD and so then because we

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01:11:07,189 --> 01:11:04,739

had the transcripts we were able to say

1111

01:11:09,530 --> 01:11:07,199

who is producing the biosynthetic

1112

01:11:12,530 --> 01:11:09,540

pathways for these molecules that we see

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01:11:14,570 --> 01:11:12,540

and so that was a nice way to do a data

1114

01:11:16,189 --> 01:11:14,580

reduction those may not be the most

1115

01:11:18,470 --> 01:11:16,199

important stories in those

1116

01:11:20,149 --> 01:11:18,480

ecosystems in fact they probably are not

1117

01:11:22,310 --> 01:11:20,159

right like we probably missed the

1118

01:11:24,350 --> 01:11:22,320

biggest story that's there

1119

01:11:25,729 --> 01:11:24,360

but that was just the one we found I

1120

01:11:28,450 --> 01:11:25,739

don't know if that's helpful that's

1121

01:11:30,530 --> 01:11:28,460

super helpful metabolomics are great

1122

01:11:32,149 --> 01:11:30,540

they can be great they can be confusing

1123

01:11:34,070 --> 01:11:32,159

too but but it's also like when you're

1124

01:11:35,510 --> 01:11:34,080

dealing with a gigantic data set like I

1125

01:11:37,250 --> 01:11:35,520

guess just don't worry about getting the

1126

01:11:39,410 --> 01:11:37,260

perfect story like if you can find that

1127

01:11:40,910 --> 01:11:39,420

it says something like run with it

1128

01:11:41,770 --> 01:11:40,920

and publish it so we can know about it

1129

01:11:48,590 --> 01:11:41,780

too

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01:11:53,510 --> 01:11:50,630

um hi thank you for your talk I you talk

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01:11:54,830 --> 01:11:53,520

about these cells that live for hundreds

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01:11:57,290 --> 01:11:54,840

of thousands of years or like millions

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01:11:59,570 --> 01:11:57,300

of years or billions of years but maybe

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01:12:01,370 --> 01:11:59,580

philosophically speaking what do you

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01:12:04,070 --> 01:12:01,380

consider to be an individual like when

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01:12:06,890 --> 01:12:04,080

all the bioplasts kind of re like you

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01:12:09,169 --> 01:12:06,900

know like we

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01:12:10,970 --> 01:12:09,179

regenerate or whatever recycles thank

1139

01:12:12,709 --> 01:12:10,980

you is it the same um is that still the

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01:12:14,870 --> 01:12:12,719

same individual like how do you work

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01:12:16,610 --> 01:12:14,880

around that yeah I don't know I mean I

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01:12:18,470 --> 01:12:16,620

guess that is a truly philosophical

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01:12:21,770 --> 01:12:18,480

question there's like the philosophical

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01:12:23,090 --> 01:12:21,780

point about like my grandfather's ax do

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01:12:24,530 --> 01:12:23,100

you know about my grandfather's acts

1146

01:12:26,209 --> 01:12:24,540

there's something in like this is my

1147

01:12:28,070 --> 01:12:26,219

grandfather's ax it's you know he had it

1148

01:12:29,810 --> 01:12:28,080

and it's like well the I replaced the

1149

01:12:31,070 --> 01:12:29,820

blade a little while ago well I replaced

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01:12:32,810 --> 01:12:31,080

the handle a little while ago I replace

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01:12:34,729 --> 01:12:32,820

the like the leather strapping on it

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01:12:37,010 --> 01:12:34,739

it's like okay no molecule of that ax

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01:12:38,870 --> 01:12:37,020

was ever held by your grandfather but

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01:12:40,610 --> 01:12:38,880

it's my grandfather's ax so then that

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01:12:41,810 --> 01:12:40,620

that's a purely philosophical question

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01:12:43,189 --> 01:12:41,820

but I think there's a second

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01:12:44,930 --> 01:12:43,199

philosophical question which I find

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01:12:47,149 --> 01:12:44,940

interesting which is what is an

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01:12:48,649 --> 01:12:47,159

individual which is what you said first

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01:12:51,709 --> 01:12:48,659

which is like

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01:12:53,330 --> 01:12:51,719

when we talk about microbes we tend to

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01:12:54,890 --> 01:12:53,340

talk about the individual as a

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01:12:57,110 --> 01:12:54,900

collection of cells we talk about a

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01:12:58,990 --> 01:12:57,120

strain you know we don't talk about a

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01:13:02,510 --> 01:12:59,000

cell like an individual cell is

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01:13:04,130 --> 01:13:02,520

pointless in in real normal microbiology

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01:13:06,950 --> 01:13:04,140

because they're constantly regenerating

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01:13:08,810 --> 01:13:06,960

and we have cell lines and stuff but in

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01:13:11,390 --> 01:13:08,820

this environment where you can't have a

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01:13:13,010 --> 01:13:11,400

cell line suddenly the individual takes

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01:13:15,350 --> 01:13:13,020

on great importance

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01:13:17,870 --> 01:13:15,360

this is almost akin to like our lives

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01:13:20,090 --> 01:13:17,880

like we care about an individual dying

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01:13:22,490 --> 01:13:20,100

and we don't care about a cell of a

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01:13:28,729 --> 01:13:22,500

microbe dying ever makes research a lot

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01:13:34,510 --> 01:13:30,290

should I continue

1177

01:13:37,250 --> 01:13:34,520

okay if you're bored take a nap

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01:13:38,990 --> 01:13:37,260

it's warm in here I gave a talk once on

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01:13:41,030 --> 01:13:39,000

a ship and everybody fell asleep it

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01:13:42,470 --> 01:13:41,040

actually happened it was nice they

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01:13:45,290 --> 01:13:42,480

looked very comfortable so I just kept

1182

01:13:51,229 --> 01:13:49,370

so now that we know that we've got all

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01:13:52,790 --> 01:13:51,239

this weird stuff down there

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01:13:55,550 --> 01:13:52,800

um

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01:13:57,350 --> 01:13:55,560

how you know how can you sustain a

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01:13:58,669 --> 01:13:57,360

subsurface biosphere we know that there

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01:14:00,770 --> 01:13:58,679

aren't a bunch of plants at the surface

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01:14:02,890 --> 01:14:00,780

of these other planetary bodies but can

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01:14:05,330 --> 01:14:02,900

we work on this planet where we are

1190

01:14:07,610 --> 01:14:05,340

blessed with all these wonderful plants

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01:14:10,130 --> 01:14:07,620

up here and find things that are

1192

01:14:12,050 --> 01:14:10,140

independent of that dominant signal and

1193

01:14:14,030 --> 01:14:12,060

so one this isn't the only way to go

1194

01:14:15,350 --> 01:14:14,040

about this hopefully you're a room full

1195

01:14:17,630 --> 01:14:15,360

of people who will find other ways to

1196

01:14:19,790 --> 01:14:17,640

answer this question too but

1197

01:14:21,229 --> 01:14:19,800

um one way that my colleagues and I

1198

01:14:23,570 --> 01:14:21,239

thought of doing this is to go to a

1199

01:14:26,450 --> 01:14:23,580

subduction zone which are fascinating

1200

01:14:28,669 --> 01:14:26,460

geological places because in a case of

1201

01:14:30,770 --> 01:14:28,679

an ocean Continental subduction zone you

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01:14:33,229 --> 01:14:30,780

have an oceanic tectonic plate that

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01:14:35,750 --> 01:14:33,239

basically just gets shoved very slowly

1204

01:14:37,970 --> 01:14:35,760

into a continental tectonic plate an

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01:14:39,709 --> 01:14:37,980

oceanic plate is just denser than

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01:14:41,390 --> 01:14:39,719

continental plate so it sinks and it

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01:14:43,250 --> 01:14:41,400

goes down and this is one of the major

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01:14:45,890 --> 01:14:43,260

ways that we get recycling between the

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01:14:47,270 --> 01:14:45,900

deep Earth and the surface Earth but

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01:14:49,070 --> 01:14:47,280

what also happens

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01:14:51,649 --> 01:14:49,080

is that you get this build up this

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01:14:54,050 --> 01:14:51,659

bunching up in the forearc so this is

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01:14:56,810 --> 01:14:54,060

the ocean plate going down that pushes

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01:15:00,110 --> 01:14:56,820

water out of all these areas and if you

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01:15:01,850 --> 01:15:00,120

draw this 150 degrees C isotherm which

1216

01:15:03,350 --> 01:15:01,860

is kind of the limit of Life although I

1217

01:15:05,390 --> 01:15:03,360

definitely won't say that because it

1218

01:15:06,770 --> 01:15:05,400

could be much higher but currently you

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01:15:09,050 --> 01:15:06,780

know we think that it life has to be

1220

01:15:11,270 --> 01:15:09,060

under this value there's actually a lot

1221

01:15:13,430 --> 01:15:11,280

of real estate in here that's probably

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01:15:16,790 --> 01:15:13,440

getting fleshed out passively by these

1223

01:15:19,189 --> 01:15:16,800

hot springs and um so we thought you

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01:15:21,169 --> 01:15:19,199

know it'd be nice to drill 10 million

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01:15:23,510 --> 01:15:21,179

dollar boreholes all the way across this

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01:15:25,189 --> 01:15:23,520

entire thing but there is literally no

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01:15:26,810 --> 01:15:25,199

one who will ever fund me to do that and

1228

01:15:29,930 --> 01:15:26,820

also I don't want to get a permit to

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01:15:31,729 --> 01:15:29,940

drill holes all over Costa Rica so we

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01:15:35,450 --> 01:15:31,739

use these Hot Springs as like passive

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01:15:37,070 --> 01:15:35,460

sampling ports and um this is uh the

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01:15:38,630 --> 01:15:37,080

most interdisciplinary collaborative

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01:15:40,910 --> 01:15:38,640

group of people that I possibly work

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01:15:42,950 --> 01:15:40,920

with and this is not everybody who's

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01:15:45,169 --> 01:15:42,960

involved but I just want to thank them

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01:15:48,290 --> 01:15:45,179

up front originally these are my lab

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01:15:50,510 --> 01:15:48,300

crew TJ Rogers is going to turn in his

1238

01:15:52,750 --> 01:15:50,520

dissertation in a week and a half he is

1239

01:15:57,110 --> 01:15:52,760

texting me constantly

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01:16:00,470 --> 01:15:58,790

um and then Joy's finished up and and

1241

01:16:02,209 --> 01:16:00,480

Kate did her Masters and she did

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01:16:04,130 --> 01:16:02,219

wonderful work on this and then we had

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01:16:06,110 --> 01:16:04,140

all these International collaborators

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01:16:08,689 --> 01:16:06,120

from all over the place some of whom

1245

01:16:10,970 --> 01:16:08,699

y'all probably know including lots of

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01:16:12,350 --> 01:16:10,980

people in Costa Rica because that is

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01:16:13,970 --> 01:16:12,360

where science has to come from when

1248

01:16:15,890 --> 01:16:13,980

you're doing work on you know I started

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01:16:17,630 --> 01:16:15,900

out in oceanography and you just go to

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01:16:19,790 --> 01:16:17,640

oceans and drop things in them because

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01:16:21,830 --> 01:16:19,800

it's all big oceans but when you're

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01:16:22,910 --> 01:16:21,840

working on land you do not go in a

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01:16:24,530 --> 01:16:22,920

country that is not your country and

1254

01:16:27,169 --> 01:16:24,540

take samples which I'm sure you all know

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01:16:29,330 --> 01:16:27,179

but um it's not just is it morally wrong

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01:16:30,350 --> 01:16:29,340

but you miss the local knowledge you

1257

01:16:32,149 --> 01:16:30,360

miss the understanding of what's

1258

01:16:34,370 --> 01:16:32,159

actually happening there so this is

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01:16:37,189 --> 01:16:34,380

driven largely by my colleagues in Costa

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01:16:40,729 --> 01:16:37,199

Rica so we sampled this is pretty much

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01:16:41,990 --> 01:16:40,739

the whole country of Costa Rica so you

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01:16:44,030 --> 01:16:42,000

can see we covered some pretty good

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01:16:46,550 --> 01:16:44,040

ground this is their line of volcanoes

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01:16:49,430 --> 01:16:46,560

volcanoes pop up because this down going

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01:16:50,870 --> 01:16:49,440

plate basically runs into mantle and all

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01:16:53,330 --> 01:16:50,880

the water that on this down going plate

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01:16:54,830 --> 01:16:53,340

exalts the mantle and makes it sort

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01:16:55,910 --> 01:16:54,840

of have this runaway liquidification

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01:16:58,070 --> 01:16:55,920

that

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01:17:00,830 --> 01:16:58,080

shows up in volcanoes

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01:17:03,290 --> 01:17:00,840

and our idea was to sample all

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01:17:04,970 --> 01:17:03,300

these red dots or hot springs and see if

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01:17:06,770 --> 01:17:04,980

we could get a difference in the

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01:17:09,470 --> 01:17:06,780

progression of the subsurface biosphere

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01:17:11,570 --> 01:17:09,480

is it moves from early subduction into

1276

01:17:13,010 --> 01:17:11,580

the volcanoes and late subduction and

1277

01:17:17,930 --> 01:17:13,020

just to show you what some of the sites

1278

01:17:22,010 --> 01:17:20,689

Spanish speakers I apologize I'm trying

1279

01:17:25,729 --> 01:17:22,020

to learn a language and I'm really bad

1280

01:17:28,850 --> 01:17:25,739

at it but there was all this uh iron uh

1281

01:17:30,470 --> 01:17:28,860

oxidate uh iron ferry hydroxides that

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01:17:32,570 --> 01:17:30,480

were produced from these subsurface

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01:17:34,370 --> 01:17:32,580

microbes so we're sampling gases there's

1284

01:17:36,410 --> 01:17:34,380

gases bubbling out of here but it's at

1285

01:17:38,810 --> 01:17:36,420

the edge of a river so we're fighting

1286

01:17:41,630 --> 01:17:38,820

the surface stuff all the time some of

1287

01:17:43,550 --> 01:17:41,640

the samples look like this boiling mud

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01:17:45,770 --> 01:17:43,560

pots so this is looking quite

1289

01:17:47,390 --> 01:17:45,780

inhospitable for science

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01:17:49,130 --> 01:17:47,400

whatever I don't have to point to that

1291

01:17:51,169 --> 01:17:49,140

it's in the picture

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01:17:53,810 --> 01:17:51,179

um and some of them were in the middle

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01:17:55,910 --> 01:17:53,820

of volcanoes so this is pois volcano

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01:18:00,290 --> 01:17:55,920

which is um this Caldera you can tell

1295

01:18:02,450 --> 01:18:00,300

that it erupts a lot obviously because

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01:18:04,610 --> 01:18:02,460

okay you see Department there are trees

1297

01:18:07,310 --> 01:18:04,620

right I don't have to laser point to it

1298

01:18:09,470 --> 01:18:07,320

oh I can point like this all around this

1299

01:18:11,330 --> 01:18:09,480

this Central so this right here this eye

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01:18:13,310 --> 01:18:11,340

of it is basically the throat of the

1301

01:18:14,750 --> 01:18:13,320

volcano this is the part where um the

1302

01:18:16,370 --> 01:18:14,760

eruptions start

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01:18:18,830 --> 01:18:16,380

um and you can see that it erupts a lot

1304

01:18:20,090 --> 01:18:18,840

because the plants would love to use all

1305

01:18:21,830 --> 01:18:20,100

this good iron

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01:18:23,689 --> 01:18:21,840

um but they can't because every time

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01:18:25,550 --> 01:18:23,699

they get in there they get blown up

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01:18:28,430 --> 01:18:25,560

um so this is me sampling next to this

1309

01:18:30,890 --> 01:18:28,440

Lake I am so this is Donato he's reading

1310

01:18:33,830 --> 01:18:30,900

the numbers out to me and it was 0.85 pH

1311

01:18:36,229 --> 01:18:33,840

this is very very acidic um basically

1312

01:18:38,689 --> 01:18:36,239

sulfuric acid then you can see the fumes

1313

01:18:40,130 --> 01:18:38,699

this is a very uncomfortable picture the

1314

01:18:43,430 --> 01:18:40,140

ground is

1315

01:18:46,850 --> 01:18:43,440

um 100 degrees Celsius and it's really

1316

01:18:50,090 --> 01:18:46,860

like bad Rock so if you slip you fall

1317

01:18:51,770 --> 01:18:50,100

into a battery acid lake so but the most

1318

01:18:53,590 --> 01:18:51,780

dangerous things about volcanoes is

1319

01:18:57,590 --> 01:18:53,600

about

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01:18:58,250 --> 01:18:57,600

54 56 days after we were in it

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01:19:01,570 --> 01:18:58,260

um

1322

01:19:05,649 --> 01:19:03,950

so that you can see the shore where I

1323

01:19:08,570 --> 01:19:05,659

was it was like right there

1324

01:19:10,189 --> 01:19:08,580

and you can look as it continues

1325

01:19:11,870 --> 01:19:10,199

erupting it's not like it just blows up

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01:19:14,030 --> 01:19:11,880

once you can see this stuff kind of

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01:19:16,130 --> 01:19:14,040

shooting out here again you should be

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01:19:17,270 --> 01:19:16,140

able to see it and it's like if that

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01:19:18,229 --> 01:19:17,280

happened while you were there there's

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01:19:19,970 --> 01:19:18,239

some more

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01:19:23,450 --> 01:19:19,980

if that happened while you're there it's

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01:19:25,430 --> 01:19:23,460

like you would go up and down then you

1333

01:19:27,649 --> 01:19:25,440

go up again then you get a bunch of

1334

01:19:29,510 --> 01:19:27,659

rocks on your head

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01:19:31,850 --> 01:19:29,520

it would be very bad

1336

01:19:32,570 --> 01:19:31,860

um my colleague one of my colleagues

1337

01:19:34,010 --> 01:19:32,580

um

1338

01:19:36,830 --> 01:19:34,020

one of my

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01:19:39,229 --> 01:19:36,840

worst decision-making colleagues send us

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01:19:41,810 --> 01:19:39,239

videos from that Creator the day before

1341

01:19:44,570 --> 01:19:41,820

this and it was like the ground was like

1342

01:19:46,850 --> 01:19:44,580

popping in front of him oh

1343

01:19:49,450 --> 01:19:46,860

he's not I got other colleagues who are

1344

01:19:53,510 --> 01:19:52,250

he's I worry about I worry about that

1345

01:19:54,229 --> 01:19:53,520

guy

1346

01:19:56,330 --> 01:19:54,239

um

1347

01:19:58,010 --> 01:19:56,340

but you know it's fun to go in these

1348

01:19:59,630 --> 01:19:58,020

dangerous places but we also have to

1349

01:20:01,550 --> 01:19:59,640

mitigate our danger I don't know I I've

1350

01:20:03,709 --> 01:20:01,560

got kids I don't I don't do this stuff

1351

01:20:05,450 --> 01:20:03,719

if it had been nasty like that I would

1352

01:20:06,410 --> 01:20:05,460

not have gone in any time around this

1353

01:20:08,590 --> 01:20:06,420

area

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01:20:11,390 --> 01:20:08,600

um I just went in because it was such a

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01:20:13,550 --> 01:20:11,400

calm time but um

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01:20:15,590 --> 01:20:13,560

fieldwork does doesn't involve some

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01:20:17,990 --> 01:20:15,600

risks so

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01:20:20,090 --> 01:20:18,000

um the way we think about the subsurface

1359

01:20:23,209 --> 01:20:20,100

when we get these semi-dangerous samples

1360

01:20:25,130 --> 01:20:23,219

is we don't know how deep we're getting

1361

01:20:26,330 --> 01:20:25,140

them from we are going we are driving

1362

01:20:27,950 --> 01:20:26,340

all over this country and we were

1363

01:20:30,110 --> 01:20:27,960

sampling tons and tons of Hot Springs

1364

01:20:31,490 --> 01:20:30,120

they're in people's backyards it's the

1365

01:20:33,110 --> 01:20:31,500

coolest thing we like walk up to people

1366

01:20:34,250 --> 01:20:33,120

we're like hey and they recognize my

1367

01:20:35,570 --> 01:20:34,260

colleagues from TV because they talk

1368

01:20:36,890 --> 01:20:35,580

about volcanoes a lot and we're like can

1369

01:20:41,390 --> 01:20:36,900

we sample your hot springs they're like

1370

01:20:42,470 --> 01:20:41,400

absolutely so we um uh we sample this

1371

01:20:44,510 --> 01:20:42,480

stuff and we don't know how deep it's

1372

01:20:46,610 --> 01:20:44,520

coming from so one of the things we want

1373

01:20:47,630 --> 01:20:46,620

to know is how do we blank out all this

1374

01:20:53,090 --> 01:20:47,640

crap

1375

01:20:55,610 --> 01:20:53,100

don't want to study so all of the

1376

01:20:57,050 --> 01:20:55,620

dissolved organic carbon has a carbon

1377

01:20:58,970 --> 01:20:57,060

isotope I'm not going to explain what

1378

01:21:00,649 --> 01:20:58,980

they are some of you know intimately

1379

01:21:02,510 --> 01:21:00,659

about carbon Isotopes and the other

1380

01:21:04,610 --> 01:21:02,520

two-thirds of you are like I don't know

1381

01:21:07,610 --> 01:21:04,620

what this is but that's okay just know

1382

01:21:09,350 --> 01:21:07,620

that this value ranges everything up

1383

01:21:12,229 --> 01:21:09,360

here at the surface ranges from minus 23

1384

01:21:14,750 --> 01:21:12,239

to minus 30. and our inorganic carbon so

1385

01:21:16,490 --> 01:21:14,760

this is carbon dioxide is like zero-ish

1386

01:21:17,810 --> 01:21:16,500

and this should be the similar in all

1387

01:21:20,090 --> 01:21:17,820

Springs

1388

01:21:23,209 --> 01:21:20,100

so when we measure these things the DIC

1389

01:21:26,030 --> 01:21:23,219

which at the for atmosphere should be

1390

01:21:28,070 --> 01:21:26,040

sort of around hereish it got quite

1391

01:21:30,590 --> 01:21:28,080

negative it got quite light and it had

1392

01:21:32,870 --> 01:21:30,600

this pattern with its concentration and

1393

01:21:35,450 --> 01:21:32,880

that was sort of intriguing to us and so

1394

01:21:36,649 --> 01:21:35,460

my colleagues who are gastiochemists

1395

01:21:39,590 --> 01:21:36,659

looked at this and they said oh my God

1396

01:21:42,229 --> 01:21:39,600

this is a Rayleigh distillation this is

1397

01:21:44,570 --> 01:21:42,239

what happens with Isotopes f is the

1398

01:21:48,110 --> 01:21:44,580

reaction extent so this is like how far

1399

01:21:49,669 --> 01:21:48,120

the reaction has progressed is you have

1400

01:21:51,590 --> 01:21:49,679

the reaction happening in an open system

1401  
01:21:53,570 --> 01:21:51,600  
so that the Isotopes can be removed and

1402  
01:21:56,030 --> 01:21:53,580  
there's a fractionation of of the

1403  
01:21:59,149 --> 01:21:56,040  
Isotopes as as this progresses you get

1404  
01:22:01,790 --> 01:21:59,159  
this extreme push of the fraction of the

1405  
01:22:04,729 --> 01:22:01,800  
Del C 13 of the values and so they

1406  
01:22:06,169 --> 01:22:04,739  
modeled this stuff and found that

1407  
01:22:08,149 --> 01:22:06,179  
actually this was a Rayleigh

1408  
01:22:10,790 --> 01:22:08,159  
fractionation

1409  
01:22:13,070 --> 01:22:10,800  
um that uh differed between early and

1410  
01:22:14,990 --> 01:22:13,080  
subduction closer to the volcanoes and

1411  
01:22:17,209 --> 01:22:15,000  
in the volcanoes and these are the

1412  
01:22:19,310 --> 01:22:17,219  
volcanic gases themselves so the offset

1413  
01:22:21,590 --> 01:22:19,320

between this end member and the volcanic

1414

01:22:23,090 --> 01:22:21,600

gases was basically showed that this

1415

01:22:25,550 --> 01:22:23,100

stuff was entirely

1416

01:22:27,290 --> 01:22:25,560

um from from Deep gases this was not

1417

01:22:28,310 --> 01:22:27,300

carbon dioxide from the atmosphere at

1418

01:22:31,250 --> 01:22:28,320

all

1419

01:22:33,229 --> 01:22:31,260

um so I don't know if you have ever done

1420

01:22:35,330 --> 01:22:33,239

this with your data sets you might call

1421

01:22:37,669 --> 01:22:35,340

it P hacking but I don't want to call it

1422

01:22:39,229 --> 01:22:37,679

that we don't do that in jail I don't I

1423

01:22:40,729 --> 01:22:39,239

swear that's like just the medical thing

1424

01:22:43,430 --> 01:22:40,739

I think we shouldn't limit ourselves

1425

01:22:46,850 --> 01:22:43,440

does anybody see two little rainbows

1426

01:22:48,590 --> 01:22:46,860

right there do you see two like I got

1427

01:22:50,450 --> 01:22:48,600

this data set and I was like I swear

1428

01:22:51,649 --> 01:22:50,460

there's two of them and I was like but I

1429

01:22:53,090 --> 01:22:51,659

shouldn't do that because that's reading

1430

01:22:55,130 --> 01:22:53,100

too much into my data

1431

01:22:56,450 --> 01:22:55,140

but I stared at it for long enough and I

1432

01:22:58,850 --> 01:22:56,460

finally figured out what was driving

1433

01:23:00,709 --> 01:22:58,860

those two if you divide them and you say

1434

01:23:02,149 --> 01:23:00,719

okay this one's on the top curve and I'm

1435

01:23:03,470 --> 01:23:02,159

making it blue and that one's on the

1436

01:23:06,050 --> 01:23:03,480

bottom curve and I'm making it orange

1437

01:23:07,729 --> 01:23:06,060

and I tried to figure out are they

1438

01:23:10,250 --> 01:23:07,739

different temperatures were they

1439

01:23:12,470 --> 01:23:10,260

different ph's none of it nothing was

1440

01:23:13,370 --> 01:23:12,480

making sense and then I put them on a

1441

01:23:16,669 --> 01:23:13,380

map

1442

01:23:18,410 --> 01:23:16,679

and they fall down a line and I was

1443

01:23:21,530 --> 01:23:18,420

giving this talk the Carnegie Institute

1444

01:23:24,470 --> 01:23:21,540

in DC before we published this paper and

1445

01:23:26,990 --> 01:23:24,480

I said yeah and we have no idea for some

1446

01:23:28,310 --> 01:23:27,000

reason everything up there is on the

1447

01:23:30,290 --> 01:23:28,320

upper line and everything down here is

1448

01:23:32,570 --> 01:23:30,300

on the lower line but it's real because

1449

01:23:33,530 --> 01:23:32,580

it's not randomly distributed and I

1450

01:23:36,110 --> 01:23:33,540

don't know maybe there's something out

1451  
01:23:37,490 --> 01:23:36,120  
here in this geophysicist like ran up to

1452  
01:23:39,530 --> 01:23:37,500  
me after the talk and who is like

1453  
01:23:41,390 --> 01:23:39,540  
there's a plate boundary that divides

1454  
01:23:42,830 --> 01:23:41,400  
those two samples and he just knew

1455  
01:23:44,630 --> 01:23:42,840  
because he knew the plates really well

1456  
01:23:47,209 --> 01:23:44,640  
and so this is

1457  
01:23:49,370 --> 01:23:47,219  
the East Pacific Rise and the Coco's

1458  
01:23:52,010 --> 01:23:49,380  
Nazca spreading Center originating

1459  
01:23:54,410 --> 01:23:52,020  
things so basically this me this means

1460  
01:23:56,990 --> 01:23:54,420  
that the stuff we're getting coming out

1461  
01:23:58,729 --> 01:23:57,000  
of these Hot Springs like literally next

1462  
01:24:01,130 --> 01:23:58,739  
to two cans and monkeys like driving

1463  
01:24:05,209 --> 01:24:01,140

around like sipping pina colada coladas

1464

01:24:07,310 --> 01:24:05,219

all over Costa Rica is so connected to

1465

01:24:09,470 --> 01:24:07,320

this stuff that is subducting offshore

1466

01:24:11,209 --> 01:24:09,480

that we can see the isotopic difference

1467

01:24:14,390 --> 01:24:11,219

in the carbon that's coming in from

1468

01:24:17,149 --> 01:24:14,400

these down going slabs which is gives us

1469

01:24:18,530 --> 01:24:17,159

great power to say that yeah this stuff

1470

01:24:20,510 --> 01:24:18,540

is deep subsurface this is actually

1471

01:24:23,149 --> 01:24:20,520

connected to this stuff

1472

01:24:25,010 --> 01:24:23,159

um so so now how do we use this power we

1473

01:24:26,630 --> 01:24:25,020

know all this carbon this inorganic

1474

01:24:28,790 --> 01:24:26,640

carbon which is the starting point for

1475

01:24:30,649 --> 01:24:28,800

chemosynthesis we know all this stuff is

1476  
01:24:33,050 --> 01:24:30,659  
coming from the deep Earth how do we

1477  
01:24:35,149 --> 01:24:33,060  
show that that microbes are turning it

1478  
01:24:37,130 --> 01:24:35,159  
into to life or are they just using the

1479  
01:24:40,070 --> 01:24:37,140  
the plants and cow poop and stuff like

1480  
01:24:43,250 --> 01:24:40,080  
that so now if we put in the organic

1481  
01:24:45,830 --> 01:24:43,260  
matter and put it on the same plot the

1482  
01:24:48,530 --> 01:24:45,840  
Del C 13 of the organic matter we see it

1483  
01:24:51,110 --> 01:24:48,540  
follows along this same line and it's

1484  
01:24:53,649 --> 01:24:51,120  
always offset from what the inorganic

1485  
01:24:55,790 --> 01:24:53,659  
carbon were and the value of that offset

1486  
01:24:57,770 --> 01:24:55,800  
is roughly the fractionation that we

1487  
01:25:00,770 --> 01:24:57,780  
would expect to see if it was all being

1488  
01:25:03,169 --> 01:25:00,780

made by chemosynthesizers in situ and so

1489

01:25:06,410 --> 01:25:03,179

for this reason we were able to conclude

1490

01:25:11,030 --> 01:25:08,930

all you can never say all pretty much

1491

01:25:13,010 --> 01:25:11,040

everything that's living there seems to

1492

01:25:14,930 --> 01:25:13,020

be made from the chemicals that are

1493

01:25:16,850 --> 01:25:14,940

there from the deep Earth so this is a

1494

01:25:18,350 --> 01:25:16,860

despite all the jungles despite this

1495

01:25:19,970 --> 01:25:18,360

huge surface signal we're getting

1496

01:25:22,070 --> 01:25:19,980

something that's truly in the subsurface

1497

01:25:23,750 --> 01:25:22,080

and it's only from there and we have a

1498

01:25:25,189 --> 01:25:23,760

positive control because it's nice to

1499

01:25:26,450 --> 01:25:25,199

have those

1500

01:25:29,030 --> 01:25:26,460

um can we control for Jungle Farm

1501

01:25:31,130 --> 01:25:29,040

surface world and yes we can we scooped

1502

01:25:33,229 --> 01:25:31,140

up sediments where we were across the

1503

01:25:35,450 --> 01:25:33,239

Ark in the same places and there the

1504

01:25:37,850 --> 01:25:35,460

carbon is photosynthetic so we can see

1505

01:25:38,630 --> 01:25:37,860

the photosynthetic stuff there

1506

01:25:40,189 --> 01:25:38,640

um

1507

01:25:47,750 --> 01:25:40,199

so

1508

01:25:50,270 --> 01:25:47,760

to say that this subsurface of the

1509

01:25:52,550 --> 01:25:50,280

subduction zone is dominated by

1510

01:25:53,870 --> 01:25:52,560

chemosynthesis of chemicals so this is

1511

01:25:55,490 --> 01:25:53,880

something that could be happening on

1512

01:25:57,590 --> 01:25:55,500

another planet that has no

1513

01:26:01,070 --> 01:25:57,600

photosynthesis at all

1514

01:26:03,830 --> 01:26:01,080

um and now we're at 60 minutes and I

1515

01:26:06,290 --> 01:26:03,840

have meta genomes to talk about

1516

01:26:09,590 --> 01:26:06,300

but

1517

01:26:12,110 --> 01:26:09,600

welcome do you guys want to

1518

01:26:13,430 --> 01:26:12,120

do you know what a metagenome is

1519

01:26:14,810 --> 01:26:13,440

wait raise your hand if you know what a

1520

01:26:17,330 --> 01:26:14,820

metagenome is

1521

01:26:19,430 --> 01:26:17,340

oh my God it's so many people it's

1522

01:26:21,770 --> 01:26:19,440

beautiful is that like does it make you

1523

01:26:24,229 --> 01:26:21,780

want to cry thinking about yeah yeah

1524

01:26:25,970 --> 01:26:24,239

there's a lot of pain for those of you

1525

01:26:28,490 --> 01:26:25,980

who didn't raise your hands metagenomes

1526

01:26:30,229 --> 01:26:28,500

are all the DNA in a sample like all of

1527

01:26:31,850 --> 01:26:30,239

it just sequence it

1528

01:26:33,649 --> 01:26:31,860

um so what you get is this like garbled

1529

01:26:36,050 --> 01:26:33,659

mess of every Gene from every organism

1530

01:26:38,209 --> 01:26:36,060

doing God knows what and so one thing we

1531

01:26:40,070 --> 01:26:38,219

do with them is that we can knit them

1532

01:26:41,629 --> 01:26:40,080

back together through the magic of

1533

01:26:44,030 --> 01:26:41,639

bioinformatics and I'm not going to tell

1534

01:26:46,129 --> 01:26:44,040

you how but I will if you want to know

1535

01:26:48,169 --> 01:26:46,139

not right now nobody wants to hear that

1536

01:26:50,450 --> 01:26:48,179

but I did not think this could be done

1537

01:26:52,310 --> 01:26:50,460

at all but now it can and it can be done

1538

01:26:54,229 --> 01:26:52,320

so well that I actually use it

1539

01:26:56,270 --> 01:26:54,239

and what this does is it gives you

1540

01:26:57,890 --> 01:26:56,280

genomes basically you can get like a

1541

01:27:02,810 --> 01:26:57,900

whole genome and say what a thing can be

1542

01:27:04,189 --> 01:27:02,820

doing so my student TJ caught 403 of

1543

01:27:07,189 --> 01:27:04,199

these things that were pretty complete

1544

01:27:09,709 --> 01:27:07,199

and so now

1545

01:27:11,990 --> 01:27:09,719

think about what you do all right you've

1546

01:27:14,450 --> 01:27:12,000

got like 20 samples across Costa Rica

1547

01:27:17,810 --> 01:27:14,460

you know they're something special

1548

01:27:20,330 --> 01:27:17,820

they're not a bunch of cow poop so

1549

01:27:21,649 --> 01:27:20,340

now you have 400 mags and you can figure

1550

01:27:23,030 --> 01:27:21,659

out their distribution because you can

1551

01:27:24,169 --> 01:27:23,040

recruit those reads I know some of y'all

1552

01:27:26,450 --> 01:27:24,179

know what that means but basically you

1553

01:27:28,729 --> 01:27:26,460

can see the prevalence of each of those

1554

01:27:30,709 --> 01:27:28,739

mags all these data sets how do you

1555

01:27:32,930 --> 01:27:30,719

visualize that data how do you deal that

1556

01:27:34,729 --> 01:27:32,940

fire hose you know like

1557

01:27:36,169 --> 01:27:34,739

so anyway what we thought of to do which

1558

01:27:38,629 --> 01:27:36,179

may not be the only thing is to make a

1559

01:27:40,490 --> 01:27:38,639

heat map I love making heat Maps just

1560

01:27:43,310 --> 01:27:40,500

show you like what the color of it shows

1561

01:27:44,810 --> 01:27:43,320

you how much of it is there and this is

1562

01:27:46,910 --> 01:27:44,820

what part of it looks like this is a

1563

01:27:50,629 --> 01:27:46,920

third of this heat map and what this is

1564

01:27:54,590 --> 01:27:50,639

is each column running vertically here

1565

01:27:59,330 --> 01:27:54,600

is a hot spring and every row is a

1566

01:28:01,490 --> 01:27:59,340

microbe and so if it's yellow here then

1567

01:28:04,490 --> 01:28:01,500

that microbe was present in that hot

1568

01:28:06,950 --> 01:28:04,500

spring so look at that big black part

1569

01:28:09,770 --> 01:28:06,960

right there this is a whole slew of hot

1570

01:28:12,350 --> 01:28:09,780

springs that did not have those microbes

1571

01:28:14,090 --> 01:28:12,360

present at all and so we we organized it

1572

01:28:15,590 --> 01:28:14,100

I mean we this isn't just randomly

1573

01:28:18,050 --> 01:28:15,600

distributed we said put things together

1574

01:28:20,209 --> 01:28:18,060

that have more similar distributions and

1575

01:28:21,770 --> 01:28:20,219

what we were really surprised to see is

1576

01:28:23,510 --> 01:28:21,780

that it came out to be so completely

1577

01:28:24,770 --> 01:28:23,520

organized

1578

01:28:27,530 --> 01:28:24,780

so

1579

01:28:30,350 --> 01:28:27,540

this just happens to be all of the

1580

01:28:32,990 --> 01:28:30,360

volcanic samples came out here and then

1581

01:28:34,430 --> 01:28:33,000

all of these um sort of like Technicolor

1582

01:28:36,709 --> 01:28:34,440

things over here are there different

1583

01:28:39,590 --> 01:28:36,719

metabolisms so this is just like a

1584

01:28:41,209 --> 01:28:39,600

ridiculously complex data set visualized

1585

01:28:42,290 --> 01:28:41,219

as best as we can so you can kind of see

1586

01:28:43,669 --> 01:28:42,300

what they're breathing and I know you

1587

01:28:45,470 --> 01:28:43,679

can't really see but this is their

1588

01:28:47,750 --> 01:28:45,480

respiration and whether they fix carbon

1589

01:28:48,709 --> 01:28:47,760

whether they're chemo the autotrophs or

1590

01:28:51,470 --> 01:28:48,719

not

1591

01:28:53,629 --> 01:28:51,480

and then this is the same heat map just

1592

01:28:57,410 --> 01:28:53,639

cut and moved up there so this is not a

1593

01:28:59,689 --> 01:28:57,420

separate run now all these ones that

1594

01:29:02,990 --> 01:28:59,699

were black over here are now yellow

1595

01:29:04,610 --> 01:29:03,000

because these are these set of microbes

1596

01:29:06,709 --> 01:29:04,620

are the ones that are present only in

1597

01:29:08,930 --> 01:29:06,719

the early subduction so things filtered

1598

01:29:12,050 --> 01:29:08,940

out really really distinctly and then we

1599

01:29:13,490 --> 01:29:12,060

had a third group of things that were

1600

01:29:15,890 --> 01:29:13,500

just kind of everywhere

1601  
01:29:17,570 --> 01:29:15,900  
and so when we looked at what these

1602  
01:29:19,129 --> 01:29:17,580  
things were we wanted to see are these

1603  
01:29:21,169 --> 01:29:19,139  
the cumulus are these the ones that are

1604  
01:29:24,709 --> 01:29:21,179  
making the energy for everybody else

1605  
01:29:27,530 --> 01:29:24,719  
yes they were we found that about 30

1606  
01:29:30,590 --> 01:29:27,540  
percent of the community could do carbon

1607  
01:29:32,570 --> 01:29:30,600  
fixation both in this this is just the

1608  
01:29:35,450 --> 01:29:32,580  
same heat map just cut up into pieces

1609  
01:29:38,510 --> 01:29:35,460  
both in the volcanoes and at the beach

1610  
01:29:41,209 --> 01:29:38,520  
and then less of them were distributed

1611  
01:29:43,250 --> 01:29:41,219  
everywhere and these ones used this oxic

1612  
01:29:45,229 --> 01:29:43,260  
carbon fixation pathway everywhere so

1613  
01:29:46,490 --> 01:29:45,239

we're starting the side eye the ones

1614

01:29:49,370 --> 01:29:46,500

that are everywhere

1615

01:29:51,110 --> 01:29:49,380

as you should be as well

1616

01:29:53,510 --> 01:29:51,120

um but what is it that distinguished

1617

01:29:55,370 --> 01:29:53,520

them between these different places

1618

01:29:56,629 --> 01:29:55,380

um so can you see

1619

01:29:59,390 --> 01:29:56,639

it's another

1620

01:30:02,030 --> 01:29:59,400

test if you look at the color things the

1621

01:30:03,649 --> 01:30:02,040

color strips do you see differences does

1622

01:30:05,390 --> 01:30:03,659

the left hand color strip look like

1623

01:30:07,310 --> 01:30:05,400

different colors than the middle color

1624

01:30:09,649 --> 01:30:07,320

strip to you and the right hand color

1625

01:30:11,030 --> 01:30:09,659

strip you can kind of see them I kind of

1626  
01:30:12,410 --> 01:30:11,040  
this is one reason why I like looking at

1627  
01:30:14,149 --> 01:30:12,420  
complex data out like this because you

1628  
01:30:16,490 --> 01:30:14,159  
can really see patterns like for

1629  
01:30:18,590 --> 01:30:16,500  
instance this green line here

1630  
01:30:21,169 --> 01:30:18,600  
doesn't really it's not as complete over

1631  
01:30:23,149 --> 01:30:21,179  
here it's like more of a going concern

1632  
01:30:26,149 --> 01:30:23,159  
here and there's more of this purple

1633  
01:30:28,310 --> 01:30:26,159  
stuff here than there is over here so

1634  
01:30:30,110 --> 01:30:28,320  
what this all boils down to if you stare

1635  
01:30:33,169 --> 01:30:30,120  
at it for months and months

1636  
01:30:34,669 --> 01:30:33,179  
is that this volcano stuff liked a

1637  
01:30:36,110 --> 01:30:34,679  
little bit of oxygen they did a lot of

1638  
01:30:37,490 --> 01:30:36,120

sulfur oxidation and they did nitrate

1639

01:30:39,410 --> 01:30:37,500

reduction

1640

01:30:41,270 --> 01:30:39,420

the things out at the coast were totally

1641

01:30:42,649 --> 01:30:41,280

different they were breathing totally

1642

01:30:44,629 --> 01:30:42,659

different things they were doing sulfate

1643

01:30:47,629 --> 01:30:44,639

reduction and hydrogen oxidation

1644

01:30:49,669 --> 01:30:47,639

and these guys that were everywhere were

1645

01:30:52,490 --> 01:30:49,679

aerobic and sulfur oxidizers and they

1646

01:30:55,250 --> 01:30:52,500

basically depended on oxygen so what we

1647

01:30:57,110 --> 01:30:55,260

concluded from this is that these are

1648

01:30:59,510 --> 01:30:57,120

the microbial communities that show up

1649

01:31:01,550 --> 01:30:59,520

late in subduction because there's a lot

1650

01:31:04,610 --> 01:31:01,560

of hydrothermal alteration of their

1651

01:31:07,070 --> 01:31:04,620

Waters that add sulfur so they have a

1652

01:31:09,050 --> 01:31:07,080

ton of CO<sub>2</sub> there's very little calcite

1653

01:31:10,669 --> 01:31:09,060

precipitation and they get lots of

1654

01:31:12,350 --> 01:31:10,679

oxidized substrates because they have a

1655

01:31:13,790 --> 01:31:12,360

shallow geothermal gradient that sucks

1656

01:31:16,550 --> 01:31:13,800

in oxygen

1657

01:31:17,689 --> 01:31:16,560

these guys were early in subduction they

1658

01:31:20,030 --> 01:31:17,699

didn't have a lot of hydrothermal

1659

01:31:21,890 --> 01:31:20,040

alteration but they had lots of reduced

1660

01:31:24,229 --> 01:31:21,900

sulfur compounds so they were very

1661

01:31:26,270 --> 01:31:24,239

carbon dioxide limited but they still

1662

01:31:28,550 --> 01:31:26,280

did chemo they still managed to like fix

1663

01:31:30,470 --> 01:31:28,560

the carbon and make the ecosystem go but

1664

01:31:33,110 --> 01:31:30,480

it was fundamentally different than what

1665

01:31:34,669 --> 01:31:33,120

we saw at the volcanoes and then I don't

1666

01:31:36,169 --> 01:31:34,679

know does anybody have any theories for

1667

01:31:40,990 --> 01:31:36,179

what's going on with these guys who show

1668

01:31:46,310 --> 01:31:44,090

primary producers maybe oh like a

1669

01:31:48,350 --> 01:31:46,320

photosynthetic primary producers if

1670

01:31:49,070 --> 01:31:48,360

that's what you're implying then yes

1671

01:31:51,169 --> 01:31:49,080

because

1672

01:31:53,629 --> 01:31:51,179

[Laughter]

1673

01:31:56,510 --> 01:31:53,639

these are the this is the crap this is

1674

01:31:58,189 --> 01:31:56,520

the soil stuff this is the surface World

1675

01:32:00,770 --> 01:31:58,199

um the identities of these microbes are

1676  
01:32:02,270 --> 01:32:00,780  
like common soil things and they liked

1677  
01:32:03,530 --> 01:32:02,280  
oxygen and so and they showed up

1678  
01:32:05,209 --> 01:32:03,540  
everywhere they didn't really care where

1679  
01:32:07,910 --> 01:32:05,219  
they were in subduction

1680  
01:32:09,830 --> 01:32:07,920  
um so what this means is that the redox

1681  
01:32:12,830 --> 01:32:09,840  
couples that fuel this chemo

1682  
01:32:14,570 --> 01:32:12,840  
chemosynthetic primary production are

1683  
01:32:16,250 --> 01:32:14,580  
distributed they're everywhere so if

1684  
01:32:20,030 --> 01:32:16,260  
we're going to go looking somewhere else

1685  
01:32:22,250 --> 01:32:20,040  
for this subsurface Community

1686  
01:32:25,490 --> 01:32:22,260  
um it's likely to be there as long as we

1687  
01:32:27,110 --> 01:32:25,500  
have some sort of energy we're likely to

1688  
01:32:29,030 --> 01:32:27,120

find it

1689

01:32:30,770 --> 01:32:29,040

conclusion slide

1690

01:32:33,290 --> 01:32:30,780

subsurface life is different than

1691

01:32:35,530 --> 01:32:33,300

surface life it seems simplistic but we

1692

01:32:38,450 --> 01:32:35,540

know it for for sure

1693

01:32:40,370 --> 01:32:38,460

they can survive on extort this is an

1694

01:32:42,470 --> 01:32:40,380

understatement very little power and

1695

01:32:45,830 --> 01:32:42,480

very long time skills

1696

01:32:47,570 --> 01:32:45,840

um and at least on Earth we got a whole

1697

01:32:49,930 --> 01:32:47,580

world down there that is doing its own

1698

01:32:52,370 --> 01:32:49,940

thing and it does not need the Sun

1699

01:32:53,870 --> 01:32:52,380

and they're large enough to really leave

1700

01:32:55,310 --> 01:32:53,880

a mark on the subsurface landscape they

1701

01:32:58,790 --> 01:32:55,320

are precipitating calcite they're

1702

01:33:01,550 --> 01:32:58,800

leaving iron Ferric hydroxides we can see

1703

01:33:05,090 --> 01:33:01,560

them so I will end with a question for

1704

01:33:06,649 --> 01:33:05,100

y'all and I use y'all advisedly I'm from

1705

01:33:08,990 --> 01:33:06,659

North Carolina I live in Tennessee I'm

1706

01:33:11,290 --> 01:33:09,000

moving to California but um don't give

1707

01:33:14,930 --> 01:33:11,300

up on the south

1708

01:33:17,530 --> 01:33:14,940

seriously I know it's easy to vilify the

1709

01:33:21,050 --> 01:33:17,540

South we are gerrymandered all to hell

1710

01:33:24,350 --> 01:33:21,060

so we are a fantastic place and we have

1711

01:33:25,430 --> 01:33:24,360

very oppressed people and um we deserve

1712

01:33:26,090 --> 01:33:25,440

your attention

1713

01:33:29,530 --> 01:33:26,100

um

1714

01:33:33,830 --> 01:33:29,540

so question for y'all

1715

01:33:35,510 --> 01:33:33,840

if we have this robust of a chemo litho

1716

01:33:38,270 --> 01:33:35,520

autotrophic this chemosynthetic

1717

01:33:40,610 --> 01:33:38,280

subsurface Community here on this place

1718

01:33:42,830 --> 01:33:40,620

where we have this dominant signal what

1719

01:33:44,149 --> 01:33:42,840

will it be like on a planetary body that

1720

01:33:46,430 --> 01:33:44,159

doesn't have all that stuff at the

1721

01:33:48,110 --> 01:33:46,440

surface it will it be different will it

1722

01:33:50,330 --> 01:33:48,120

be the same and how do we look for it

1723

01:33:51,830 --> 01:33:50,340

and I got to thank the funders and I

1724

01:33:54,169 --> 01:33:51,840

have a pretty place to work for the next

1725

01:33:56,450 --> 01:33:54,179

year and I'll take more questions if you

1726

01:34:14,410 --> 01:33:56,460

want or you can do that in that thing

1727

01:34:18,229 --> 01:34:16,430

I was wondering how different the

1728

01:34:20,030 --> 01:34:18,239

mineralogy was because you I knew you

1729

01:34:21,649 --> 01:34:20,040

had a section that had these hydrogen

1730

01:34:23,030 --> 01:34:21,659

supported and I'm assuming that it was

1731

01:34:24,649 --> 01:34:23,040

geologic hydrogen from the

1732

01:34:26,390 --> 01:34:24,659

serpentization like how different was

1733

01:34:28,430 --> 01:34:26,400

the mineralogy like could you tell the

1734

01:34:29,990 --> 01:34:28,440

difference and what led to in terms of

1735

01:34:33,410 --> 01:34:30,000

like the type of enzymes that they were

1736

01:34:34,910 --> 01:34:33,420

able to have in their like biology based

1737

01:34:36,229 --> 01:34:34,920

on the metals that were around like was

1738

01:34:38,330 --> 01:34:36,239

that some kind of connection that you

1739

01:34:40,070 --> 01:34:38,340

could make or I don't know I just want

1740

01:34:42,229 --> 01:34:40,080

more collaboration I'm sorry yeah I want

1741

01:34:44,209 --> 01:34:42,239

more elaboration on the minerals too um

1742

01:34:47,390 --> 01:34:44,219

Shauna Morrison did all the mineralogy

1743

01:34:50,030 --> 01:34:47,400

for this and she found pyrite framboids

1744

01:34:51,890 --> 01:34:50,040

in the it's very altered hydrothermal so

1745

01:34:53,090 --> 01:34:51,900

that's feeding into our hypothesis of

1746

01:34:55,970 --> 01:34:53,100

why there's so much iron and sulfur

1747

01:34:58,250 --> 01:34:55,980

cycling in the volcanoes but

1748

01:35:00,110 --> 01:34:58,260

picking apart how the metals influence

1749

01:35:01,729 --> 01:35:00,120

and you know the crystalline form of the

1750

01:35:04,910 --> 01:35:01,739

metals influence all these communities

1751

01:35:06,110 --> 01:35:04,920

is a bit of a fine scale thing and so I

1752

01:35:07,970 --> 01:35:06,120

think that's going to be more apparent

1753

01:35:10,370 --> 01:35:07,980

in our global data set is this because

1754

01:35:12,070 --> 01:35:10,380

this project has

1755

01:35:20,209 --> 01:35:12,080

metastasized

1756

01:35:25,550 --> 01:35:22,490

so my question is coming from very

1757

01:35:27,530 --> 01:35:25,560

limited background in biology so yeah so

1758

01:35:28,970 --> 01:35:27,540

when you talk about lifespan uh why do

1759

01:35:31,790 --> 01:35:28,980

different organisms have different

1760

01:35:36,050 --> 01:35:31,800

lifespans like different species have

1761

01:35:40,930 --> 01:35:37,850

why do different species have different

1762

01:35:40,940 --> 01:35:47,030

[Laughter]

1763

01:35:52,430 --> 01:35:49,510

somebody want to answer that

1764

01:35:56,030 --> 01:35:52,440

Kelly do you want to yell down for us

1765

01:35:56,040 --> 01:36:00,530

that looks good

1766

01:36:00,540 --> 01:36:03,490

um

1767

01:36:09,290 --> 01:36:07,370

so you have this group that is kind of

1768

01:36:12,590 --> 01:36:09,300

like surface derived that that you say

1769

01:36:15,709 --> 01:36:12,600

is everywhere and is likely eating so

1770

01:36:17,330 --> 01:36:15,719

the communities in the subsurface so on

1771

01:36:18,890 --> 01:36:17,340

I don't think they're feeding the rest

1772

01:36:21,830 --> 01:36:18,900

of the communities

1773

01:36:24,110 --> 01:36:21,840

no I think they're just really angry to

1774

01:36:26,629 --> 01:36:24,120

have been washed into a hot spring

1775

01:36:27,950 --> 01:36:26,639

yeah there I I don't want to use the

1776

01:36:29,810 --> 01:36:27,960

word contamination because that kind of

1777

01:36:32,209 --> 01:36:29,820

means that implies something from our

1778

01:36:35,090 --> 01:36:32,219

bodies or like our coughs

1779

01:36:36,950 --> 01:36:35,100

um it's more like just not the things we

1780

01:36:38,570 --> 01:36:36,960

were looking for because you you know

1781

01:36:40,430 --> 01:36:38,580

hot spring is coming up through layers

1782

01:36:42,169 --> 01:36:40,440

of rock and so there's gonna be some

1783

01:36:44,570 --> 01:36:42,179

soil stuff washed in

1784

01:36:45,830 --> 01:36:44,580

yeah I don't they could be or did you

1785

01:36:48,350 --> 01:36:45,840

have a thought I mean they could be

1786

01:36:57,070 --> 01:36:48,360

feeding them no

1787

01:37:01,129 --> 01:36:59,810

I think the chemo synthesizers are I

1788

01:37:03,410 --> 01:37:01,139

mean they're basically taking carbon

1789

01:37:05,450 --> 01:37:03,420

that's coming from that slab so that's

1790

01:37:08,149 --> 01:37:05,460

carbon that got buried in the Pacific

1791

01:37:14,149 --> 01:37:11,209

10 million years ago and it gets buried

1792

01:37:15,950 --> 01:37:14,159

and gets volatilized however it gets

1793

01:37:18,050 --> 01:37:15,960

from high pressure and temperature and

1794

01:37:33,050 --> 01:37:18,060

then comes back up and that's that's

1795

01:37:37,250 --> 01:37:36,229

clear thank you for your talk I was

1796

01:37:41,209 --> 01:37:37,260

wondering

1797

01:37:43,070 --> 01:37:41,219

um so you talk a lot about the

1798

01:37:46,010 --> 01:37:43,080

unculturable that's what you work on

1799

01:37:48,290 --> 01:37:46,020

actually never say that word okay

1800

01:37:51,709 --> 01:37:48,300

let's get in trouble when I do

1801

01:37:55,790 --> 01:37:51,719

so a lot of these organisms or most of

1802

01:37:58,610 --> 01:37:55,800

them are uncultured uncultured yeah

1803

01:38:01,070 --> 01:37:58,620

um so what are your thoughts on you are

1804

01:38:03,350 --> 01:38:01,080

annotating a lot of this stuff from

1805

01:38:07,070 --> 01:38:03,360

stuff that is also uncultured do you

1806

01:38:09,770 --> 01:38:07,080

think there is a it just like

1807

01:38:13,129 --> 01:38:09,780

that hypothetical protein sort of idea

1808

01:38:17,510 --> 01:38:13,139

where this is most related to this which

1809

01:38:18,470 --> 01:38:17,520

is most related to this how do you think

1810

01:38:22,370 --> 01:38:18,480

um

1811

01:38:23,870 --> 01:38:22,380

potential issue you mean the issue of

1812

01:38:25,189 --> 01:38:23,880

the game of telephone where you think

1813

01:38:27,290 --> 01:38:25,199

something's a one thing and it's

1814

01:38:28,970 --> 01:38:27,300

actually not right um

1815

01:38:31,129 --> 01:38:28,980

I think that we have to be really

1816

01:38:31,970 --> 01:38:31,139

careful about what we conclude like if

1817

01:38:34,370 --> 01:38:31,980

you're

1818

01:38:36,050 --> 01:38:34,380

at least in my research like if I if my

1819

01:38:37,370 --> 01:38:36,060

story really depends on a particular

1820

01:38:42,229 --> 01:38:37,380

annotation

1821

01:38:44,390 --> 01:38:42,239

make a multiple species alignment of the

1822

01:38:46,490 --> 01:38:44,400

multiple sequence alignment of that Gene

1823

01:38:48,050 --> 01:38:46,500

and show that there's more evidence for

1824

01:38:50,930 --> 01:38:48,060

it being what I think it is than just

1825

01:38:52,550 --> 01:38:50,940

like proka annotates it as X

1826

01:38:54,470 --> 01:38:52,560

um and you can look you know you can

1827

01:38:55,970 --> 01:38:54,480

look for the P fans you can look for the

1828

01:38:57,470 --> 01:38:55,980

active site you can do all sorts of

1829

01:38:59,930 --> 01:38:57,480

things to sort of prove to yourself you

1830

01:39:01,430 --> 01:38:59,940

can look for the flanking genes the gene

1831

01:39:03,169 --> 01:39:01,440

syntony all these things you can use to

1832

01:39:05,570 --> 01:39:03,179

build up a case you're not going to do

1833

01:39:08,270 --> 01:39:05,580

that for a whole genome or much less 400

1834

01:39:10,310 --> 01:39:08,280

genomes but you can do that for the

1835

01:39:11,950 --> 01:39:10,320

thing that you want to talk about

1836

01:39:14,270 --> 01:39:11,960

um but I mean I just think that like

1837

01:39:16,970 --> 01:39:14,280

there's so much to be gained in that

1838

01:39:19,610 --> 01:39:16,980

hypothetical space and

1839

01:39:21,950 --> 01:39:19,620

sorry another soapbox about this is that

1840

01:39:24,050 --> 01:39:21,960

you know cool we free ourselves from

1841

01:39:26,450 --> 01:39:24,060

cultures we're free what's the first

1842

01:39:29,030 --> 01:39:26,460

thing we do when we get this genome say

1843

01:39:38,510 --> 01:39:29,040

how similar is it to a culture

1844

01:39:41,510 --> 01:39:39,229

um

1845

01:39:43,610 --> 01:39:41,520

great talk I should preface this by

1846

01:39:45,010 --> 01:39:43,620

saying that I'm an astronomer so I did

1847

01:39:48,590 --> 01:39:45,020

my best

1848

01:39:50,990 --> 01:39:48,600

well the last one just stumped me so

1849

01:39:55,729 --> 01:39:52,870

Mars and

1850

01:39:58,070 --> 01:39:55,739

Europa and Enceladus and those icy moons

1851  
01:40:00,110 --> 01:39:58,080  
have a very different environmental

1852  
01:40:00,770 --> 01:40:00,120  
conditions than the earth

1853  
01:40:04,149 --> 01:40:00,780  
um

1854  
01:40:08,709 --> 01:40:04,159  
and it seemed like a lot of this was

1855  
01:40:12,830 --> 01:40:08,719  
predicated on subduction yeah and

1856  
01:40:16,790 --> 01:40:12,840  
not some sort of subscribe for instance

1857  
01:40:20,689 --> 01:40:16,800  
yeah so yeah I just wonder how

1858  
01:40:21,590 --> 01:40:20,699  
how you develop a subsurface

1859  
01:40:24,350 --> 01:40:21,600  
um

1860  
01:40:26,750 --> 01:40:24,360  
biological World in a static-lit

1861  
01:40:28,669 --> 01:40:26,760  
environment or in a subsurface ocean

1862  
01:40:30,770 --> 01:40:28,679  
environment I'm writing an EXO Grant

1863  
01:40:32,090 --> 01:40:30,780

about that right now actually but but I

1864

01:40:33,830 --> 01:40:32,100

mean not that I know the answer to it

1865

01:40:36,350 --> 01:40:33,840

but I mean that is that is basically

1866

01:40:38,570 --> 01:40:36,360

like the Fatal flaw of my entire or my

1867

01:40:40,610 --> 01:40:38,580

second half of my talk it but it's a

1868

01:40:42,770 --> 01:40:40,620

relevant one because there's no plate

1869

01:40:43,550 --> 01:40:42,780

tectonics in our solar system except on

1870

01:40:46,610 --> 01:40:43,560

Earth

1871

01:40:49,129 --> 01:40:46,620

in the entire history you know the fact

1872

01:40:50,689 --> 01:40:49,139

that Olympus Mons is so enormous is

1873

01:40:52,550 --> 01:40:50,699

simply because at hot spot's been

1874

01:40:54,590 --> 01:40:52,560

sitting there like for however long it's

1875

01:40:56,570 --> 01:40:54,600

been sitting there so I think that the

1876

01:40:58,010 --> 01:40:56,580

grant that I'm writing right now is you

1877

01:40:59,689 --> 01:40:58,020

know we may not get it is to basically

1878

01:41:01,790 --> 01:40:59,699

try to get out of subduction zones and

1879

01:41:03,890 --> 01:41:01,800

do our same style of sampling in our

1880

01:41:05,450 --> 01:41:03,900

same style of work around hot spots here

1881

01:41:07,250 --> 01:41:05,460

on Earth or at least plume influenced

1882

01:41:08,930 --> 01:41:07,260

environments but you can't get away from

1883

01:41:09,950 --> 01:41:08,940

plate tectonics on Earth just the same

1884

01:41:12,770 --> 01:41:09,960

way you can't get away from the

1885

01:41:14,450 --> 01:41:12,780

photosynthes so um we're going to have

1886

01:41:16,550 --> 01:41:14,460

to deal with Hawaii

1887

01:41:26,149 --> 01:41:16,560

so are you suggesting there's no life

1888

01:41:26,159 --> 01:41:29,750

I love that yeah

1889

01:41:34,070 --> 01:41:31,250

I think the answer to that is going to

1890

01:41:40,609 --> 01:41:38,270

I guess this is this is kind of to

1891

01:41:44,090 --> 01:41:40,619

uh so

1892

01:41:46,550 --> 01:41:44,100

is is there something like why do we

1893

01:41:47,629 --> 01:41:46,560

have plate tectonics sorry this is

1894

01:41:49,669 --> 01:41:47,639

something this is almost the song no

1895

01:41:51,709 --> 01:41:49,679

that's the question is a great question

1896

01:41:53,990 --> 01:41:51,719

I don't know why do do people know that

1897

01:42:00,490 --> 01:41:54,000

I feel like people know that

1898

01:42:05,450 --> 01:42:03,290

I don't know it maybe has something to

1899

01:42:06,770 --> 01:42:05,460

do with our size you know our size and

1900

01:42:09,229 --> 01:42:06,780

relative heat I mean because it's all

1901

01:42:11,330 --> 01:42:09,239

heat convection that's driving it so you

1902

01:42:13,490 --> 01:42:11,340

need the right brittleness versus Heat

1903

01:42:15,830 --> 01:42:13,500

to break it apart and move them but that

1904

01:42:17,450 --> 01:42:15,840

may not be the right answer I don't know

1905

01:42:23,149 --> 01:42:17,460

I would say I'm a microbiologist but I

1906

01:42:34,910 --> 01:42:24,709

I think you raise your hand you raise

1907

01:42:40,970 --> 01:42:38,270

is this on whoa all right let's see if

1908

01:42:42,890 --> 01:42:40,980

this makes sense so hi I'm Emily I study

1909

01:42:45,050 --> 01:42:42,900

the limits of life in Saline

1910

01:42:47,689 --> 01:42:45,060

environments and there's some research

1911

01:42:50,149 --> 01:42:47,699

on like thermodynamic limits to certain

1912

01:42:51,649 --> 01:42:50,159

metabolisms including

1913

01:42:54,890 --> 01:42:51,659

um autotrophy that's not driven by

1914

01:42:56,870 --> 01:42:54,900

oxygenic things and so I was wondering

1915

01:42:59,030 --> 01:42:56,880

given that you found a lot of chemo

1916

01:43:00,950 --> 01:42:59,040

autotrophs in the Deep subsurface that

1917

01:43:03,050 --> 01:43:00,960

are in incredibly energy limited

1918

01:43:04,729 --> 01:43:03,060

environments do you think there actually

1919

01:43:07,910 --> 01:43:04,739

is a limit to life

1920

01:43:10,129 --> 01:43:07,920

or is this like yeah I don't know you

1921

01:43:12,290 --> 01:43:10,139

mean an energetic limit yeah sure like

1922

01:43:13,790 --> 01:43:12,300

you know in a in an extreme environment

1923

01:43:15,950 --> 01:43:13,800

you have to like use a lot of energy to

1924

01:43:17,270 --> 01:43:15,960

like survive there right so

1925

01:43:18,649 --> 01:43:17,280

yeah even places where you get your

1926

01:43:19,790 --> 01:43:18,659

protons for free like an acidic

1927

01:43:22,910 --> 01:43:19,800

environment you still spend a lot of

1928

01:43:25,490 --> 01:43:22,920

energy baling yeah

1929

01:43:26,870 --> 01:43:25,500

is there a limit for life

1930

01:43:28,910 --> 01:43:26,880

yes

1931

01:43:31,250 --> 01:43:28,920

yeah there has to be like a Gibbs free

1932

01:43:33,470 --> 01:43:31,260

energy of zero is equilibrium and you

1933

01:43:38,209 --> 01:43:33,480

can't have life with equilibrium there

1934

01:43:42,830 --> 01:43:40,910

but the but the interesting question is

1935

01:43:47,810 --> 01:43:42,840

where is that line and that's what we

1936

01:43:47,820 --> 01:43:51,649

did you want to ask your question

1937

01:43:56,149 --> 01:43:54,410

hi I'm also an astronomer and I wanted

1938

01:43:57,590 --> 01:43:56,159

to kind of move even further out than

1939

01:43:59,750 --> 01:43:57,600

Nick did

1940

01:44:02,090 --> 01:43:59,760

um so something we think about a lot as

1941

01:44:04,189 --> 01:44:02,100

astronomers is like habitable zone and

1942

01:44:06,169 --> 01:44:04,199

like you know what temperature planets

1943

01:44:07,430 --> 01:44:06,179

might have to be to host life but I'm

1944

01:44:08,689 --> 01:44:07,440

wondering what your thoughts are about

1945

01:44:10,189 --> 01:44:08,699

the prospects for life on like

1946

01:44:12,229 --> 01:44:10,199

free-floating planets that aren't

1947

01:44:13,609 --> 01:44:12,239

associated with a star there are free

1948

01:44:17,990 --> 01:44:13,619

floating planets that are not associated

1949

01:44:21,290 --> 01:44:19,850

Kepler finder

1950

01:44:22,430 --> 01:44:21,300

finding is a lot it's more of a

1951

01:44:23,450 --> 01:44:22,440

microwave do we know about them from

1952

01:44:25,430 --> 01:44:23,460

Kepler or what do we know about them

1953

01:44:26,570 --> 01:44:25,440

even Hubble

1954

01:44:28,010 --> 01:44:26,580

okay

1955

01:44:29,209 --> 01:44:28,020

I have a lot of thoughts about this I'd

1956

01:44:31,970 --> 01:44:29,219

be happy to talk about it sometimes

1957

01:44:33,709 --> 01:44:31,980

that's crazy we've been how do they have

1958

01:44:35,810 --> 01:44:33,719

I mean do they have their own heat

1959

01:44:37,070 --> 01:44:35,820

Source internally or they I mean because

1960

01:44:38,870 --> 01:44:37,080

you got to have some kind of gradient

1961

01:44:40,790 --> 01:44:38,880

that's all you gotta have something like

1962

01:44:43,490 --> 01:44:40,800

some heat from formation probably yeah

1963

01:44:45,109 --> 01:44:43,500

fading over time or like some tidal

1964

01:44:47,870 --> 01:44:45,119

forcing from somebody nearby or they

1965

01:44:51,109 --> 01:44:47,880

just like totally lonely got nothing wow

1966

01:44:52,310 --> 01:44:51,119

radio radiogenic Decay yeah yeah so I

1967

01:44:54,229 --> 01:44:52,320

mean you gotta have something right

1968

01:44:57,530 --> 01:44:54,239

there's got to be a gradient there's got

1969

01:44:58,189 --> 01:44:57,540

to be if not redox just something

1970

01:45:00,530 --> 01:44:58,199

um

1971

01:45:01,490 --> 01:45:00,540

I don't know clearly I don't know the

1972

01:45:03,050 --> 01:45:01,500

answer to that because I didn't know

1973

01:45:04,729 --> 01:45:03,060

that they were there but you know we

1974

01:45:06,890 --> 01:45:04,739

talk about the Habit like when you think

1975

01:45:08,209 --> 01:45:06,900

of the habitable zone do you think about

1976

01:45:10,490 --> 01:45:08,219

distance from the Star and brightness

1977

01:45:12,649 --> 01:45:10,500

from the star of the star

1978

01:45:14,450 --> 01:45:12,659

um also think about the depth of that

1979

01:45:17,149 --> 01:45:14,460

planet because that'll really expand

1980

01:45:18,830 --> 01:45:17,159

your Capital Zone quite a bit if you can

1981

01:45:21,169 --> 01:45:18,840

go inside the planet

1982

01:45:30,050 --> 01:45:21,179

it gets better

1983

01:45:35,209 --> 01:45:32,450

free floating plants

1984

01:45:36,950 --> 01:45:35,219

hi um first off I'm also from North

1985

01:45:39,109 --> 01:45:36,960

Carolina so hello where where are you

1986

01:45:42,530 --> 01:45:39,119

from uh Raleigh

1987

01:45:44,990 --> 01:45:42,540

I'm from Beaufort oh nice I was just

1988

01:45:46,970 --> 01:45:45,000

curious um what do you think is the uh

1989

01:45:48,950 --> 01:45:46,980

stability of these subsurface ecologies

1990

01:45:51,830 --> 01:45:48,960

through both like geological time and

1991

01:45:53,689 --> 01:45:51,840

like planetary scales and if there's any

1992

01:45:55,310 --> 01:45:53,699

like way to like have like a fossilized

1993

01:45:57,590 --> 01:45:55,320

record of their presence at all that we

1994

01:45:59,270 --> 01:45:57,600

could detect yeah I mean the carbonates

1995

01:46:01,189 --> 01:45:59,280

like the minerals that they leave behind

1996

01:46:03,830 --> 01:46:01,199

the waste products are probably the best

1997

01:46:05,390 --> 01:46:03,840

in microfossils of course and lipids are

1998

01:46:07,910 --> 01:46:05,400

are good ways to look for these sorts of

1999

01:46:10,129 --> 01:46:07,920

things but in terms of like the time

2000

01:46:13,070 --> 01:46:10,139

span of this stuff you know we're just

2001  
01:46:14,030 --> 01:46:13,080  
looking at the Modern stuff now and so I

2002  
01:46:15,770 --> 01:46:14,040  
think that

2003  
01:46:19,129 --> 01:46:15,780  
I don't know as much as I should about

2004  
01:46:20,870 --> 01:46:19,139  
that but there's a lot to be done

2005  
01:46:21,810 --> 01:46:20,880  
all right let's give one last round of

2006  
01:46:44,030 --> 01:46:21,820  
applause for Karen

2007  
01:46:50,629 --> 01:46:48,109  
oh and just a few housekeeping things so

2008  
01:46:53,090 --> 01:46:50,639  
uh tomorrow morning we'll have breakfast

2009  
01:46:55,550 --> 01:46:53,100  
at the grad student lounge so those of

2010  
01:46:58,609 --> 01:46:55,560  
you who didn't come it's a few doors

2011  
01:47:00,410 --> 01:46:58,619  
down if you look at the FAQ we sent out

2012  
01:47:01,970 --> 01:47:00,420  
all the information's in there if

2013  
01:47:04,850 --> 01:47:01,980

there's any questions that are not

2014

01:47:06,470 --> 01:47:04,860

answered just message Miguel orai but

2015

01:47:10,250 --> 01:47:06,480

that will start at 8 A.M and then we'll

2016

01:47:13,310 --> 01:47:10,260

promptly start this talks right at nine

2017

01:47:15,050 --> 01:47:13,320

great oh yeah and okay I just want to

2018

01:47:17,689 --> 01:47:15,060

add one thing for those of you that

2019

01:47:20,209 --> 01:47:17,699

checked in and got your awesome swag bag

2020

01:47:22,669 --> 01:47:20,219

that's great but if you did not get the

2021

01:47:24,229 --> 01:47:22,679

plastic NASA bag and you want one come

2022

01:47:25,550 --> 01:47:24,239

see me at the check-in desk before you

2023

01:47:47,080 --> 01:47:25,560

go okay guys

2024

01:48:44,570 --> 01:48:13,220

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2025

01:48:44,580 --> 01:48:51,440

foreign

2026

01:48:51,450 --> 01:49:19,250

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