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of the Astrochemistry Laboratory at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. I also work

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in the Astrobiology Analytical Laboratory here. Right now, my primary job is

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to be chief of the Astrochemistry Laboratory, which is really a management position,

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so my job there is solving other people's problems. And when they come up with a science problem

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they're stuck with, give, uh, a knowledgeable perspective that isn't quite

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so entrenched in the day-to-day that can really help them solve their problems

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as well as putting together two problems together that are in different projects and see how they work.

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When I'm not doing that, I'm actually working in the

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laboratory--the Astrochemistry Laboratory--where we're studying organic compounds

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from extraterrestrial samples, from simulations of

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extraterrestrial samples, and from Earth analogs extraterrestrial

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environments. The most exciting part about what I do at work are, uh, are really two

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things. And partly, it's...or, mostly, it's the people I work

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with. Particularly, the people in this laboratory--the Astrobiology Analytical Laboratory--

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are just tremendously talented, motivated, interesting people

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and we work together very, very well, which is one of the reasons that this laboratory is a success.

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In addition, the work itself is very interesting, very exciting.

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We're pushing back some really interesting frontiers of science,

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making new discoveries all the time,

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and really trying to get at some of these unanswered questions that

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have been plaguing science for decades,

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and in some cases, humanity for existence.

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