



**AB  
GRAD  
CON 23**

1  
00:00:04,230 --> 00:00:10,930  
[Music]

2  
00:00:17,390 --> 00:00:14,770  
hello everyone I'm Paola

3  
00:00:19,970 --> 00:00:17,400  
researcher from Lithuania currently

4  
00:00:22,250 --> 00:00:19,980  
located at Santa Cruz and my professor

5  
00:00:25,490 --> 00:00:22,260  
is Dave dimmer

6  
00:00:28,490 --> 00:00:25,500  
so organic compounds including building

7  
00:00:30,589 --> 00:00:28,500  
blocks of life may be synthesized in the

8  
00:00:31,490 --> 00:00:30,599  
accretion disk of newly forming solar

9  
00:00:34,190 --> 00:00:31,500  
system

10  
00:00:36,889 --> 00:00:34,200  
and may fall down to earth as a

11  
00:00:39,530 --> 00:00:36,899  
meteorites and thus

12  
00:00:42,530 --> 00:00:39,540  
phosphates

13  
00:00:44,990 --> 00:00:42,540

ribose and all nuclear bases were all

14

00:00:47,450 --> 00:00:45,000

found in meteorites and under certain

15

00:00:49,790 --> 00:00:47,460

conditions May recombine into your

16

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

nucleotides which are present in all

17

00:00:54,410 --> 00:00:51,300

contemporary life

18

00:00:58,810 --> 00:00:54,420

another essential compound is lipid

19

00:01:03,410 --> 00:00:58,820

which is a membrane forming

20

00:01:06,350 --> 00:01:03,420

molecule and the simple lipids were also

21

00:01:09,590 --> 00:01:06,360

found in carbonaceous chondrites and

22

00:01:12,649 --> 00:01:09,600

even though their structure was way more

23

00:01:17,090 --> 00:01:12,659

simple they can form

24

00:01:19,969 --> 00:01:17,100

vesicles so if these compounds fall down

25

00:01:22,370 --> 00:01:19,979

to the oceans they are lost in a dilute

26

00:01:25,969 --> 00:01:22,380

buffer but if we make it down to the

27

00:01:28,609 --> 00:01:25,979

surfaces of volcanic landmass they get a

28

00:01:30,950 --> 00:01:28,619

shot at Birth participating in the

29

00:01:33,530 --> 00:01:30,960

origin of life

30

00:01:37,190 --> 00:01:33,540

so compounds falling in from space

31

00:01:40,190 --> 00:01:37,200

synthesized in the biogenic atmosphere

32

00:01:42,590 --> 00:01:40,200

cooked up in hydrothermal systems

33

00:01:45,050 --> 00:01:42,600

or through work very through rock

34

00:01:47,450 --> 00:01:45,060

bevering may accumulate on the surface

35

00:01:49,190 --> 00:01:47,460

perhaps finding their way in a volcanic

36

00:01:51,649 --> 00:01:49,200

caldera

37

00:01:53,990 --> 00:01:51,659

the key to getting things to interact is

38

00:01:57,469 --> 00:01:54,000

concentration so

39

00:02:00,530 --> 00:01:57,479

small hot spring pools may be perfect

40

00:02:01,850 --> 00:02:00,540

place to go come cook up some soup of

41

00:02:04,249 --> 00:02:01,860

life

42

00:02:06,649 --> 00:02:04,259

and

43

00:02:08,809 --> 00:02:06,659

hydrothermal fields of interconnected

44

00:02:12,850 --> 00:02:08,819

pools could not only concentrate the

45

00:02:15,110 --> 00:02:12,860

compounds but intermix them between

46

00:02:17,390 --> 00:02:15,120

reservoirs subjecting them to different

47

00:02:23,089 --> 00:02:17,400

temperature pH

48

00:02:24,890 --> 00:02:23,099

uh Elemental and my mineral compositions

49

00:02:28,910 --> 00:02:24,900

and

50

00:02:31,610 --> 00:02:28,920

for any system to move from simple to

51  
00:02:33,589 --> 00:02:31,620  
more complex one is it must be subject

52  
00:02:36,770 --> 00:02:33,599  
to cycling

53  
00:02:38,809 --> 00:02:36,780  
and the flows of compounds including

54  
00:02:41,869 --> 00:02:38,819  
building blocks of membranes and

55  
00:02:44,330 --> 00:02:41,879  
polymers may find their way into a pool

56  
00:02:47,630 --> 00:02:44,340  
which fills up by a pulse from nearby

57  
00:02:50,330 --> 00:02:47,640  
geyser dries down and fills up again a

58  
00:02:52,610 --> 00:02:50,340  
cycle or an engine

59  
00:02:57,470 --> 00:02:52,620  
oh

60  
00:03:04,610 --> 00:02:57,480  
is then formed

61  
00:03:11,990 --> 00:03:08,410  
are synthesized and during rehydration

62  
00:03:13,790 --> 00:03:12,000  
they may assemble into membrane-bounded

63  
00:03:16,910 --> 00:03:13,800

protocells

64

00:03:20,449 --> 00:03:16,920

and the stabilizing effects of polymers

65

00:03:23,570 --> 00:03:20,459

and membranes allow the protocells to be

66

00:03:27,770 --> 00:03:23,580

tested with some surviving next dry down

67

00:03:30,770 --> 00:03:27,780

as a protocell aggregate together they

68

00:03:32,330 --> 00:03:30,780

form gel like face where metabolic

69

00:03:34,970 --> 00:03:32,340

Cycles can arise

70

00:03:38,509 --> 00:03:34,980

and as a grade fully dries down

71

00:03:41,449 --> 00:03:38,519

the Proto cells can

72

00:03:44,170 --> 00:03:41,459

are merging and forming lamellar

73

00:03:48,229 --> 00:03:44,180

structures where polymers can

74

00:03:49,850 --> 00:03:48,239

resynthesize template and allocate so

75

00:03:52,729 --> 00:03:49,860

after many search Cycles simple

76

00:03:55,430 --> 00:03:52,739

biological functions can emerge

77

00:03:58,309 --> 00:03:57,110

uh

78

00:04:01,250 --> 00:03:58,319

yeah

79

00:04:05,809 --> 00:04:01,260

a simple biological functions can emerge

80

00:04:10,390 --> 00:04:05,819

and these ideas are backed by many

81

00:04:13,210 --> 00:04:10,400

studies and here you can see a model of

82

00:04:15,550 --> 00:04:13,220

lasagna of life

83

00:04:18,110 --> 00:04:15,560

were

84

00:04:21,289 --> 00:04:18,120

nucleotides are trapped between layers

85

00:04:24,170 --> 00:04:21,299

of lipid membranes and such structures

86

00:04:25,909 --> 00:04:24,180

are confirmed by x-ray diffraction

87

00:04:29,570 --> 00:04:25,919

experiment

88

00:04:34,909 --> 00:04:29,580

and the trapping of nucleotides between

89

00:04:37,610 --> 00:04:34,919

the layers are beneficial because uh

90

00:04:38,810 --> 00:04:37,620

search structures allow pre-polymers to

91

00:04:41,110 --> 00:04:38,820

form

92

00:04:46,129 --> 00:04:41,120

and not only that

93

00:04:49,610 --> 00:04:46,139

here you can see that the blue lines are

94

00:04:53,510 --> 00:04:49,620

with lipid present and if we compo

95

00:04:55,790 --> 00:04:53,520

compare the deporination reactions which

96

00:04:57,430 --> 00:04:55,800

are degradation of purine nuclear

97

00:05:00,950 --> 00:04:57,440

nucleotides

98

00:05:05,749 --> 00:05:00,960

in the samples with lipid present those

99

00:05:08,510 --> 00:05:05,759

reactions are really inhibited

100

00:05:11,450 --> 00:05:08,520

uh if we cook up such lasagna at

101  
00:05:14,469 --> 00:05:11,460  
sufficiently high temperatures you can

102  
00:05:19,570 --> 00:05:14,479  
see in the last graph at 90 degrees

103  
00:05:22,909 --> 00:05:19,580  
of the nucleotides can really undergo

104  
00:05:26,870 --> 00:05:22,919  
condensation reactions and become well

105  
00:05:29,390 --> 00:05:26,880  
oligon are nucleotides so RNA or DNA

106  
00:05:32,810 --> 00:05:29,400  
like molecules

107  
00:05:35,270 --> 00:05:32,820  
and uh the most important message from

108  
00:05:37,969 --> 00:05:35,280  
all this presentation is that this is a

109  
00:05:41,210 --> 00:05:37,979  
real system like you can take your

110  
00:05:43,370 --> 00:05:41,220  
Prebiotic soup and go to Kamchatka or

111  
00:05:45,830 --> 00:05:43,380  
New Zealand or even in California the

112  
00:05:48,710 --> 00:05:45,840  
hot spring pools pour it down and after

113  
00:05:51,590 --> 00:05:48,720

a couple of Cycles you will see like

114

00:05:53,930 --> 00:05:51,600

real Proto cells with oligonucleotides

115

00:05:56,930 --> 00:05:53,940

which are of sufficient length to

116

00:05:59,390 --> 00:05:56,940

already have enzymatic functions

117

00:06:01,310 --> 00:05:59,400

so my goal for a rest of air is to use

118

00:06:05,390 --> 00:06:01,320

nanopore sequencing to study those

119

00:06:09,610 --> 00:06:05,400

sequences to check whether I can find

120

00:06:12,590 --> 00:06:09,620

some functional ones

121

00:06:16,490 --> 00:06:12,600

so these ideas and results brought our

122

00:06:18,950 --> 00:06:16,500

team to a city where we are running a

123

00:06:21,650 --> 00:06:18,960

Genesis engine which is simulation

124

00:06:23,570 --> 00:06:21,660

chamber of volcanic land mass with a lot

125

00:06:24,710 --> 00:06:23,580

of poles where we can test the different

126

00:06:27,590 --> 00:06:24,720

conditions

127

00:06:30,409 --> 00:06:27,600

and our goal is to

128

00:06:33,350 --> 00:06:30,419

understand what fraction of habitable

129

00:06:35,029 --> 00:06:33,360

planets are actually durable and by

130

00:06:37,309 --> 00:06:35,039

durable I mean

131

00:06:39,710 --> 00:06:37,319

what fraction of habitat in what

132

00:06:42,529 --> 00:06:39,720

fraction of habitable planets the life

133

00:06:44,330 --> 00:06:42,539

can actually start

134

00:06:47,390 --> 00:06:44,340

not many people are talking about that

135

00:06:48,950 --> 00:06:47,400

but conditions for a life to start will

136

00:06:51,529 --> 00:06:48,960

be very different

137

00:06:53,150 --> 00:06:51,539

than the conditions which are needed for

138

00:06:54,590 --> 00:06:53,160

our life to thrive

139

00:06:56,510 --> 00:06:54,600

yes

140

00:06:59,990 --> 00:06:56,520

so if you are interested in this project

141

00:07:02,629 --> 00:07:00,000

you can learn more on a set website or

142

00:07:05,029 --> 00:07:02,639

and I invite you to stop by my poster

143

00:07:08,029 --> 00:07:05,039

where we can discuss how we can cook

144

00:07:10,189 --> 00:07:08,039

some soup of life and maybe even start

145

00:07:10,540 --> 00:07:10,199

the second Genesis so thank you very

146

00:07:14,460 --> 00:07:10,550

much

147

00:07:15,000 --> 00:07:14,470

[Applause]

148

00:07:31,320 --> 00:07:15,010

[Music]