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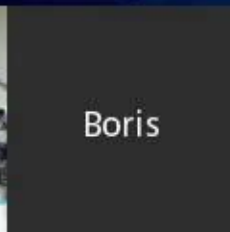
an Walborn



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1  
00:00:05,090 --> 00:00:02,929  
hello everybody and welcome to our

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00:00:06,619 --> 00:00:05,100  
latest Hubble hang out my name is Tony

3  
00:00:08,690 --> 00:00:06,629  
Darnell I work at the Space Telescope

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00:00:10,520 --> 00:00:08,700  
Science Institute and today we've got a

5  
00:00:11,600 --> 00:00:10,530  
really interesting hangout planned for

6  
00:00:13,999 --> 00:00:11,610  
you today we're going to be talking

7  
00:00:15,640 --> 00:00:14,009  
about white dwarfs clattuc cataclysmic

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00:00:18,050 --> 00:00:15,650  
variables the Hubble Space Telescope

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00:00:22,820 --> 00:00:18,060  
amateur astronomers all kinds of really

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00:00:25,550 --> 00:00:22,830  
interesting topics today and so the

11  
00:00:26,689 --> 00:00:25,560  
basic premise of today is the

12  
00:00:28,730 --> 00:00:26,699  
astronomers using the Hubble Space

13  
00:00:31,609 --> 00:00:28,740

Telescope wanted to try and answer the

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00:00:33,770 --> 00:00:31,619

question can white dwarf stars grow in

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00:00:34,970 --> 00:00:33,780

mass among other things they live one of

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00:00:36,850 --> 00:00:34,980

the questions they were trying to answer

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00:00:40,310 --> 00:00:36,860

and today we're going to explore that

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00:00:42,410 --> 00:00:40,320

with me today tall weighs is my good

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00:00:43,760 --> 00:00:42,420

friend and colleague dr. carol christian

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00:00:46,100 --> 00:00:43,770

she's from the Space Telescope Science

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00:00:49,100 --> 00:00:46,110

Institute also she knows about all

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00:00:50,750 --> 00:00:49,110

things Hubble and she's going to be

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00:00:52,459 --> 00:00:50,760

helping me with this discussion also is

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00:00:55,340 --> 00:00:52,469

scott lewis from know the cosmos calm

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00:00:58,040 --> 00:00:55,350

and he'll be he'll be on hand to help

26  
00:01:00,080 --> 00:00:58,050  
provide his unique perspective as well

27  
00:01:02,540 --> 00:01:00,090  
before I get to the introductions of our

28  
00:01:04,160 --> 00:01:02,550  
group today though I want to point out

29  
00:01:05,750 --> 00:01:04,170  
that we we hope you'll interact with us

30  
00:01:08,300 --> 00:01:05,760  
we hope you'll send questions already

31  
00:01:09,859 --> 00:01:08,310  
I'm encouraged by what I see in the Q

32  
00:01:12,230 --> 00:01:09,869  
and a half there's already a lot of

33  
00:01:13,820 --> 00:01:12,240  
things there for us to get to and we're

34  
00:01:14,990 --> 00:01:13,830  
going to promise we'll get to as many as

35  
00:01:16,880 --> 00:01:15,000  
we can throughout the course of the

36  
00:01:18,920 --> 00:01:16,890  
discussion but if you're wondering how

37  
00:01:20,420 --> 00:01:18,930  
you can interact one of them is the Q&A

38  
00:01:22,789 --> 00:01:20,430

app you'll see that if you're watching

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00:01:25,100 --> 00:01:22,799

this on youtube or on the Google+ event

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00:01:26,870 --> 00:01:25,110

page I just type in a question or a

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00:01:30,319 --> 00:01:26,880

comment and I will see it come up on our

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00:01:32,480 --> 00:01:30,329

window pane also the YouTube comments

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00:01:36,370 --> 00:01:32,490

feel free to leave a comment there you

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00:01:39,380 --> 00:01:36,380

can tweet using the habit the hubble hat

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00:01:40,880 --> 00:01:39,390

hubble hang out hashtag one day I'll get

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00:01:43,550 --> 00:01:40,890

that without stumbling hey I'm

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00:01:45,590 --> 00:01:43,560

monitoring that on as well as well as

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00:01:47,420 --> 00:01:45,600

the Google+ event page so there's lots

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00:01:49,370 --> 00:01:47,430

of ways for you to leave us comments

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00:01:50,810 --> 00:01:49,380

Scott Carol and I are looking at all of

51  
00:01:54,249 --> 00:01:50,820  
those so we encourage you to ask us

52  
00:01:59,719 --> 00:01:54,259  
questions okay so today we have with us

53  
00:02:02,810 --> 00:01:59,729  
from the University of Warwick I we have

54  
00:02:05,060 --> 00:02:02,820  
dr. Boris ken sekine he was the p.i of

55  
00:02:06,230 --> 00:02:05,070  
the program and he will be giving us a

56  
00:02:07,869 --> 00:02:06,240  
background of some of the scientific

57  
00:02:09,740 --> 00:02:07,879  
motivations and what they were doing

58  
00:02:11,240 --> 00:02:09,750  
what they were trying to accomplish

59  
00:02:13,530 --> 00:02:11,250  
scientifically with the Hubble Space

60  
00:02:15,690 --> 00:02:13,540  
Telescope also dr. Norton

61  
00:02:17,069 --> 00:02:15,700  
in woburn also of the Space Telescope

62  
00:02:19,649 --> 00:02:17,079  
Science Institute he's a member of the

63  
00:02:21,630 --> 00:02:19,659

cost team and the cosmic origins

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00:02:23,309 --> 00:02:21,640

spectrograph team who was also

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00:02:28,500 --> 00:02:23,319

responsible for various things on the

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00:02:30,449 --> 00:02:28,510

project Alan well T is here didn't know

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00:02:34,110 --> 00:02:30,459

he's on here I'm sorry Alan he did and

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00:02:37,890 --> 00:02:34,120

we have got Gordon Meyer and hard oh ok

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00:02:39,210 --> 00:02:37,900

Sonnen from the word who were too here's

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00:02:40,949 --> 00:02:39,220

the way bourse describes him he's

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00:02:42,660 --> 00:02:40,959

describes them as two of the most

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00:02:45,599 --> 00:02:42,670

professional amateurs you can imagine

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00:02:47,220 --> 00:02:45,609

from they operated remote telescopes and

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00:02:49,349 --> 00:02:47,230

without them we would certainly have

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00:02:53,610 --> 00:02:49,359

struggled to complete this HST program

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00:02:56,159 --> 00:02:53,620

so welcome guys we also have Arnie

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00:02:58,229 --> 00:02:56,169

Hendon from the American Association

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00:03:00,089 --> 00:02:58,239

from variable star observers he was

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00:03:01,649 --> 00:03:00,099

where he was good he was responsible for

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00:03:06,059 --> 00:03:01,659

organizing some of the campaigns so

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00:03:08,729 --> 00:03:06,069

welcome Arnie and um we also and I think

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00:03:10,409 --> 00:03:08,739

that covers everybody so let's go ahead

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00:03:12,720 --> 00:03:10,419

and get started and Boris I'd like to

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00:03:14,520 --> 00:03:12,730

start with you as the p.i give us some

85

00:03:16,319 --> 00:03:14,530

background of what you were trying to

86

00:03:20,039 --> 00:03:16,329

accomplish with this you had been given

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00:03:21,780 --> 00:03:20,049

a hundred and twenty-two Hubble orbits

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00:03:23,729 --> 00:03:21,790

to accomplish what you wanted to

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00:03:24,890 --> 00:03:23,739

accomplish so give us them give us a

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00:03:28,949 --> 00:03:24,900

background what were you trying to do

91

00:03:30,780 --> 00:03:28,959

okay Tony so so I guess you've talked

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00:03:33,559 --> 00:03:30,790

about type 1a supernovae and past

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00:03:35,819 --> 00:03:33,569

hangouts which are the among the most

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00:03:38,219 --> 00:03:35,829

powerful explosions in the universe and

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00:03:41,849 --> 00:03:38,229

they have been used to discover dark

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00:03:45,420 --> 00:03:41,859

energy and led to the nobel prize in

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00:03:47,789 --> 00:03:45,430

physics in 2011 and one big problems

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00:03:49,949 --> 00:03:47,799

that we still don't know exactly what

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00:03:52,349 --> 00:03:49,959

kind of stars explode under what

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00:03:55,409 --> 00:03:52,359

conditions to make a type 1a supernova

101  
00:03:57,929 --> 00:03:55,419  
now most most astronomers agree that

102  
00:04:00,210 --> 00:03:57,939  
it's probably why twelves that reach the

103  
00:04:01,589 --> 00:04:00,220  
so-called Chandrasekhar limit a maximum

104  
00:04:03,839 --> 00:04:01,599  
limit that they have and then they

105  
00:04:05,879 --> 00:04:03,849  
explode and that means these white

106  
00:04:08,699 --> 00:04:05,889  
wolves need in some way to grow in mass

107  
00:04:11,969 --> 00:04:08,709  
and so that was the key question we want

108  
00:04:15,390 --> 00:04:11,979  
to address in in one type of white walls

109  
00:04:16,800 --> 00:04:15,400  
in binary stars ok you just interrupt

110  
00:04:18,539 --> 00:04:16,810  
you very briefly for a moment here and

111  
00:04:20,399 --> 00:04:18,549  
say one important thing about type 1a

112  
00:04:22,250 --> 00:04:20,409  
supernovae that I want to make sure we

113  
00:04:24,899 --> 00:04:22,260

mentioned and that is they are basically

114

00:04:26,519 --> 00:04:24,909

possible yard sticks they are very

115

00:04:27,120 --> 00:04:26,529

important for measuring how far away

116

00:04:29,670 --> 00:04:27,130

things are

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00:04:31,650 --> 00:04:29,680

in the universe because they when they

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00:04:33,300 --> 00:04:31,660

do explode they explode with an own

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00:04:35,100 --> 00:04:33,310

intrinsic brightness and that is a

120

00:04:37,770 --> 00:04:35,110

brightness that they would be if they

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00:04:39,630 --> 00:04:37,780

were right next to us and if we see how

122

00:04:41,310 --> 00:04:39,640

bright they are very far away and we

123

00:04:42,690 --> 00:04:41,320

know how the light falls off a distance

124

00:04:45,270 --> 00:04:42,700

we can figure out how far they are so

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00:04:47,820 --> 00:04:45,280

that's why type 1a supernovae are so

126  
00:04:50,610 --> 00:04:47,830  
important and as for said we don't know

127  
00:04:52,170 --> 00:04:50,620  
exactly the kinds of stars that cause

128  
00:04:53,250 --> 00:04:52,180  
them which which I guess surprises me

129  
00:04:56,340 --> 00:04:53,260  
course I thought we did have a good

130  
00:04:57,930 --> 00:04:56,350  
handle on that well it depends on a

131  
00:04:59,820 --> 00:04:57,940  
fashion that you follow a bit at the

132  
00:05:01,860 --> 00:04:59,830  
moment probably most people would say

133  
00:05:05,180 --> 00:05:01,870  
that they believe it's it's merging

134  
00:05:08,070 --> 00:05:05,190  
double weight loss to weight lost it

135  
00:05:10,380 --> 00:05:08,080  
merge together and thence exceed the

136  
00:05:12,030 --> 00:05:10,390  
Chandrasekhar limit but there's still

137  
00:05:14,640 --> 00:05:12,040  
quite a number of problems with that

138  
00:05:16,470 --> 00:05:14,650

model as well so we wanted to explore an

139

00:05:20,100 --> 00:05:16,480

alternative route that may need to type

140

00:05:21,840 --> 00:05:20,110

1a supernovae and so the system that we

141

00:05:24,390 --> 00:05:21,850

were interested are called cataclysmic

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00:05:28,020 --> 00:05:24,400

variables and in those systems you have

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00:05:30,570 --> 00:05:28,030

a white dwarf that is accreting material

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00:05:32,430 --> 00:05:30,580

from a relatively low mass companion

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00:05:34,830 --> 00:05:32,440

stuff so something like the Sun or even

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00:05:37,020 --> 00:05:34,840

less massive than the Sun and I think

147

00:05:41,930 --> 00:05:37,030

you might have a diagram on that real

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00:05:44,430 --> 00:05:41,940

quick to put up okay here we go go ahead

149

00:05:47,190 --> 00:05:44,440

so yeah guys are just showing what what

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00:05:48,510 --> 00:05:47,200

Boris is talking about okay so any

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00:05:50,970 --> 00:05:48,520

contact as maghreb you have a white

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00:05:53,520 --> 00:05:50,980

dwarf that accretes material from that

153

00:05:56,070 --> 00:05:53,530

companion star and you form an accretion

154

00:06:00,240 --> 00:05:56,080

disk of mainly hydrogen that then flows

155

00:06:02,610 --> 00:06:00,250

on to the y-12 and probably 20-30 years

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00:06:05,070 --> 00:06:02,620

ago astronomers have excluded these kind

157

00:06:09,060 --> 00:06:05,080

of systems as potential type 1a

158

00:06:10,590 --> 00:06:09,070

progenitors because they go periodically

159

00:06:13,260 --> 00:06:10,600

through a process which is called the

160

00:06:16,290 --> 00:06:13,270

classic in nova where the hydrogen that

161

00:06:18,390 --> 00:06:16,300

flows on the surface of the y-12 starts

162

00:06:19,830 --> 00:06:18,400

to burn and then eject all the material

163

00:06:22,620 --> 00:06:19,840

that has been accreted back into space

164

00:06:25,680 --> 00:06:22,630

so if that really is true these white

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00:06:27,900 --> 00:06:25,690

dwarfs they couldn't grow in mass yet

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00:06:31,530 --> 00:06:27,910

there are some some question marks to

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00:06:33,810 --> 00:06:31,540

those problems and some recent studies

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00:06:36,300 --> 00:06:33,820

suggested well the weight loss NC in

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00:06:38,219 --> 00:06:36,310

catechism acabas are actually more

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00:06:41,190 --> 00:06:38,229

massive than we expected them to be and

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00:06:43,590 --> 00:06:41,200

so that's where we initiated the

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00:06:45,960 --> 00:06:43,600

large HST program to measure accurately

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00:06:48,240 --> 00:06:45,970

the masses of faulty cataclysmic

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00:06:51,210 --> 00:06:48,250

variables to have a bigger statistical

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00:06:52,740 --> 00:06:51,220

sample on the bigger group of stars for

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00:06:54,960 --> 00:06:52,750

which we have accurate masses and can

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00:06:58,380 --> 00:06:54,970

learn something about the the mass

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00:07:00,180 --> 00:06:58,390

distribution of these white walls so can

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00:07:03,240 --> 00:07:00,190

I this cow can I just ask a quick

180

00:07:05,970 --> 00:07:03,250

question here so if there's a

181

00:07:08,310 --> 00:07:05,980

distribution of masses of these objects

182

00:07:10,980 --> 00:07:08,320

called cataclysmic variables is it

183

00:07:13,710 --> 00:07:10,990

possible that some could be supernova

184

00:07:17,880 --> 00:07:13,720

and some could be knowable or you don't

185

00:07:20,880 --> 00:07:17,890

know yet we don't know yet probably if

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00:07:23,700 --> 00:07:20,890

if any of them become supernova it's a

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00:07:26,280 --> 00:07:23,710

very small fraction of that type I style

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00:07:32,310 --> 00:07:26,290

probably probably only the heaviest one

189

00:07:34,080 --> 00:07:32,320

will ever get to that point okay so you

190

00:07:36,960 --> 00:07:34,090

are looking so you wanted to see if

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00:07:40,050 --> 00:07:36,970

these if these white dwarfs were getting

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00:07:42,600 --> 00:07:40,060

more massive and it looked looking at

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00:07:44,370 --> 00:07:42,610

that diagram that Scott has there I can

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00:07:46,500 --> 00:07:44,380

already see that there are some

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00:07:49,200 --> 00:07:46,510

challenges to actually measuring the

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00:07:50,730 --> 00:07:49,210

white dwarf itself you want to explain

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00:07:53,100 --> 00:07:50,740

some of the some of the real problems

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00:07:57,000 --> 00:07:53,110

with making this observation yeah sure

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00:07:58,650 --> 00:07:57,010

so one problem is that in these in these

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00:08:01,770 --> 00:07:58,660

cataclysmic variables if you observe

201  
00:08:03,440 --> 00:08:01,780  
them at optical wavelengths so from the

202  
00:08:06,090 --> 00:08:03,450  
ground with a conventional telescope

203  
00:08:09,480 --> 00:08:06,100  
what you see is mainly the accretion

204  
00:08:11,340 --> 00:08:09,490  
disk and the companion star and they're

205  
00:08:13,170 --> 00:08:11,350  
much brighter than the y-12 at optical

206  
00:08:15,000 --> 00:08:13,180  
wavelengths and so you can't actually

207  
00:08:17,550 --> 00:08:15,010  
learn much about the white dwarf let

208  
00:08:19,320 --> 00:08:17,560  
alone its mass and that means if you

209  
00:08:22,290 --> 00:08:19,330  
want to study the way 12 you need to

210  
00:08:24,750 --> 00:08:22,300  
move into the ultraviolet and obtain

211  
00:08:26,640 --> 00:08:24,760  
observations at wavelengths that are

212  
00:08:27,870 --> 00:08:26,650  
like much shorter than the light that

213  
00:08:29,220 --> 00:08:27,880

can penetrate through the Earth's

214

00:08:31,620 --> 00:08:29,230

atmosphere and that's where Hubble comes

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00:08:33,839 --> 00:08:31,630

into play because Hubble is currently

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00:08:37,230 --> 00:08:33,849

the only instrument that can do which

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00:08:38,760 --> 00:08:37,240

are valid observations so let's bring no

218

00:08:40,230 --> 00:08:38,770

one in on this so Nolan is this where

219

00:08:43,320 --> 00:08:40,240

you took it over is this where you were

220

00:08:46,830 --> 00:08:43,330

involved with the Cubs with the with the

221

00:08:53,530 --> 00:08:49,900

that time is that very ominous yeah did

222

00:08:56,830 --> 00:08:53,540

I do that sorry it's great a cab is now

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00:09:01,480 --> 00:08:56,840

no variable right there yeah I'm

224

00:09:04,000 --> 00:09:01,490

introduction so well yes partially I

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00:09:05,830 --> 00:09:04,010

should I guess say deference to a

226

00:09:11,190 --> 00:09:05,840

colleague who since left and gone back

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00:09:14,380 --> 00:09:11,200

to Italy Ilana musang she really was the

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00:09:18,340 --> 00:09:14,390

staff contact for this program initially

229

00:09:19,780 --> 00:09:18,350

and did I would say most of the work but

230

00:09:25,110 --> 00:09:19,790

she's gone on to a different position

231

00:09:31,080 --> 00:09:27,850

the so we heard about ultraviolet and

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00:09:33,220 --> 00:09:31,090

Hubble and the Hubble is the only

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00:09:36,670 --> 00:09:33,230

observatory have that can do this kind

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00:09:38,920 --> 00:09:36,680

of work that Boris want to do and so we

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00:09:41,280 --> 00:09:38,930

have some spectrographs one of which you

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00:09:43,900 --> 00:09:41,290

use the cosmic origins spectrograph and

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00:09:45,430 --> 00:09:43,910

they can observe in the ultraviolet so

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00:09:49,150 --> 00:09:45,440

they have ultraviolet sensitive

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00:09:52,030 --> 00:09:49,160

detectors fortunately these detectors

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00:09:56,920 --> 00:09:52,040

are very susceptible to damage and even

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00:09:58,420 --> 00:09:56,930

destruction by / illumination and so for

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every observation we do with any of

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these detectors we have to do a very

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00:10:05,380 --> 00:10:02,660

careful screening of the target and even

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00:10:07,450 --> 00:10:05,390

the field around the target to make sure

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00:10:09,220 --> 00:10:07,460

that it's safe that the cap rates won't

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00:10:12,310 --> 00:10:09,230

be too high for the safety of the

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00:10:14,350 --> 00:10:12,320

detectors and that's a big job that's as

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00:10:17,080 --> 00:10:14,360

you can imagine we have thousands of

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00:10:19,780 --> 00:10:17,090

targets a year and somebody has to do

251  
00:10:21,940 --> 00:10:19,790  
that for each one that's a good part of

252  
00:10:26,230 --> 00:10:21,950  
my time here what I do on my technical

253  
00:10:27,790 --> 00:10:26,240  
side so you're you're always worried

254  
00:10:29,560 --> 00:10:27,800  
about whether or not me people forget

255  
00:10:31,990 --> 00:10:29,570  
this Hubble is designed to view very

256  
00:10:34,660 --> 00:10:32,000  
very faint things and so even something

257  
00:10:36,550 --> 00:10:34,670  
reasonably bright can can do some damage

258  
00:10:37,960 --> 00:10:36,560  
to Hubble so do you spend a lot of your

259  
00:10:41,560 --> 00:10:37,970  
time worrying about things like that is

260  
00:10:43,720 --> 00:10:41,570  
that one of your jobs yes exactly we

261  
00:10:47,830 --> 00:10:43,730  
have to screen every target and we have

262  
00:10:50,380 --> 00:10:47,840  
software systems to help us do that too

263  
00:10:52,710 --> 00:10:50,390

and Andy there is a detector for each

264

00:10:55,510 --> 00:10:52,720

config sorry a limit for each

265

00:10:58,960 --> 00:10:55,520

configuration involving a given detector

266

00:11:02,110 --> 00:10:58,970

which apertures being used filters

267

00:11:04,869 --> 00:11:02,120

whatever and we can calculate what the

268

00:11:08,170 --> 00:11:04,879

count rate will be given the input data

269

00:11:10,889 --> 00:11:08,180

about the target and so we checked that

270

00:11:14,889 --> 00:11:10,899

for everyone to make sure that it's safe

271

00:11:16,689 --> 00:11:14,899

so that was done for all of lorises

272

00:11:18,460 --> 00:11:16,699

targets and i have to say maybe semi

273

00:11:21,490 --> 00:11:18,470

humorously that that was kind of a no-no

274

00:11:24,309 --> 00:11:21,500

factor when his program arrived because

275

00:11:26,889 --> 00:11:24,319

he had 40 some of these targets and it's

276

00:11:28,900 --> 00:11:26,899

a lot of work and not only do they have

277

00:11:31,389 --> 00:11:28,910

to be screened in their question state

278

00:11:34,619 --> 00:11:31,399

which we hope and intend to observe them

279

00:11:37,600 --> 00:11:34,629

in but these objects are also subject to

280

00:11:39,579 --> 00:11:37,610

unpredictable almost instantaneous

281

00:11:41,679 --> 00:11:39,589

flares that increase the ultraviolet

282

00:11:43,449 --> 00:11:41,689

brightness by huge factor so it could be

283

00:11:45,819 --> 00:11:43,459

perfectly safe in its question state

284

00:11:47,829 --> 00:11:45,829

which we have data about and destroy the

285

00:11:51,429 --> 00:11:47,839

detector if it happened to have an

286

00:11:53,470 --> 00:11:51,439

outburst during the observation so the

287

00:11:55,300 --> 00:11:53,480

last words were told me that that could

288

00:11:57,249 --> 00:11:55,310

be on order of anywhere from three to

289

00:12:00,579 --> 00:11:57,259

seven magnitudes right I mean that

290

00:12:02,980 --> 00:12:00,589

brightness yes there's a real threat it

291

00:12:04,629 --> 00:12:02,990

is that's a huge amount and there are

292

00:12:06,759 --> 00:12:04,639

onboard safety mechanisms which are

293

00:12:08,139 --> 00:12:06,769

designed to shut that the Tector down in

294

00:12:09,699 --> 00:12:08,149

time if it detects such an over

295

00:12:14,949 --> 00:12:09,709

elimination but such a sudden huge

296

00:12:16,629 --> 00:12:14,959

increase might get through and damage

297

00:12:19,960 --> 00:12:16,639

something also if we have such a

298

00:12:22,299 --> 00:12:19,970

shutdown it fouls up the whole hubble

299

00:12:24,309 --> 00:12:22,309

schedule and things have to be redone

300

00:12:26,949 --> 00:12:24,319

and time may be lost so we want to avoid

301

00:12:28,629 --> 00:12:26,959

that well we can't predict this and so

302

00:12:30,309 --> 00:12:28,639

we can't be absolutely certain that it's

303

00:12:32,290 --> 00:12:30,319

not going to happen but we've thought

304

00:12:34,710 --> 00:12:32,300

about the statistics and how frequent

305

00:12:37,840 --> 00:12:34,720

these outbursts might be maybe centuries

306

00:12:39,280 --> 00:12:37,850

in this well it's different there

307

00:12:41,410 --> 00:12:39,290

different subcategories of these which

308

00:12:43,929 --> 00:12:41,420

Morris can tell you about I'm not an

309

00:12:49,059 --> 00:12:43,939

expert on it and but their properties

310

00:12:50,590 --> 00:12:49,069

are known and we can predict

311

00:12:52,569 --> 00:12:50,600

statistically how often these outbursts

312

00:12:54,670 --> 00:12:52,579

fight a curb but not when one is going

313

00:12:58,179 --> 00:12:54,680

to occur in a given object so the

314

00:12:59,590 --> 00:12:58,189

mechanism we settled on is to make sure

315

00:13:01,809 --> 00:12:59,600

that the object is still in its

316

00:13:04,840 --> 00:13:01,819

quiescent state and safe according to

317

00:13:10,059 --> 00:13:04,850

our screening 24 hours ahead of the

318

00:13:11,740 --> 00:13:10,069

observation and of course that requires

319

00:13:12,660 --> 00:13:11,750

a lot of work on the part of a lot of

320

00:13:14,910 --> 00:13:12,670

people and

321

00:13:16,590 --> 00:13:14,920

pudding now so let's yeah so let's get

322

00:13:18,420 --> 00:13:16,600

to that for so so part of the problem is

323

00:13:20,490 --> 00:13:18,430

you needed observations because before

324

00:13:21,990 --> 00:13:20,500

you point the Hubble anywhere you want

325

00:13:24,450 --> 00:13:22,000

to make sure that everything is still

326

00:13:26,040 --> 00:13:24,460

safe and so you're you need somebody to

327

00:13:29,280 --> 00:13:26,050

monitor these targets so all these

328

00:13:32,220 --> 00:13:29,290

targets the Boris came up with needed to

329

00:13:34,230 --> 00:13:32,230

be looked at right before you turn HST

330

00:13:36,360 --> 00:13:34,240

over and there was a system you guys put

331

00:13:38,280 --> 00:13:36,370

in place for that right and who would

332

00:13:39,990 --> 00:13:38,290

what would what Arnie would you be the

333

00:13:42,420 --> 00:13:40,000

one that coordinated those efforts are

334

00:13:45,600 --> 00:13:42,430

with that just with that be Boris I want

335

00:13:47,160 --> 00:13:45,610

someone to talk about how you who was

336

00:13:50,670 --> 00:13:47,170

doing the monitoring of these targets

337

00:13:54,630 --> 00:13:50,680

before HST was pointed well sort of a

338

00:13:56,970 --> 00:13:54,640

combination or certainly was the one who

339

00:13:59,010 --> 00:13:56,980

talked to HST to let them know the

340

00:14:02,640 --> 00:13:59,020

results of the monitoring that took

341

00:14:05,730 --> 00:14:02,650

place but I was the one who helped

342

00:14:09,210 --> 00:14:05,740

coordinate the various amateur

343

00:14:10,830 --> 00:14:09,220

activities related to that we generated

344

00:14:14,340 --> 00:14:10,840

finding charts for each one of the

345

00:14:16,110 --> 00:14:14,350

objects and then set up a campaign for

346

00:14:20,870 --> 00:14:16,120

each of the objects as they were coming

347

00:14:23,370 --> 00:14:20,880

up on the HST queue to have the amateurs

348

00:14:27,900 --> 00:14:23,380

observe these objects and monitor them

349

00:14:30,630 --> 00:14:27,910

and to ensure that they hadn't gone into

350

00:14:33,540 --> 00:14:30,640

outburst as it was mentioned the

351  
00:14:34,950 --> 00:14:33,550  
outburst as many magnitudes in size so

352  
00:14:36,860 --> 00:14:34,960  
it's really easy to see whether an

353  
00:14:39,900 --> 00:14:36,870  
object is in quiescence or whether it's

354  
00:14:42,510 --> 00:14:39,910  
far brighter than that so it's a very

355  
00:14:43,880 --> 00:14:42,520  
simple observation to make but it's one

356  
00:14:46,020 --> 00:14:43,890  
where you need to have people

357  
00:14:48,300 --> 00:14:46,030  
geographically distributed across the

358  
00:14:50,280 --> 00:14:48,310  
globe so if they can catch the opposite

359  
00:14:52,860 --> 00:14:50,290  
dot any kind of an outburst just as it

360  
00:14:57,480 --> 00:14:52,870  
starts beginning especially within that

361  
00:14:59,460 --> 00:14:57,490  
24-hour window that HST required so we

362  
00:15:04,380 --> 00:14:59,470  
enlisted the aid of a large group of

363  
00:15:06,420 --> 00:15:04,390

amateurs partly from the aavso itself

364

00:15:08,520 --> 00:15:06,430

but then also the various members it

365

00:15:10,650 --> 00:15:08,530

excuse me various observers around the

366

00:15:13,110 --> 00:15:10,660

globe who also submit observations to us

367

00:15:15,180 --> 00:15:13,120

and everybody got very enthused about

368

00:15:17,400 --> 00:15:15,190

the project even though there's 40 some

369

00:15:22,320 --> 00:15:17,410

objects i mean this a lot of observing

370

00:15:24,720 --> 00:15:22,330

that has to be done but the the amateurs

371

00:15:26,130 --> 00:15:24,730

rough ford and they had observations for

372

00:15:29,910 --> 00:15:26,140

every single one of those

373

00:15:33,300 --> 00:15:29,920

targets within the time frame that HST

374

00:15:38,160 --> 00:15:33,310

required so we have Gordon Myers in our

375

00:15:40,260 --> 00:15:38,170

know oksanen here as examples of I guess

376

00:15:42,450 --> 00:15:40,270

you were two very instrumental amateurs

377

00:15:45,840 --> 00:15:42,460

and getting these observations done are

378

00:15:50,670 --> 00:15:45,850

you guys members of apps oh yes yes I am

379

00:15:52,110 --> 00:15:50,680

okay and so so do you have really do but

380

00:15:53,700 --> 00:15:52,120

do you guys have a backyard full of

381

00:15:55,050 --> 00:15:53,710

really amazing equipment or do you have

382

00:15:57,090 --> 00:15:55,060

disorder you know regular off-the-shelf

383

00:15:58,530 --> 00:15:57,100

telescopes I mean tell us tell us what

384

00:16:00,870 --> 00:15:58,540

you used and i'll start with gordon and

385

00:16:03,030 --> 00:16:00,880

then go to you or to darna yeah actually

386

00:16:06,300 --> 00:16:03,040

i was using some scopes that were

387

00:16:09,180 --> 00:16:06,310

remotely located a fairly large scope

388

00:16:12,360 --> 00:16:09,190

down in Australia and then also had

389

00:16:16,620 --> 00:16:12,370

access to a scope in New Mexico and also

390

00:16:19,110 --> 00:16:16,630

in Spain so we were often trying to now

391

00:16:21,150 --> 00:16:19,120

how to the clouds glad what how did that

392

00:16:23,160 --> 00:16:21,160

happen you don't own telescopes in all

393

00:16:25,380 --> 00:16:23,170

those areas do you know there's some

394

00:16:28,470 --> 00:16:25,390

organizations that allow you to rent

395

00:16:30,180 --> 00:16:28,480

time on telescopes by the minute and you

396

00:16:32,340 --> 00:16:30,190

can coordinate with them and get things

397

00:16:35,070 --> 00:16:32,350

scheduled so that you can you know

398

00:16:36,900 --> 00:16:35,080

observe targets at various times and

399

00:16:39,510 --> 00:16:36,910

that worked quite well other than when

400

00:16:41,130 --> 00:16:39,520

the clouds would show up or if somebody

401  
00:16:42,930 --> 00:16:41,140  
else already have the scope schedule but

402  
00:16:44,580 --> 00:16:42,940  
I think it was very enjoyable for the

403  
00:16:46,740 --> 00:16:44,590  
amateurs because we got a chance to

404  
00:16:48,630 --> 00:16:46,750  
really you know help the scientific

405  
00:16:49,620 --> 00:16:48,640  
observations go off on schedule and I

406  
00:16:52,470 --> 00:16:49,630  
think that's one of the things the

407  
00:16:55,590 --> 00:16:52,480  
amateurs enjoy the most now is this a is

408  
00:16:57,960 --> 00:16:55,600  
this like I telescope net is that yeah

409  
00:17:00,240 --> 00:16:57,970  
yeah was that one that's the 1i use yes

410  
00:17:02,280 --> 00:17:00,250  
ok yeah you're in very well I've worked

411  
00:17:04,350 --> 00:17:02,290  
with him the past they're fantastic yeah

412  
00:17:05,550 --> 00:17:04,360  
I want to have a hangout on just that

413  
00:17:07,230 --> 00:17:05,560

what it's like to use some of these

414

00:17:08,400 --> 00:17:07,240

various online telescopes at some point

415

00:17:10,350 --> 00:17:08,410

in the future because I think that's a

416

00:17:12,329 --> 00:17:10,360

resource becoming more and more valuable

417

00:17:13,380 --> 00:17:12,339

and it might even be better and maybe we

418

00:17:15,600 --> 00:17:13,390

will talk about it here but it may even

419

00:17:16,860 --> 00:17:15,610

be better than buying your own scope or

420

00:17:20,100 --> 00:17:16,870

something named who knows I don't know

421

00:17:21,569 --> 00:17:20,110

but it is an interesting idea is that is

422

00:17:24,030 --> 00:17:21,579

that what you did our toes well you did

423

00:17:26,790 --> 00:17:24,040

did you do that or what did you do yeah

424

00:17:29,550 --> 00:17:26,800

I'll see you soon inately operated

425

00:17:33,030 --> 00:17:29,560

tennis coach as well also you were also

426  
00:17:35,130 --> 00:17:33,040  
using online telescopes yes 11 in fatal

427  
00:17:36,150 --> 00:17:35,140  
on other one in Chile so let me get this

428  
00:17:37,350 --> 00:17:36,160  
straight are you guys paying for the

429  
00:17:38,910 --> 00:17:37,360  
side of your own pocket you guys are

430  
00:17:39,919 --> 00:17:38,920  
buying this telescope time is it

431  
00:17:43,100 --> 00:17:39,929  
expensive

432  
00:17:46,879 --> 00:17:43,110  
and uh today i stopped i'm using in

433  
00:17:50,600 --> 00:17:46,889  
finland it it is owned by my utterly

434  
00:17:54,230 --> 00:17:50,610  
mchale Club to club tennis court and the

435  
00:17:58,070 --> 00:17:54,240  
one in Chile it's owned by a friend it's

436  
00:18:00,350 --> 00:17:58,080  
a private telescope but i can use point

437  
00:18:01,730 --> 00:18:00,360  
three any of it man amateur astronomy

438  
00:18:04,430 --> 00:18:01,740

has sure changed since i was doing and I

439

00:18:06,529 --> 00:18:04,440

know that it's like the the Internet has

440

00:18:08,450 --> 00:18:06,539

made everything possible nobody who need

441

00:18:11,480 --> 00:18:08,460

no such thing as a cloudy night anymore

442

00:18:13,759 --> 00:18:11,490

just go to another part in the world is

443

00:18:17,509 --> 00:18:13,769

card to a question then so so you

444

00:18:19,820 --> 00:18:17,519

haven't estranha then and and you own

445

00:18:21,859 --> 00:18:19,830

one telescope or several telescopes and

446

00:18:23,539 --> 00:18:21,869

then you have to make the case you have

447

00:18:26,619 --> 00:18:23,549

to kind of proposed to your group hey I

448

00:18:29,749 --> 00:18:26,629

want to go that's my recollection yeah

449

00:18:36,379 --> 00:18:29,759

we don't have too many observers but be

450

00:18:41,930 --> 00:18:36,389

okay founded on our personal right Sarah

451  
00:18:44,629 --> 00:18:41,940  
so first common with basically nice okay

452  
00:18:46,310 --> 00:18:44,639  
so Boris how hard was it to coordinate

453  
00:18:48,320 --> 00:18:46,320  
all of this I mean now you're you're

454  
00:18:49,759 --> 00:18:48,330  
getting ready to look at the point the

455  
00:18:51,109 --> 00:18:49,769  
Hubble somewhere you don't know if it's

456  
00:18:52,609 --> 00:18:51,119  
scary or not you don't know if you're

457  
00:18:56,090 --> 00:18:52,619  
going to burn out detectors and you and

458  
00:18:57,409 --> 00:18:56,100  
Nolan her you know making sure how what

459  
00:18:58,850 --> 00:18:57,419  
was that like give us a sense of what

460  
00:19:03,220 --> 00:18:58,860  
that was like to get all that put

461  
00:19:05,539 --> 00:19:03,230  
together it was frightening because

462  
00:19:09,409 --> 00:19:05,549  
because this these systems they're

463  
00:19:11,480 --> 00:19:09,419

unpredictable as Nolan said we

464

00:19:14,359 --> 00:19:11,490

statistically we can tell how often the

465

00:19:16,070 --> 00:19:14,369

outburst saw every three month every six

466

00:19:19,820 --> 00:19:16,080

months but you never know they could be

467

00:19:21,919 --> 00:19:19,830

tomorrow and so every single time that I

468

00:19:24,830 --> 00:19:21,929

got an email that the next edges the

469

00:19:26,659 --> 00:19:24,840

observation is scheduled I would get in

470

00:19:28,749 --> 00:19:26,669

touch with Arnie and send out an email

471

00:19:31,460 --> 00:19:28,759

to the amateurs I know personally and

472

00:19:34,430 --> 00:19:31,470

start to collect observations and then

473

00:19:37,009 --> 00:19:34,440

we had three or four near misses where

474

00:19:39,460 --> 00:19:37,019

the systems went into an opera is about

475

00:19:42,139 --> 00:19:39,470

a week before the HST observations and

476

00:19:44,480 --> 00:19:42,149

then the question was would they fade

477

00:19:47,779 --> 00:19:44,490

rapidly enough that it's safer agency to

478

00:19:51,529 --> 00:19:47,789

observe and so the the kind of closest

479

00:19:53,330 --> 00:19:51,539

call we had was one system very far in

480

00:19:53,990 --> 00:19:53,340

the southern hemisphere but the problem

481

00:19:55,520 --> 00:19:54,000

there is that the

482

00:19:56,930 --> 00:19:55,530

southern hemisphere doesn't have a lot

483

00:20:00,380 --> 00:19:56,940

of land so there are not many telescopes

484

00:20:02,900 --> 00:20:00,390

that are available it's Australia South

485

00:20:06,560 --> 00:20:02,910

America and South Africa right so I was

486

00:20:09,140 --> 00:20:06,570

myself just on a trip to Chile and got

487

00:20:10,790 --> 00:20:09,150

an email while I was in the taxi going

488

00:20:12,590 --> 00:20:10,800

to the observatory there that one of the

489

00:20:15,050 --> 00:20:12,600

stars scheduled for hs2 observations

490

00:20:18,080 --> 00:20:15,060

later the week that we had gone into all

491

00:20:20,030 --> 00:20:18,090

person so I was frenetically emailing

492

00:20:23,060 --> 00:20:20,040

outer oh and some other people in South

493

00:20:25,670 --> 00:20:23,070

Africa that they get on to the star and

494

00:20:27,260 --> 00:20:25,680

so they did what they could do and they

495

00:20:29,060 --> 00:20:27,270

could show demonstrate to space

496

00:20:31,700 --> 00:20:29,070

telescope demonstrate to Nolan and

497

00:20:34,280 --> 00:20:31,710

Helena that the star was fading rapidly

498

00:20:36,320 --> 00:20:34,290

and that it was back in quiescence about

499

00:20:38,000 --> 00:20:36,330

12 hours before a chest he would salute

500

00:20:39,650 --> 00:20:38,010

to it and so then they were happy and

501  
00:20:43,210 --> 00:20:39,660  
they said okay go ahead we do the

502  
00:20:48,190 --> 00:20:43,220  
observation wow that's amazing I know I

503  
00:20:50,480 --> 00:20:48,200  
was it was really real time 24 hours

504  
00:20:52,670 --> 00:20:50,490  
working on that program to make sure

505  
00:20:54,620 --> 00:20:52,680  
that the communication works that we can

506  
00:20:56,390 --> 00:20:54,630  
fill in gaps if there's bad weather in

507  
00:20:58,520 --> 00:20:56,400  
one continent that we can work from

508  
00:21:01,250 --> 00:20:58,530  
somewhere else and then people like

509  
00:21:04,340 --> 00:21:01,260  
people like Otto and Gordon just

510  
00:21:06,920 --> 00:21:04,350  
responded so brilliantly to to my

511  
00:21:08,810 --> 00:21:06,930  
requests over and over again that's

512  
00:21:11,720 --> 00:21:08,820  
awesome so for the benefit of those who

513  
00:21:13,400 --> 00:21:11,730

might be watching that might want to do

514

00:21:16,310 --> 00:21:13,410

this kind of thing get involved in this

515

00:21:18,230 --> 00:21:16,320

kind of thing with Hubble science how

516

00:21:20,570 --> 00:21:18,240

did how did you guys find out about it

517

00:21:23,780 --> 00:21:20,580

arto and Gordon what was it through apps

518

00:21:26,720 --> 00:21:23,790

oh yeah in my case it definitely was

519

00:21:29,150 --> 00:21:26,730

yeah i mean the the alerts from double a

520

00:21:31,610 --> 00:21:29,160

VSO were the ones that i really tied

521

00:21:33,620 --> 00:21:31,620

into and then through those ended up

522

00:21:35,900 --> 00:21:33,630

doing emails directly with worse in

523

00:21:37,850 --> 00:21:35,910

several situations but yeah it was the

524

00:21:41,030 --> 00:21:37,860

coordination through a VSO that really

525

00:21:42,980 --> 00:21:41,040

made it all happen ok and same in same

526  
00:21:46,670 --> 00:21:42,990  
for you or you found it you found it out

527  
00:21:49,640 --> 00:21:46,680  
same way yeah I think so I learned it by

528  
00:21:51,980 --> 00:21:49,650  
aavso but probably got a email from

529  
00:21:53,360 --> 00:21:51,990  
Boris as well well there you go Arnie

530  
00:21:54,740 --> 00:21:53,370  
there's a good plug for why you need to

531  
00:21:57,740 --> 00:21:54,750  
get more members they're getting become

532  
00:22:00,620 --> 00:21:57,750  
get a member of the organization what's

533  
00:22:02,360 --> 00:22:00,630  
it like tell us how to do that what is

534  
00:22:07,640 --> 00:22:02,370  
that so and what why should how can

535  
00:22:10,010 --> 00:22:07,650  
people sign up well a VSO

536  
00:22:12,140 --> 00:22:10,020  
I know I was so I just don't have it

537  
00:22:16,070 --> 00:22:12,150  
sorry yeah well I mean there's am so a

538  
00:22:17,600 --> 00:22:16,080

via so you know you pick your way of

539

00:22:20,420 --> 00:22:17,610

pronouncing the acronym that's fine with

540

00:22:22,610 --> 00:22:20,430

me but is the American Association of

541

00:22:24,830 --> 00:22:22,620

variable star observers and what that

542

00:22:26,780 --> 00:22:24,840

means is exactly what it says is people

543

00:22:29,060 --> 00:22:26,790

who have the an interest in variable

544

00:22:31,460 --> 00:22:29,070

stars they can be professional they can

545

00:22:34,790 --> 00:22:31,470

be amateur they can be just interested

546

00:22:38,240 --> 00:22:34,800

in doing database design whatever but we

547

00:22:42,170 --> 00:22:38,250

give equal weight to everyone we do have

548

00:22:44,030 --> 00:22:42,180

a website that you can go to a VSO org

549

00:22:47,660 --> 00:22:44,040

and on there there's a way in which you

550

00:22:50,030 --> 00:22:47,670

can join the organization it's not that

551  
00:22:51,920 --> 00:22:50,040  
expensive we do actually have a robotic

552  
00:22:55,970 --> 00:22:51,930  
telescope Network that you can get to

553  
00:22:58,000 --> 00:22:55,980  
for free if you remember and so it's a l

554  
00:23:00,320 --> 00:22:58,010  
think it's an exciting time for

555  
00:23:02,390 --> 00:23:00,330  
astronomy in general and for the amateur

556  
00:23:04,970 --> 00:23:02,400  
community in particular and for the

557  
00:23:06,440 --> 00:23:04,980  
professional amateur collaboration world

558  
00:23:08,030 --> 00:23:06,450  
as well I mean there's a lot of these

559  
00:23:10,160 --> 00:23:08,040  
kind of collaborations happening now as

560  
00:23:12,700 --> 00:23:10,170  
a result of your efforts I remember in

561  
00:23:16,040 --> 00:23:12,710  
the 70s when I was a member of apps

562  
00:23:18,080 --> 00:23:16,050  
double a VSO what I did was I took my

563  
00:23:19,760 --> 00:23:18,090

little c 8 out and I would just plot

564

00:23:22,220 --> 00:23:19,770

light curves of different variable stars

565

00:23:24,980 --> 00:23:22,230

send the man via mail and you guys would

566

00:23:26,630 --> 00:23:24,990

process them and and and and do your do

567

00:23:28,400 --> 00:23:26,640

some make it available to professional

568

00:23:30,500 --> 00:23:28,410

science scientists for people who needed

569

00:23:32,840 --> 00:23:30,510

light curves of variable stars that's

570

00:23:35,810 --> 00:23:32,850

what I did when I was in high school and

571

00:23:38,210 --> 00:23:35,820

I have a question actually about the

572

00:23:44,090 --> 00:23:38,220

process so so you're sending out alerts

573

00:23:46,370 --> 00:23:44,100

and the members are responding um do

574

00:23:49,670 --> 00:23:46,380

they go directly to Boris then and start

575

00:23:52,550 --> 00:23:49,680

reporting they make measurements and

576  
00:23:55,100 --> 00:23:52,560  
report the measurements to somebody

577  
00:23:56,810 --> 00:23:55,110  
collect all the observations for use

578  
00:24:00,020 --> 00:23:56,820  
later I mean maybe those observations

579  
00:24:02,360 --> 00:24:00,030  
are worth something in reference to the

580  
00:24:04,940 --> 00:24:02,370  
HST observation so what about the data

581  
00:24:08,810 --> 00:24:04,950  
and and all of that what happens with

582  
00:24:11,180 --> 00:24:08,820  
all of that Oh Carol all that happens we

583  
00:24:14,210 --> 00:24:11,190  
do have an online public publicly

584  
00:24:15,800 --> 00:24:14,220  
accessible database and we encourage all

585  
00:24:17,960 --> 00:24:15,810  
the observers to submit their

586  
00:24:20,750 --> 00:24:17,970  
observations to that database and it's

587  
00:24:21,590 --> 00:24:20,760  
real time so that means then that Boris

588  
00:24:24,200 --> 00:24:21,600

or whomever

589

00:24:26,930 --> 00:24:24,210

can actually access the database and see

590

00:24:29,900 --> 00:24:26,940

what the latest reported observations

591

00:24:32,390 --> 00:24:29,910

are in addition to that we have online

592

00:24:34,400 --> 00:24:32,400

forums and so there was a forum it was

593

00:24:37,340 --> 00:24:34,410

set up and people who report any kind of

594

00:24:39,740 --> 00:24:37,350

immediate notification there may not

595

00:24:41,990 --> 00:24:39,750

have been a quality observation yet but

596

00:24:47,720 --> 00:24:42,000

they wanted to alert somebody about it

597

00:24:50,750 --> 00:24:47,730

and then finally Boris was available

598

00:24:52,580 --> 00:24:50,760

they seem like 24 7 and so he was you

599

00:24:54,140 --> 00:24:52,590

could just email him and let him know if

600

00:24:57,529 --> 00:24:54,150

you saw anything that was important so

601  
00:24:59,149 --> 00:24:57,539  
we encourage that as well okay well that

602  
00:25:00,560 --> 00:24:59,159  
that is a great resource so I would

603  
00:25:02,180 --> 00:25:00,570  
encourage anybody interested in getting

604  
00:25:03,529 --> 00:25:02,190  
involved to go to that website and see

605  
00:25:05,419 --> 00:25:03,539  
and learn more about it themselves and

606  
00:25:06,770 --> 00:25:05,429  
get involved I mean this is the best you

607  
00:25:08,419 --> 00:25:06,780  
know this is a golden age of astronomy

608  
00:25:10,700 --> 00:25:08,429  
for amateurs as well and you can really

609  
00:25:12,529 --> 00:25:10,710  
help pro professional astronomers in

610  
00:25:15,500 --> 00:25:12,539  
ways that have never really been before

611  
00:25:17,450 --> 00:25:15,510  
may possible so I would encourage you to

612  
00:25:19,370 --> 00:25:17,460  
do that I want to go back to the science

613  
00:25:20,720 --> 00:25:19,380

a little bit now and then I want to get

614

00:25:23,419 --> 00:25:20,730

to some questions and comments that we

615

00:25:27,289 --> 00:25:23,429

have on the various things but so we

616

00:25:30,649 --> 00:25:27,299

have these white dwarfs there Nolan's

617

00:25:33,020 --> 00:25:30,659

waving yes yeah I think it's important

618

00:25:37,370 --> 00:25:33,030

to add a bit more about what we actually

619

00:25:39,980 --> 00:25:37,380

have to do here to make this work at at

620

00:25:41,600 --> 00:25:39,990

the Hubble I kind of left it that yeah

621

00:25:43,909 --> 00:25:41,610

we have to know whether it feels safe be

622

00:25:46,100 --> 00:25:43,919

four we point the Hubble there but it's

623

00:25:48,020 --> 00:25:46,110

not quite that simple as you know the

624

00:25:49,880 --> 00:25:48,030

Hubble is in low Earth orbit goes around

625

00:25:51,919 --> 00:25:49,890

the earth every 96 minutes and we can't

626  
00:25:55,520 --> 00:25:51,929  
have continuous communication with it

627  
00:25:58,310 --> 00:25:55,530  
and the way it works is that a mission

628  
00:26:01,100 --> 00:25:58,320  
schedule is prepared and sent up to the

629  
00:26:03,409 --> 00:26:01,110  
telescope once a week i believe it

630  
00:26:07,100 --> 00:26:03,419  
starts on saturday or sunday and forget

631  
00:26:09,470 --> 00:26:07,110  
and then runs for a week so but as I

632  
00:26:12,760 --> 00:26:09,480  
said we're making this decision 24 hours

633  
00:26:16,130 --> 00:26:12,770  
before the observation so there's a

634  
00:26:17,840 --> 00:26:16,140  
compatibility there so a very rather

635  
00:26:20,270 --> 00:26:17,850  
complex and intricate system has been

636  
00:26:23,930 --> 00:26:20,280  
developed to do this involving a lot of

637  
00:26:26,570 --> 00:26:23,940  
people actually not only the at one

638  
00:26:29,330 --> 00:26:26,580

level we heard how the observers provide

639

00:26:33,210 --> 00:26:29,340

the information Boris coordinates it

640

00:26:37,440 --> 00:26:33,220

sends it to the year to Eleanor and then

641

00:26:39,810 --> 00:26:37,450

I give an approval if it's safe 24 hours

642

00:26:42,480 --> 00:26:39,820

in advance but in order to make that

643

00:26:44,880 --> 00:26:42,490

happen the telescope has to be scheduled

644

00:26:48,180 --> 00:26:44,890

in a very special way and the way this

645

00:26:51,149 --> 00:26:48,190

is done is that it's set up so that the

646

00:26:57,510 --> 00:26:51,159

telescope will go and point at a blank

647

00:27:00,409 --> 00:26:57,520

field very near the target and there is

648

00:27:04,669 --> 00:27:00,419

communication possible with the Hubble

649

00:27:08,760 --> 00:27:04,679

some hours a day through the NASA and

650

00:27:10,740 --> 00:27:08,770

tracking and data relay satellite system

651  
00:27:12,539 --> 00:27:10,750  
so all of this has to be set up and

652  
00:27:13,919 --> 00:27:12,549  
coordinated with our engineers at some

653  
00:27:15,299 --> 00:27:13,929  
point it's out of the hands of the

654  
00:27:17,520 --> 00:27:15,309  
astronomers and in the hands of the

655  
00:27:19,140 --> 00:27:17,530  
engineers because we don't talk to the

656  
00:27:20,970 --> 00:27:19,150  
telescope and engineers here at the

657  
00:27:23,070 --> 00:27:20,980  
Institute and then a Goddard Space

658  
00:27:27,270 --> 00:27:23,080  
Flight Center where the vehicle is

659  
00:27:29,850 --> 00:27:27,280  
controlled so there's a flag set on

660  
00:27:31,049 --> 00:27:29,860  
board and you know Alan well to use and

661  
00:27:32,460 --> 00:27:31,059  
here he's one of the engineers who does

662  
00:27:34,169 --> 00:27:32,470  
is and though it does knows a lot more

663  
00:27:39,630 --> 00:27:34,179

about the details i do but in broad

664

00:27:43,320 --> 00:27:39,640

terms this flag has to be cleared so

665

00:27:45,840 --> 00:27:43,330

that the telescope will go to the real

666

00:27:48,980 --> 00:27:45,850

field and not to the blank one after the

667

00:27:51,840 --> 00:27:48,990

ok comes in 24 hours in advance and

668

00:27:53,940 --> 00:27:51,850

hopefully that's not 3m or a 2 a.m. or

669

00:27:56,580 --> 00:27:53,950

whatever because of our budget cuts

670

00:27:58,950 --> 00:27:56,590

nessa only operates nine to five or

671

00:28:02,010 --> 00:27:58,960

eight to five now found there so it's a

672

00:28:05,669 --> 00:28:02,020

bit intricate but we men should do it

673

00:28:07,740 --> 00:28:05,679

and this flag gets cleared and then the

674

00:28:09,779 --> 00:28:07,750

telescope actually goes and points to

675

00:28:12,810 --> 00:28:09,789

the real target and does the observation

676  
00:28:14,760 --> 00:28:12,820  
and virus I don't recall where any I

677  
00:28:16,460 --> 00:28:14,770  
think there were among year 40 some

678  
00:28:19,620 --> 00:28:16,470  
targets one or two that were actually

679  
00:28:22,470 --> 00:28:19,630  
aborted and the observation was not

680  
00:28:25,230 --> 00:28:22,480  
conducted is that true that's right we

681  
00:28:28,409 --> 00:28:25,240  
lost we out of 41 targets we lost one

682  
00:28:30,390 --> 00:28:28,419  
and that one that that was just one of

683  
00:28:32,159 --> 00:28:30,400  
those cataclysmic variables that just

684  
00:28:34,529 --> 00:28:32,169  
behaves in a completely unpredictable

685  
00:28:36,060 --> 00:28:34,539  
way it didn't go into a proper all

686  
00:28:37,860 --> 00:28:36,070  
purpose but it was brightening and

687  
00:28:40,620 --> 00:28:37,870  
fading in a very irregular fashion and I

688  
00:28:43,110 --> 00:28:40,630

remember I was having dinner and Elena

689

00:28:45,330 --> 00:28:43,120

called me at what it was dinner time

690

00:28:47,039 --> 00:28:45,340

over here in the UK and we were

691

00:28:48,989 --> 00:28:47,049

discussing it and she said I'm sorry

692

00:28:50,729 --> 00:28:48,999

just it's it's just too risky to go

693

00:28:53,070 --> 00:28:50,739

ahead and she said she cannot sign that

694

00:28:55,470 --> 00:28:53,080

one off so we lost that once though but

695

00:28:57,389 --> 00:28:55,480

all the other 40 were successfully

696

00:28:59,940 --> 00:28:57,399

observed here so that's the really great

697

00:29:02,279 --> 00:28:59,950

success so yeah it is it's a tribute to

698

00:29:04,619 --> 00:29:02,289

everybody involved all over the world

699

00:29:06,659 --> 00:29:04,629

that we achieved that success rate and

700

00:29:08,970 --> 00:29:06,669

but it shows there's a human judgment

701  
00:29:10,739 --> 00:29:08,980  
involved here too it's some ways kind of

702  
00:29:12,869 --> 00:29:10,749  
like a legal criteria beyond a

703  
00:29:14,580 --> 00:29:12,879  
reasonable doubt and not only for these

704  
00:29:16,080 --> 00:29:14,590  
observations it's for all Hubble

705  
00:29:17,820 --> 00:29:16,090  
observations we can never prove one

706  
00:29:20,820 --> 00:29:17,830  
hundred percent that something is safe

707  
00:29:23,580 --> 00:29:20,830  
but it's up to contact scientists in the

708  
00:29:25,440 --> 00:29:23,590  
ultimate instance to decide whether he

709  
00:29:26,820 --> 00:29:25,450  
or she feels comfortable that to the

710  
00:29:28,889 --> 00:29:26,830  
best of our ability and the best of our

711  
00:29:31,259 --> 00:29:28,899  
knowledge this target is safe and that's

712  
00:29:35,220 --> 00:29:31,269  
what applied also to this rather unusual

713  
00:29:37,379 --> 00:29:35,230

case nice okay good good good summary so

714

00:29:38,669 --> 00:29:37,389

that was good to know so like I said I

715

00:29:40,979 --> 00:29:38,679

want to get back to the science a little

716

00:29:42,299 --> 00:29:40,989

bit we were trying you were trying to

717

00:29:45,330 --> 00:29:42,309

answer the question we said this at the

718

00:29:46,919 --> 00:29:45,340

top of the show about you were trying to

719

00:29:49,409 --> 00:29:46,929

find out if these white dwarves in these

720

00:29:51,629 --> 00:29:49,419

binary systems actually grew in mass and

721

00:29:54,389 --> 00:29:51,639

if they did how efficient is that

722

00:29:56,369 --> 00:29:54,399

process of getting larger so here we

723

00:29:59,369 --> 00:29:56,379

have a white dwarf they are all of the

724

00:30:00,659 --> 00:29:59,379

roughly the same size correct Carol all

725

00:30:06,090 --> 00:30:00,669

white dwarfs are more or less the same

726

00:30:10,109 --> 00:30:06,100

same mass right you're muted actually

727

00:30:12,149 --> 00:30:10,119

Boris okay Joe was trying to he actually

728

00:30:19,139 --> 00:30:12,159

told us that they were there different

729

00:30:21,539 --> 00:30:19,149

masses oh but the blood janitors also

730

00:30:24,119 --> 00:30:21,549

are different sizes but then above some

731

00:30:26,519 --> 00:30:24,129

math size it can't become white dwarfs

732

00:30:29,549 --> 00:30:26,529

anymore because they have too much mass

733

00:30:31,950 --> 00:30:29,559

so there is a limit and then beyond that

734

00:30:33,389 --> 00:30:31,960

they become something more exotic all

735

00:30:36,599 --> 00:30:33,399

the white dwarf so I'm pretty darn

736

00:30:38,220 --> 00:30:36,609

exotic anyway so I guess I'm confused

737

00:30:39,690 --> 00:30:38,230

about well first of all I'm just get to

738

00:30:44,669 --> 00:30:39,700

the punch line would you find out are

739

00:30:48,269 --> 00:30:44,679

they getting bigger Boris can you hear

740

00:30:50,460 --> 00:30:48,279

me Tony I missed that oh I was asking so

741

00:30:55,409 --> 00:30:50,470

what you find out where you AR they are

742

00:30:57,659 --> 00:30:55,419

they growing a mass well well we have we

743

00:30:59,489 --> 00:30:57,669

have just the we have obtained the last

744

00:31:00,450 --> 00:30:59,499

observation of this poem Justin mouth so

745

00:31:05,010 --> 00:31:00,460

we are still in the pros

746

00:31:06,930 --> 00:31:05,020

of analyzing the data and and it's not

747

00:31:08,910 --> 00:31:06,940

as straightforward just that we measure

748

00:31:10,200 --> 00:31:08,920

the mass traded for right away from the

749

00:31:11,760 --> 00:31:10,210

observation because another piece of

750

00:31:14,190 --> 00:31:11,770

information that we need to know is the

751  
00:31:16,050 --> 00:31:14,200  
distance to these stars which together

752  
00:31:18,210 --> 00:31:16,060  
with the huddle observation we will then

753  
00:31:19,740 --> 00:31:18,220  
be able to convert into mass but but

754  
00:31:22,650 --> 00:31:19,750  
just coming back briefly to the point

755  
00:31:25,410 --> 00:31:22,660  
about why 12 masses your your textbook

756  
00:31:27,840 --> 00:31:25,420  
why 12 on this guy has a mass of about

757  
00:31:29,880 --> 00:31:27,850  
point 6 solar masses so sixty percent

758  
00:31:33,300 --> 00:31:29,890  
the mass of the Sun that's what I would

759  
00:31:34,740 --> 00:31:33,310  
end yeah and so most most white walls

760  
00:31:37,260 --> 00:31:34,750  
have that DeadMau so the average

761  
00:31:39,180 --> 00:31:37,270  
mother's point six and looking at

762  
00:31:42,030 --> 00:31:39,190  
cataclysmic variables the data we had

763  
00:31:45,900 --> 00:31:42,040

before this HST project on something

764

00:31:48,210 --> 00:31:45,910

like 20-25 stars showed that they have

765

00:31:50,940 --> 00:31:48,220

average mass of point eight solar masses

766

00:31:54,000 --> 00:31:50,950

or eighty percent of the mass of the Sun

767

00:31:55,650 --> 00:31:54,010

so they're about a third heavier than

768

00:31:57,840 --> 00:31:55,660

your average single way too often that

769

00:32:01,560 --> 00:31:57,850

that was the clue why we think they may

770

00:32:02,700 --> 00:32:01,570

grow in mass now the the few objects we

771

00:32:05,940 --> 00:32:02,710

have analyzed in a little bit more

772

00:32:12,750 --> 00:32:05,950

detail from the HST project they all

773

00:32:15,180 --> 00:32:12,760

confirm this the same suspicion that

774

00:32:17,520 --> 00:32:15,190

they are more massive so they are they

775

00:32:21,390 --> 00:32:17,530

come in at mazel point 8.9 solar masses

776

00:32:24,180 --> 00:32:21,400

so why don't you think Galaxy isn't is

777

00:32:26,940 --> 00:32:24,190

about point six but one in a system like

778

00:32:28,650 --> 00:32:26,950

this is a little bit heavier and you

779

00:32:31,470 --> 00:32:28,660

think it might be due to this accreting

780

00:32:35,040 --> 00:32:31,480

material or they don't more due process

781

00:32:37,140 --> 00:32:35,050

is it very very that the process is very

782

00:32:39,960 --> 00:32:37,150

efficient somehow masses is not not all

783

00:32:44,010 --> 00:32:39,970

the masses being released right in the

784

00:32:46,140 --> 00:32:44,020

explosion yeah well so the kind of fact

785

00:32:48,180 --> 00:32:46,150

the fact that we are working towards at

786

00:32:49,590 --> 00:32:48,190

the moment is that these these white

787

00:32:52,290 --> 00:32:49,600

Wilson characters make martyrs are

788

00:32:55,050 --> 00:32:52,300

definitely much more massive than your

789

00:32:57,390 --> 00:32:55,060

typical single bite off in the galaxy

790

00:32:59,760 --> 00:32:57,400

and they're basically just two

791

00:33:01,950 --> 00:32:59,770

explanations either they grow in mass or

792

00:33:05,910 --> 00:33:01,960

they are just born with a much higher

793

00:33:08,130 --> 00:33:05,920

mass right at the beginning and making

794

00:33:09,810 --> 00:33:08,140

all these systems with much more massive

795

00:33:12,840 --> 00:33:09,820

weight loss is incredibly difficult to

796

00:33:14,340 --> 00:33:12,850

when this to explain so mass growth

797

00:33:16,350 --> 00:33:14,350

seems to be the natural

798

00:33:17,940 --> 00:33:16,360

explanation you know they're quite a

799

00:33:19,289 --> 00:33:17,950

number of people who feel uncomfortable

800

00:33:20,730 --> 00:33:19,299

about that as well but that's the good

801  
00:33:23,480 --> 00:33:20,740  
thing about science we have two offices

802  
00:33:27,810 --> 00:33:23,490  
in both of them both of them don't work

803  
00:33:29,760 --> 00:33:27,820  
so could I ask just what just another

804  
00:33:32,820 --> 00:33:29,770  
question so at the beginning of this

805  
00:33:36,120 --> 00:33:32,830  
course you were talking about looking

806  
00:33:40,169 --> 00:33:36,130  
for causes for type 1 supernova and you

807  
00:33:42,480 --> 00:33:40,179  
mentioned the binary systems so we're in

808  
00:33:44,940 --> 00:33:42,490  
the spectrum of cataclysmic variables

809  
00:33:47,669 --> 00:33:44,950  
and Nova are the binary systems because

810  
00:33:50,700 --> 00:33:47,679  
they can be white dwarfs as well is that

811  
00:33:54,090 --> 00:33:50,710  
correct I missed I missed all of your

812  
00:33:57,180 --> 00:33:54,100  
abacus the progenitors foresight type 1a

813  
00:34:00,419 --> 00:33:57,190

supernovae you mentioned binary just

814

00:34:04,740 --> 00:34:00,429

white dwarfs yeah yeah where do they fit

815

00:34:07,710 --> 00:34:04,750

in this scheme they fit in this scheme

816

00:34:10,500 --> 00:34:07,720

in the sense that they you need to have

817

00:34:12,060 --> 00:34:10,510

a different type of stellar system to

818

00:34:15,899 --> 00:34:12,070

make two by twelves in the first place

819

00:34:19,470 --> 00:34:15,909

and so you need to have two fairly

820

00:34:22,109 --> 00:34:19,480

massive massive stars that have that can

821

00:34:24,750 --> 00:34:22,119

evolve relatively rapidly into white

822

00:34:27,510 --> 00:34:24,760

wolves both of them and then merge

823

00:34:29,099 --> 00:34:27,520

within the age of the of the galaxy to

824

00:34:31,649 --> 00:34:29,109

become a type 1a supernovae so there are

825

00:34:33,990 --> 00:34:31,659

different breed of binary styles it in

826

00:34:36,180 --> 00:34:34,000

general type 1 ace I think nobody has

827

00:34:38,639 --> 00:34:36,190

any doubt that type 1 ace must be

828

00:34:40,169 --> 00:34:38,649

related to white wolves in some kind of

829

00:34:42,540 --> 00:34:40,179

binary stars the big question is what

830

00:34:43,800 --> 00:34:42,550

kind of binary stars are those and my

831

00:34:49,409 --> 00:34:43,810

personal feeling is they're probably

832

00:34:51,060 --> 00:34:49,419

more than one type that can work so so

833

00:34:52,560 --> 00:34:51,070

Scott has a little diagram little

834

00:34:55,500 --> 00:34:52,570

cartoon of a couple of white dwarfs

835

00:34:58,710 --> 00:34:55,510

orbiting to sort of underscore what

836

00:35:00,060 --> 00:34:58,720

you're talking about there I guess one

837

00:35:01,500 --> 00:35:00,070

thing that worries me though is that you

838

00:35:04,020 --> 00:35:01,510

said that you still needed to know their

839

00:35:06,780 --> 00:35:04,030

distances to really know if they were

840

00:35:10,650 --> 00:35:06,790

gaining mass I I thought type 1a

841

00:35:13,109 --> 00:35:10,660

supernovae were yard sticks they told us

842

00:35:17,760 --> 00:35:13,119

how far away things were don't you know

843

00:35:19,560 --> 00:35:17,770

that that's that's right if you want to

844

00:35:23,910 --> 00:35:19,570

measure this and I'll let you comment on

845

00:35:25,710 --> 00:35:23,920

it right away if you want if you want to

846

00:35:27,390 --> 00:35:25,720

measure distances to galaxies far far

847

00:35:28,200 --> 00:35:27,400

away then you want an exploding white

848

00:35:29,970 --> 00:35:28,210

dwarf in it

849

00:35:32,359 --> 00:35:29,980

but here we are looking at the actual

850

00:35:34,620 --> 00:35:32,369

weight loss before they explode and so

851  
00:35:36,000 --> 00:35:34,630  
for the measurement we have in mind we

852  
00:35:37,829 --> 00:35:36,010  
need to know we need to know the

853  
00:35:39,690 --> 00:35:37,839  
distance and just just to make it clear

854  
00:35:42,720 --> 00:35:39,700  
this these white walls they're really

855  
00:35:44,370 --> 00:35:42,730  
nearby we are talking about a few 10 and

856  
00:35:47,010 --> 00:35:44,380  
at most a few hundred light years so

857  
00:35:49,589 --> 00:35:47,020  
they're basically parallax to figure it

858  
00:35:52,650 --> 00:35:49,599  
out exactly and so we can use paradoxes

859  
00:35:55,410 --> 00:35:52,660  
and the the European Space Agency has

860  
00:35:57,750 --> 00:35:55,420  
launched their mission Gaia just lost I

861  
00:36:00,300 --> 00:35:57,760  
think was January that we provide us

862  
00:36:02,990 --> 00:36:00,310  
with super accurate distances within the

863  
00:36:06,000 --> 00:36:03,000

next few years so we can get some

864

00:36:08,370 --> 00:36:06,010

preliminary answer within the next year

865

00:36:11,070 --> 00:36:08,380

or so and then the final answer we have

866

00:36:14,280 --> 00:36:11,080

to wait for about 34 years before we

867

00:36:16,290 --> 00:36:14,290

have the final decisions all right great

868

00:36:17,700 --> 00:36:16,300

thank you for clarifying that I will get

869

00:36:19,079 --> 00:36:17,710

back to what parallax is in a minute but

870

00:36:20,750 --> 00:36:19,089

let me let Nolan make his comment go

871

00:36:23,130 --> 00:36:20,760

ahead and all right yeah thank you I

872

00:36:24,270 --> 00:36:23,140

have an uncomfortable feeling that if

873

00:36:27,150 --> 00:36:24,280

they're people listening who aren't

874

00:36:28,890 --> 00:36:27,160

familiar with the basic astronomy here

875

00:36:31,200 --> 00:36:28,900

or haven't heard the previous hangout on

876

00:36:33,690 --> 00:36:31,210

supernovae or whatever they may be a bit

877

00:36:36,180 --> 00:36:33,700

confused and so I think we useful just

878

00:36:38,460 --> 00:36:36,190

to run through a few basic things a

879

00:36:40,760 --> 00:36:38,470

white dwarf for a star to be a white

880

00:36:43,109 --> 00:36:40,770

dwarf to have this phenomenon of

881

00:36:45,420 --> 00:36:43,119

electron degeneracy and its interior

882

00:36:47,960 --> 00:36:45,430

that holds it up and then further

883

00:36:50,640 --> 00:36:47,970

collapsing there's a mass limit that

884

00:36:53,280 --> 00:36:50,650

Superman chandrasekar first derived in

885

00:36:56,270 --> 00:36:53,290

won the nobel prize for it's about 1.4

886

00:36:59,490 --> 00:36:56,280

times the mass of a son so of the Sun so

887

00:37:01,859 --> 00:36:59,500

we think that stars up to maybe is

888

00:37:04,410 --> 00:37:01,869

massive is eight solar masses can lose

889

00:37:08,190 --> 00:37:04,420

enough mass to get down to that limit

890

00:37:10,920 --> 00:37:08,200

and form a white dwarf has to be 1.4

891

00:37:12,450 --> 00:37:10,930

solar masses or less so if you just have

892

00:37:14,400 --> 00:37:12,460

a single star from your white dwarf

893

00:37:17,460 --> 00:37:14,410

that's it it won't do anything else but

894

00:37:19,800 --> 00:37:17,470

in a binary system if it's either too

895

00:37:23,040 --> 00:37:19,810

wide or so that can merge and therefore

896

00:37:26,550 --> 00:37:23,050

exceed that limit of 1.4 you're going to

897

00:37:28,500 --> 00:37:26,560

get a 1a supernova or in a normal in a

898

00:37:32,490 --> 00:37:28,510

binary with a white dwarf in a normal

899

00:37:34,890 --> 00:37:32,500

star that Boris is favoring the normal

900

00:37:37,500 --> 00:37:34,900

star can lose mass and transfer it to

901  
00:37:38,880 --> 00:37:37,510  
the white dwarf and I thought there was

902  
00:37:40,470 --> 00:37:38,890  
a bit of a confusion there these these

903  
00:37:41,819 --> 00:37:40,480  
outbursts that we're concerned about

904  
00:37:44,219 --> 00:37:41,829  
these are these are

905  
00:37:46,349 --> 00:37:44,229  
explosions nuclear explosions there

906  
00:37:50,339 --> 00:37:46,359  
there are a gravitational chrétien

907  
00:37:52,289 --> 00:37:50,349  
events which produce an instability and

908  
00:37:55,469 --> 00:37:52,299  
and produces outburst of ultraviolet

909  
00:37:57,749 --> 00:37:55,479  
light what happens though in these

910  
00:38:01,859 --> 00:37:57,759  
binary systems is a phenomenon that we

911  
00:38:03,449 --> 00:38:01,869  
call novi and so material is transferred

912  
00:38:05,759 --> 00:38:03,459  
from the normal companion to the white

913  
00:38:07,440 --> 00:38:05,769

dwarf gets very hot and at some point

914

00:38:09,539 --> 00:38:07,450

there is a nuclear explosion on the

915

00:38:12,839 --> 00:38:09,549

surface of the star and that produces

916

00:38:16,799 --> 00:38:12,849

nova and it ejects mass so if that

917

00:38:18,479 --> 00:38:16,809

happens before the Chandrasekhar limit

918

00:38:20,489 --> 00:38:18,489

is reached how can you ever get a

919

00:38:22,349 --> 00:38:20,499

supernova because you transfer some mass

920

00:38:24,209 --> 00:38:22,359

and there's a nova and it loses a bunch

921

00:38:25,620 --> 00:38:24,219

and then come back and over and over

922

00:38:31,440 --> 00:38:25,630

again and somebody's never known to be

923

00:38:33,779 --> 00:38:31,450

recurrent that's tip how do you transfer

924

00:38:36,239 --> 00:38:33,789

mass onto the white dwarf from what kind

925

00:38:39,329 --> 00:38:36,249

of a star and and not have it get lost

926

00:38:40,979 --> 00:38:39,339

in nova asian so that it can build up to

927

00:38:44,839 --> 00:38:40,989

exceed the Chandrasekhar limit and

928

00:38:46,739 --> 00:38:44,849

produce a supernova so that's the basic

929

00:38:47,969 --> 00:38:46,749

phenomenology that we're talking about

930

00:38:49,680 --> 00:38:47,979

here and I just thought it might be

931

00:38:51,180 --> 00:38:49,690

useful to review thought that was great

932

00:38:53,849 --> 00:38:51,190

I'm glad you did that I was something I

933

00:38:55,829 --> 00:38:53,859

tried to do periodically throughout the

934

00:38:57,120 --> 00:38:55,839

the discussion but that was a really

935

00:38:58,559 --> 00:38:57,130

good overview so thanks for that I

936

00:39:01,079 --> 00:38:58,569

appreciate it and you're absolutely

937

00:39:03,359 --> 00:39:01,089

right we need to be I hope I hope that

938

00:39:06,229 --> 00:39:03,369

clarifies some of the the Astronomy

939

00:39:08,400 --> 00:39:06,239

network that we're dealing with here so

940

00:39:09,779 --> 00:39:08,410

we're still working on the results

941

00:39:13,620 --> 00:39:09,789

you're still analyzing the data that

942

00:39:16,199 --> 00:39:13,630

everybody took and presumably all of the

943

00:39:18,599 --> 00:39:16,209

data are in good shape and the Hubble

944

00:39:21,269 --> 00:39:18,609

wasn't blinded by any of this thanks to

945

00:39:24,120 --> 00:39:21,279

the amateurs so let me go to some of the

946

00:39:30,689 --> 00:39:24,130

questions here that I'm seeing on the

947

00:39:32,160 --> 00:39:30,699

Q&A app let's see I want to go how can a

948

00:39:35,489 --> 00:39:32,170

telescope measure and this is from

949

00:39:38,309 --> 00:39:35,499

pardieu matamata poly I believe I

950

00:39:40,410 --> 00:39:38,319

forgive me if I'm miss mispronouncing

951

00:39:42,989 --> 00:39:40,420

this is from the Q&A app how can a

952

00:39:46,199 --> 00:39:42,999

telescope measure the distance of a far

953

00:39:48,329 --> 00:39:46,209

celestial body from us telescope

954

00:39:52,739 --> 00:39:48,339

receives light from the body and the

955

00:39:54,749 --> 00:39:52,749

image of the body is magnified how then

956

00:39:55,740 --> 00:39:54,759

how can it measure the distance so how

957

00:39:57,510 --> 00:39:55,750

do we know the distance

958

00:40:00,840 --> 00:39:57,520

two things I mean how can a telescope

959

00:40:02,070 --> 00:40:00,850

tell us this and I'll give that to let's

960

00:40:04,500 --> 00:40:02,080

go with you boys can you give us a

961

00:40:07,260 --> 00:40:04,510

little oak and take that on yeah okay I

962

00:40:10,410 --> 00:40:07,270

can I can give it a try so besides

963

00:40:11,940 --> 00:40:10,420

besides collecting more light than you

964

00:40:14,790 --> 00:40:11,950

can collect with your eye or your

965

00:40:16,590 --> 00:40:14,800

binocular telescope can measure very

966

00:40:19,020 --> 00:40:16,600

very accurately the position of a star

967

00:40:21,410 --> 00:40:19,030

in the sky and so you have to imagine

968

00:40:25,470 --> 00:40:21,420

that as the earth goes around the Sun

969

00:40:28,410 --> 00:40:25,480

the apparent position on of the nearby

970

00:40:29,730 --> 00:40:28,420

start changes because of our emotions

971

00:40:32,400 --> 00:40:29,740

are basically if you look at the sky

972

00:40:34,230 --> 00:40:32,410

that star that you are looking at would

973

00:40:37,110 --> 00:40:34,240

over the course of a year describe a

974

00:40:40,020 --> 00:40:37,120

little circle a little elliptical little

975

00:40:41,370 --> 00:40:40,030

lips on the sky so it looks like the

976

00:40:43,770 --> 00:40:41,380

stars moving but that's just the

977

00:40:46,290 --> 00:40:43,780

reflection of the earth moving your

978

00:40:48,570 --> 00:40:46,300

telescope moving and so that's what we

979

00:40:51,540 --> 00:40:48,580

call the parallax motion of stars and

980

00:40:53,520 --> 00:40:51,550

from that through basic trigonometry you

981

00:40:56,760 --> 00:40:53,530

can calculate the distance if you

982

00:41:00,510 --> 00:40:56,770

measure the size of that parallax Alex

983

00:41:01,800 --> 00:41:00,520

motion now to do that you need to

984

00:41:04,110 --> 00:41:01,810

measure the position very very

985

00:41:05,400 --> 00:41:04,120

accurately and if you try to get from

986

00:41:07,320 --> 00:41:05,410

the ground you are a little bit in

987

00:41:09,960 --> 00:41:07,330

trouble because the earth atmosphere is

988

00:41:12,540 --> 00:41:09,970

turbulent and blurs the images of the

989

00:41:15,120 --> 00:41:12,550

stars and so you are limited to heart

990

00:41:16,680 --> 00:41:15,130

rate you can measure the position and

991

00:41:19,950 --> 00:41:16,690

that means from the ground you can

992

00:41:23,760 --> 00:41:19,960

measure parallaxes to a few hundred

993

00:41:26,250 --> 00:41:23,770

light years at most and if you want to

994

00:41:28,620 --> 00:41:26,260

measure distances of stars that are

995

00:41:30,480 --> 00:41:28,630

further away an hour making way then you

996

00:41:32,850 --> 00:41:30,490

need to have telescopes in space that

997

00:41:34,620 --> 00:41:32,860

are above the atmosphere and can measure

998

00:41:37,020 --> 00:41:34,630

the position much more accurately than

999

00:41:39,000 --> 00:41:37,030

you can do from the ground very awesome

1000

00:41:40,560 --> 00:41:39,010

glad we worked at in perfect so there

1001

00:41:44,730 --> 00:41:40,570

you go that's what parallax is and i

1002

00:41:46,710 --> 00:41:44,740

hears from hamza arshad also from the

1003

00:41:49,050 --> 00:41:46,720

Q&A app i can't select these questions

1004

00:41:51,840 --> 00:41:49,060

unfortunately otherwise i bring them

1005

00:41:54,510 --> 00:41:51,850

make them prominent i am a student in

1006

00:41:56,280 --> 00:41:54,520

birmingham met i think it says it says

1007

00:41:58,920 --> 00:41:56,290

neat Boris actually but I think instead

1008

00:42:00,630 --> 00:41:58,930

of met Boris actually I was on I was

1009

00:42:03,090 --> 00:42:00,640

wondering what is the Chandrasekhar

1010

00:42:05,010 --> 00:42:03,100

limit now Nolan touched on this very

1011

00:42:08,220 --> 00:42:05,020

briefly about this idea of electron

1012

00:42:09,480 --> 00:42:08,230

degeneracy anybody want to give a real

1013

00:42:13,050 --> 00:42:09,490

brief answer on what

1014

00:42:15,990 --> 00:42:13,060

that might be and how about you know

1015

00:42:18,300 --> 00:42:16,000

then you gave a pretty good summary

1016

00:42:19,740 --> 00:42:18,310

before tell us about what is she under

1017

00:42:23,160 --> 00:42:19,750

say car lemon I mean what in electron

1018

00:42:28,040 --> 00:42:23,170

degeneracy sure at a very high level I'm

1019

00:42:33,240 --> 00:42:28,050

sure Boris give a far more physical

1020

00:42:36,330 --> 00:42:33,250

explanation but at a high level you know

1021

00:42:39,420 --> 00:42:36,340

it you have to go back really to what a

1022

00:42:42,890 --> 00:42:39,430

star is and star formation a star is a

1023

00:42:48,720 --> 00:42:42,900

huge mass of gas in balance between

1024

00:42:50,400 --> 00:42:48,730

gravity inward and and the pressure from

1025

00:42:54,150 --> 00:42:50,410

the nuclear reactions and its interior

1026  
00:42:55,680 --> 00:42:54,160  
outward and but at some point the fuel

1027  
00:42:58,470 --> 00:42:55,690  
that it's burning is going to get used

1028  
00:43:01,410 --> 00:42:58,480  
up and the gravity will never go away

1029  
00:43:04,830 --> 00:43:01,420  
it's always there but when the nuclear

1030  
00:43:06,840 --> 00:43:04,840  
reactions and the pressure and stopped

1031  
00:43:10,410 --> 00:43:06,850  
because the fuels used up then there's a

1032  
00:43:12,270 --> 00:43:10,420  
problem and so their various outcomes of

1033  
00:43:14,670 --> 00:43:12,280  
this problem depending on what the

1034  
00:43:16,349 --> 00:43:14,680  
initial mass of the star was and we're

1035  
00:43:19,140 --> 00:43:16,359  
talking here about the relatively low

1036  
00:43:21,930 --> 00:43:19,150  
mass stars with initial mass is less

1037  
00:43:25,050 --> 00:43:21,940  
than about eight solar masses and they

1038  
00:43:29,430 --> 00:43:25,060

have a solution which is fairly quiet

1039

00:43:31,770 --> 00:43:29,440

sent they can lose enough mass from

1040

00:43:34,740 --> 00:43:31,780

their outer layers to get down to or

1041

00:43:38,040 --> 00:43:34,750

below this one point for solar mass

1042

00:43:39,960 --> 00:43:38,050

limit in the core and form a white dwarf

1043

00:43:43,410 --> 00:43:39,970

and that's a stable configuration that

1044

00:43:45,300 --> 00:43:43,420

will never do anything else if nothing

1045

00:43:47,820 --> 00:43:45,310

else happens to it it will just cool off

1046

00:43:51,599 --> 00:43:47,830

and sit there forever and become a cold

1047

00:43:52,770 --> 00:43:51,609

dark cinder in in space right it's

1048

00:43:54,359 --> 00:43:52,780

important to point up in a point not

1049

00:43:56,450 --> 00:43:54,369

burning your not shining in any way

1050

00:43:59,099 --> 00:43:56,460

other than der the energy from the

1051  
00:44:01,050 --> 00:43:59,109  
compression I guess right no there there

1052  
00:44:02,570 --> 00:44:01,060  
shining the way that we see there the

1053  
00:44:05,400 --> 00:44:02,580  
shiny because they're still hot from the

1054  
00:44:06,750 --> 00:44:05,410  
the nuclear burning phase and there but

1055  
00:44:09,270 --> 00:44:06,760  
they're just cooling down so they're

1056  
00:44:14,130 --> 00:44:09,280  
cooling curves and all of this is pretty

1057  
00:44:17,250 --> 00:44:14,140  
well understood so they're they're just

1058  
00:44:19,560 --> 00:44:17,260  
shining by releasing the the heat the

1059  
00:44:21,210 --> 00:44:19,570  
thermal energy that heated them up in

1060  
00:44:22,980 --> 00:44:21,220  
the first place and they don't have any

1061  
00:44:23,350 --> 00:44:22,990  
way to produce any more energy so that's

1062  
00:44:25,930 --> 00:44:23,360  
why

1063  
00:44:28,480 --> 00:44:25,940

just become cold dead cinders now

1064

00:44:32,620 --> 00:44:28,490

electron degeneracy is a very

1065

00:44:36,490 --> 00:44:32,630

interesting physical phenomenon that was

1066

00:44:38,740 --> 00:44:36,500

discovered by Chandrasekhara there's

1067

00:44:41,110 --> 00:44:38,750

that we have a very nearby star Sirius

1068

00:44:43,540 --> 00:44:41,120

the brightest star in the sky and it has

1069

00:44:44,830 --> 00:44:43,550

a white dwarf companion and it's far

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00:44:46,750 --> 00:44:44,840

enough away and the stars close enough

1071

00:44:49,600 --> 00:44:46,760

we can actually resolve them visually

1072

00:44:53,920 --> 00:44:49,610

and he was concerned about what this

1073

00:44:56,590 --> 00:44:53,930

very hot dim star was it was a companion

1074

00:44:59,410 --> 00:44:56,600

to Sirius as a normal a star big bright

1075

00:45:02,770 --> 00:44:59,420

thing but here's this little a hot thing

1076  
00:45:04,240 --> 00:45:02,780  
and which is much hotter than serious

1077  
00:45:05,800 --> 00:45:04,250  
and at the time John just like our work

1078  
00:45:08,440 --> 00:45:05,810  
there was no explanation for such an

1079  
00:45:11,350 --> 00:45:08,450  
object it seemed impossible and he

1080  
00:45:14,170 --> 00:45:11,360  
derived this solution that the thing has

1081  
00:45:19,470 --> 00:45:14,180  
become as the core has condensed and

1082  
00:45:22,780 --> 00:45:19,480  
become so dense the a white dwarf as

1083  
00:45:24,100 --> 00:45:22,790  
Boris said is a massive sixty percent

1084  
00:45:26,230 --> 00:45:24,110  
eighty percent up to the Chandrasekhar

1085  
00:45:28,840 --> 00:45:26,240  
limit of the Sun but in a volume equal

1086  
00:45:31,150 --> 00:45:28,850  
to the size of the earth so the density

1087  
00:45:33,630 --> 00:45:31,160  
inside is huge and at these densities

1088  
00:45:36,490 --> 00:45:33,640

what changes sake I realized is that

1089

00:45:39,420 --> 00:45:36,500

electrons no longer belong to individual

1090

00:45:43,210 --> 00:45:39,430

nuclei there's just a sea of electrons

1091

00:45:44,980 --> 00:45:43,220

in this object and the nuclei are all

1092

00:45:47,170 --> 00:45:44,990

separate the new the electrons were kind

1093

00:45:49,900 --> 00:45:47,180

of all shared and that's what electron

1094

00:45:53,800 --> 00:45:49,910

degeneracy means and there is this is a

1095

00:45:56,110 --> 00:45:53,810

stable quasi like solid or quasi

1096

00:45:58,420 --> 00:45:56,120

crystalline state they will hold up the

1097

00:46:00,570 --> 00:45:58,430

the remnants of this star this core

1098

00:46:02,440 --> 00:46:00,580

forever against the force of gravity

1099

00:46:04,690 --> 00:46:02,450

yeah I've always I've always

1100

00:46:06,430 --> 00:46:04,700

oversimplified it by imagining this star

1101  
00:46:08,890 --> 00:46:06,440  
where the all of the electrons are

1102  
00:46:10,330 --> 00:46:08,900  
squished so tightly together that

1103  
00:46:11,890 --> 00:46:10,340  
they're not like you say they're not

1104  
00:46:13,630 --> 00:46:11,900  
part of an individual atom anymore

1105  
00:46:15,310 --> 00:46:13,640  
they're just there's just no more space

1106  
00:46:17,440 --> 00:46:15,320  
there and they're all kind of tightly

1107  
00:46:20,890 --> 00:46:17,450  
packed into this sort way as you said

1108  
00:46:22,750 --> 00:46:20,900  
maybe a crystal and kind of structure

1109  
00:46:24,340 --> 00:46:22,760  
not really but and just kind of wrap

1110  
00:46:25,930 --> 00:46:24,350  
that up so there we have this white Dorf

1111  
00:46:27,640 --> 00:46:25,940  
then so to just sit there forever but if

1112  
00:46:29,920 --> 00:46:27,650  
you have some mechanism of dumping more

1113  
00:46:31,570 --> 00:46:29,930

material onto it or merging two of them

1114

00:46:33,190 --> 00:46:31,580

such that you exceed that one point four

1115

00:46:35,089 --> 00:46:33,200

solar mass limit then you're going to

1116

00:46:37,309 --> 00:46:35,099

get a 1a supernova

1117

00:46:38,599 --> 00:46:37,319

and there you go so thank good quite

1118

00:46:41,059 --> 00:46:38,609

good job that was that was a tough

1119

00:46:43,370 --> 00:46:41,069

concept so I hope that made a lot of

1120

00:46:45,469 --> 00:46:43,380

sense i find that these my favorite

1121

00:46:47,690 --> 00:46:45,479

thing about it is you can you can you

1122

00:46:49,039 --> 00:46:47,700

can always use the word degenerate now

1123

00:46:53,599 --> 00:46:49,049

in astronomy and have it have been

1124

00:46:57,799 --> 00:46:53,609

something good and now that's also true

1125

00:46:59,989 --> 00:46:57,809

/ GG generous II so um okay so there was

1126

00:47:01,819 --> 00:46:59,999

a question here I wanted to get to a

1127

00:47:03,259 --> 00:47:01,829

little a comment from Russell Bateman

1128

00:47:06,049 --> 00:47:03,269

this was to you Carol this is off topic

1129

00:47:08,870 --> 00:47:06,059

he says but is that 3d printing going on

1130

00:47:11,120 --> 00:47:08,880

in the background yes it's 3d printing

1131

00:47:14,120 --> 00:47:11,130

going on in the background we have a

1132

00:47:15,769 --> 00:47:14,130

project to create objects with a 3d

1133

00:47:19,940 --> 00:47:15,779

printer actually for the visually

1134

00:47:22,880 --> 00:47:19,950

impaired and unfortunately because the

1135

00:47:25,219 --> 00:47:22,890

printers in my office the intern sets up

1136

00:47:28,460 --> 00:47:25,229

the job and it runs for seven hours and

1137

00:47:30,890 --> 00:47:28,470

there's nothing I can help you with that

1138

00:47:33,589 --> 00:47:30,900

send it on over my way and I'll take

1139

00:47:36,079 --> 00:47:33,599

care of it it's trying to make a galaxy

1140

00:47:38,960 --> 00:47:36,089

only a really big one in fluorescent

1141

00:47:41,630 --> 00:47:38,970

orange and we put textures on them so

1142

00:47:44,209 --> 00:47:41,640

they can feel what it feels like since

1143

00:47:46,219 --> 00:47:44,219

they can't see the images we haven't

1144

00:47:48,640 --> 00:47:46,229

figured out how to make a white dwarf or

1145

00:47:51,950 --> 00:47:48,650

a cosmic Cataclysm prepared oh boy yeah

1146

00:47:57,709 --> 00:47:51,960

because one of the spheres would would

1147

00:47:59,299 --> 00:47:57,719

do the surrogate for what yeah well

1148

00:48:02,299 --> 00:47:59,309

there you go that's really cool printer

1149

00:48:04,910 --> 00:48:02,309

to either so many apologies for the

1150

00:48:06,529 --> 00:48:04,920

noise no it's great it's a we knew I

1151

00:48:08,959 --> 00:48:06,539

should have a can hang out on that as a

1152

00:48:12,289 --> 00:48:08,969

3d printing and used as an astronomy so

1153

00:48:14,599 --> 00:48:12,299

a manual conceal I believe is how you

1154

00:48:16,789 --> 00:48:14,609

pronounce his last name was pointing out

1155

00:48:19,069 --> 00:48:16,799

that observation campaigns past and

1156

00:48:21,739 --> 00:48:19,079

current for pro-am collaboration are

1157

00:48:24,079 --> 00:48:21,749

available on the absa website and he

1158

00:48:26,329 --> 00:48:24,089

says it said ave so org slash observing

1159

00:48:30,499 --> 00:48:26,339

dash campaigns so you can get a sense of

1160

00:48:32,569 --> 00:48:30,509

what's going on already uh right Arnie

1161

00:48:34,249 --> 00:48:32,579

so you can kind of already get an

1162

00:48:39,319 --> 00:48:34,259

overview of what's what's being done

1163

00:48:40,910 --> 00:48:39,329

with in-app so maybe so okay so I have

1164

00:48:43,009 --> 00:48:40,920

well that brings up a point I had a

1165

00:48:45,650 --> 00:48:43,019

question about the observation that were

1166

00:48:48,349 --> 00:48:45,660

they were taking the art oh and Gordon

1167

00:48:49,430 --> 00:48:48,359

were doing for Boris was there a lot of

1168

00:48:52,640 --> 00:48:49,440

communication

1169

00:48:55,700 --> 00:48:52,650

among you like oh I observed it in its

1170

00:48:58,490 --> 00:48:55,710

blah blah you know magnitude and report

1171

00:49:02,630 --> 00:48:58,500

or do you use basically send things to

1172

00:49:04,760 --> 00:49:02,640

Boris and to the aavso for further

1173

00:49:06,950 --> 00:49:04,770

processing so how much communication in

1174

00:49:10,430 --> 00:49:06,960

these companion campaigns goes on

1175

00:49:13,430 --> 00:49:10,440

between the APS all members yeah maybe

1176  
00:49:16,339 --> 00:49:13,440  
report and then our token could explain

1177  
00:49:18,770 --> 00:49:16,349  
that yeah primarily it was by submitting

1178  
00:49:20,210 --> 00:49:18,780  
the data to the aavso website so it was

1179  
00:49:22,280 --> 00:49:20,220  
kind of an indirect communication like

1180  
00:49:24,950 --> 00:49:22,290  
with our tow and others now when things

1181  
00:49:26,809 --> 00:49:24,960  
got really kind of critical the last 24

1182  
00:49:28,579 --> 00:49:26,819  
hours then there were occasional emails

1183  
00:49:30,440 --> 00:49:28,589  
going back and forth between us directly

1184  
00:49:35,089 --> 00:49:30,450  
is that everybody was trying to get the

1185  
00:49:39,440 --> 00:49:35,099  
app duration that the HST needed yeah

1186  
00:49:44,660 --> 00:49:39,450  
that's on top of it and and do you do

1187  
00:49:46,849 --> 00:49:44,670  
you both join campaigns regularly yeah I

1188  
00:49:48,500 --> 00:49:46,859

mean I in my case yeah I do mean to me

1189

00:49:50,540 --> 00:49:48,510

that's the enjoyment of the amateur

1190

00:49:52,370 --> 00:49:50,550

astronomy I think people go one of two

1191

00:49:55,370 --> 00:49:52,380

ways in amateur astronomy the beautiful

1192

00:49:56,660 --> 00:49:55,380

photographs or science support and my

1193

00:50:00,559 --> 00:49:56,670

particular Vance working with the

1194

00:50:06,170 --> 00:50:00,569

scientists and how are you are tell you

1195

00:50:08,180 --> 00:50:06,180

is that the staple simple me great thank

1196

00:50:10,160 --> 00:50:08,190

you all right so christian alexander we

1197

00:50:13,339 --> 00:50:10,170

durer is asking where in this maybe

1198

00:50:15,829 --> 00:50:13,349

maybe Nolan you know or Carol where can

1199

00:50:19,490 --> 00:50:15,839

I find an overview about all HST

1200

00:50:21,470 --> 00:50:19,500

observation orders or any statistics

1201  
00:50:23,599 --> 00:50:21,480  
about the observations and also about

1202  
00:50:25,040 --> 00:50:23,609  
the usage of color filters things like

1203  
00:50:28,609 --> 00:50:25,050  
that is there a place people can go to

1204  
00:50:32,839 --> 00:50:28,619  
see where HST is about to observe yes

1205  
00:50:36,140 --> 00:50:32,849  
actually I just looked it up and you can

1206  
00:50:38,349 --> 00:50:36,150  
go to the website which i will tell you

1207  
00:50:42,980 --> 00:50:38,359  
but you can also do a google search on

1208  
00:50:45,800 --> 00:50:42,990  
HST observing programs and there is a

1209  
00:50:48,200 --> 00:50:45,810  
page that talks about the programs that

1210  
00:50:49,880 --> 00:50:48,210  
are in the queue for the week nolan

1211  
00:50:52,059 --> 00:50:49,890  
talked about that there's a queue built

1212  
00:50:56,480 --> 00:50:52,069  
for week so you can actually look at the

1213  
00:51:00,230 --> 00:50:56,490

observations for week and then we we

1214

00:51:02,910 --> 00:51:00,240

have this process where every year we

1215

00:51:06,210 --> 00:51:02,920

have proposals like boris and others

1216

00:51:08,549 --> 00:51:06,220

put in a proposal to get time on HST and

1217

00:51:11,579 --> 00:51:08,559

then their peer reviewed and the

1218

00:51:14,280 --> 00:51:11,589

calendar then those proposals that one

1219

00:51:16,069 --> 00:51:14,290

are published as well and all of those

1220

00:51:19,740 --> 00:51:16,079

are through the Hubble Space Telescope

1221

00:51:22,349 --> 00:51:19,750

mission office web page which is from

1222

00:51:28,380 --> 00:51:22,359

the Space Telescope page so i will say

1223

00:51:30,960 --> 00:51:28,390

it slowly and it's ww course got stsci

1224

00:51:34,829 --> 00:51:30,970

which stands for Space Telescope Science

1225

00:51:37,109 --> 00:51:34,839

Institute edu and if you go to that page

1226

00:51:39,480 --> 00:51:37,119

and you look under missions there's a

1227

00:51:43,109 --> 00:51:39,490

chesty mission and all the things about

1228

00:51:46,740 --> 00:51:43,119

this the observations in what's called

1229

00:51:49,230 --> 00:51:46,750

cycle 21 cycle 22 was just peer reviewed

1230

00:51:51,000 --> 00:51:49,240

and that will be published soon all the

1231

00:51:54,359 --> 00:51:51,010

previous cycles of things that have been

1232

00:51:56,220 --> 00:51:54,369

observed um we of course have our press

1233

00:51:58,319 --> 00:51:56,230

releases that highlight some of the

1234

00:52:01,319 --> 00:51:58,329

discoveries and then there is the

1235

00:52:03,180 --> 00:52:01,329

schedule that says HST program for the

1236

00:52:06,870 --> 00:52:03,190

week post or you can see what's

1237

00:52:09,150 --> 00:52:06,880

happening or back where the week so all

1238

00:52:11,940 --> 00:52:09,160

that information is out there for you to

1239

00:52:15,569 --> 00:52:11,950

peruse youngest on over there yeah

1240

00:52:17,160 --> 00:52:15,579

fighting an astronomer okay so I want to

1241

00:52:18,780 --> 00:52:17,170

respond to one comment I'm staying on

1242

00:52:20,700 --> 00:52:18,790

here about that there aren't any there

1243

00:52:22,260 --> 00:52:20,710

aren't any answered questions showing up

1244

00:52:24,930 --> 00:52:22,270

under the Q&A app and the reason for

1245

00:52:27,870 --> 00:52:24,940

that is I have I don't have the ability

1246

00:52:30,000 --> 00:52:27,880

to select them i am not running the

1247

00:52:31,680 --> 00:52:30,010

running the Hangout so i don't get the

1248

00:52:33,299 --> 00:52:31,690

ability to actually choose which

1249

00:52:35,670 --> 00:52:33,309

questions but we are answering questions

1250

00:52:37,109 --> 00:52:35,680

right now I just can't select them and

1251  
00:52:38,789 --> 00:52:37,119  
have them be highlighted now I'm going

1252  
00:52:41,490 --> 00:52:38,799  
to work with Elena on fixing that next

1253  
00:52:44,670 --> 00:52:41,500  
week so I just want to let people know

1254  
00:52:49,130 --> 00:52:44,680  
that that is we are answering questions

1255  
00:52:52,140 --> 00:52:49,140  
so so that was good so let's see um

1256  
00:52:53,910 --> 00:52:52,150  
let's see well finally we'll take let me

1257  
00:52:57,319 --> 00:52:53,920  
Scott am I missing any on do you have

1258  
00:52:59,220 --> 00:52:57,329  
you been looking by any chance at the

1259  
00:53:02,220 --> 00:52:59,230  
comment tracker I've been looking

1260  
00:53:04,589 --> 00:53:02,230  
primarily at the and a lot of our stuff

1261  
00:53:05,940 --> 00:53:04,599  
is in the Q&A app oh there I am blowing

1262  
00:53:12,780 --> 00:53:05,950  
up the Hubble hanging out twitter feed

1263  
00:53:14,819 --> 00:53:12,790

so go Twitter awesome great so let me

1264

00:53:16,080 --> 00:53:14,829

check that real quick and oh you are

1265

00:53:18,680 --> 00:53:16,090

look at all that great job

1266

00:53:22,860 --> 00:53:18,690

um so Q and a nap has been fantastic

1267

00:53:24,000 --> 00:53:22,870

yeah using it yeah so that's been the

1268

00:53:27,480 --> 00:53:24,010

primary way people have been interacting

1269

00:53:29,700 --> 00:53:27,490

with us so thank you guys for that is so

1270

00:53:33,030 --> 00:53:29,710

where are we going for here what's next

1271

00:53:35,400 --> 00:53:33,040

Oh Morris left um hmm okay I'm staying

1272

00:53:37,320 --> 00:53:35,410

here well you're their own thing I

1273

00:53:39,240 --> 00:53:37,330

thought you dropped out yeah I dropped

1274

00:53:41,670 --> 00:53:39,250

off but I joined again oh good good so

1275

00:53:43,230 --> 00:53:41,680

what's next where are you just going to

1276  
00:53:48,030 --> 00:53:43,240  
keep analyzing data or do you have any

1277  
00:53:50,130 --> 00:53:48,040  
what we tell us what to look for uh well

1278  
00:53:54,060 --> 00:53:50,140  
so so will be will be busy with that

1279  
00:53:56,160 --> 00:53:54,070  
data set for a while um I've got I've

1280  
00:53:58,260 --> 00:53:56,170  
got some other agency programs but

1281  
00:53:59,490 --> 00:53:58,270  
nothing on nothing on exploding white

1282  
00:54:03,090 --> 00:53:59,500  
dwarfs oh that's that's a completely

1283  
00:54:05,280 --> 00:54:03,100  
different story there okay Morris is one

1284  
00:54:09,090 --> 00:54:05,290  
of our most successful Hubble proposal

1285  
00:54:10,830 --> 00:54:09,100  
proposers and he's every cycle he's on

1286  
00:54:12,630 --> 00:54:10,840  
multiple proposals I don't know how many

1287  
00:54:15,150 --> 00:54:12,640  
for this cycle but I know it's more than

1288  
00:54:16,830 --> 00:54:15,160

if more than two or three that's a good

1289

00:54:18,300 --> 00:54:16,840

point I mean he got a hundred and twenty

1290

00:54:20,160 --> 00:54:18,310

two orbits for this particular that's a

1291

00:54:23,550 --> 00:54:20,170

lot of time that's a long got another

1292

00:54:27,840 --> 00:54:23,560

ones as well so how many are you on the

1293

00:54:32,190 --> 00:54:27,850

cycle Boris I think six so so long one

1294

00:54:33,600 --> 00:54:32,200

is a pinc and five SS class nice good

1295

00:54:38,070 --> 00:54:33,610

we'll have you back I can see that

1296

00:54:40,560 --> 00:54:38,080

that's busy yeah yeah so Eric charland

1297

00:54:42,510 --> 00:54:40,570

has commented that great idea Tony I'd

1298

00:54:44,280 --> 00:54:42,520

watch for sure living in a big city no

1299

00:54:47,420 --> 00:54:44,290

point in buying a big telescope you know

1300

00:54:51,390 --> 00:54:47,430

these virtual telescope idea really is

1301  
00:54:53,850 --> 00:54:51,400  
it's fantastic yeah i love the ID the

1302  
00:54:55,320 --> 00:54:53,860  
possibilities for it you can use a

1303  
00:54:57,750 --> 00:54:55,330  
telescope on the other side of the world

1304  
00:55:00,690 --> 00:54:57,760  
get your data and contribute to science

1305  
00:55:02,250 --> 00:55:00,700  
I mean that's um I love seeing it being

1306  
00:55:03,630 --> 00:55:02,260  
used this way because we use them

1307  
00:55:05,250 --> 00:55:03,640  
everyone smile for the virtual star

1308  
00:55:07,320 --> 00:55:05,260  
party so we have friends at I telescope

1309  
00:55:10,760 --> 00:55:07,330  
that do let us use them for the show

1310  
00:55:13,170 --> 00:55:10,770  
that's nice and so we did we get to see

1311  
00:55:15,180 --> 00:55:13,180  
we get to see amazing views from across

1312  
00:55:16,530 --> 00:55:15,190  
the world that's not initially from our

1313  
00:55:18,810 --> 00:55:16,540

strong words that are in so seeing it

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00:55:21,360 --> 00:55:18,820

being used for for science in this way

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00:55:22,860 --> 00:55:21,370

and really you know supporting the

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00:55:25,740 --> 00:55:22,870

Hubble Space Telescope I mean it's

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00:55:28,170 --> 00:55:25,750

something that I think is fantastic with

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00:55:29,940 --> 00:55:28,180

people think that being able to do

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00:55:33,150 --> 00:55:29,950

science

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00:55:34,410 --> 00:55:33,160

with a space observatory is so far away

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00:55:37,740 --> 00:55:34,420

from them but it's something that you

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00:55:41,160 --> 00:55:37,750

can really take part in and it's not a

1323

00:55:43,710 --> 00:55:41,170

big threshold to get into you there's a

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00:55:46,800 --> 00:55:43,720

lot of resources available to let you

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00:55:49,380 --> 00:55:46,810

actively contribute to science of

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00:55:52,740 --> 00:55:49,390

content today well so you're likely not

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00:55:55,500 --> 00:55:52,750

expose yeah sounds like it's not yet

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00:55:58,410 --> 00:55:55,510

Carol d it sounds like it's a non zero

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00:56:00,810 --> 00:55:58,420

cost so there's there's still money in a

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00:56:02,130 --> 00:56:00,820

bowl and things like that there ma l

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00:56:03,930 --> 00:56:02,140

definitely it can get expensive

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00:56:05,099 --> 00:56:03,940

depending by that much time you observe

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00:56:07,170 --> 00:56:05,109

on the other hand if you're just

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00:56:09,000 --> 00:56:07,180

tracking you know a couple of stars and

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00:56:11,760 --> 00:56:09,010

measuring their magnitudes you know once

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00:56:13,620 --> 00:56:11,770

a day it's not that bad what we didn't

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00:56:15,060 --> 00:56:13,630

talk much about the processing I mean so

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00:56:16,290 --> 00:56:15,070

Scott you said people have used them on

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00:56:18,060 --> 00:56:16,300

virtual stark don't you have to process

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00:56:19,349 --> 00:56:18,070

these images they come back needing dark

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00:56:20,609 --> 00:56:19,359

subtractions and all kinds of things

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00:56:24,030 --> 00:56:20,619

right i mean you can't just throw them

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00:56:26,579 --> 00:56:24,040

up there is that true as some of them

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00:56:28,200 --> 00:56:26,589

that we use with I telescope have just

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00:56:30,030 --> 00:56:28,210

used regular color cameras so we haven't

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00:56:31,380 --> 00:56:30,040

used any of the scientific data coming

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00:56:33,599 --> 00:56:31,390

through it we're just using the

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00:56:35,520 --> 00:56:33,609

photographs are coming down from the

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00:56:37,349 --> 00:56:35,530

cameras that we've used which you know

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00:56:39,720 --> 00:56:37,359

we have like a half meter telescope

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00:56:41,579 --> 00:56:39,730

which is great to use for four beautiful

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00:56:44,400 --> 00:56:41,589

photography I don't know about you guys

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00:56:47,460 --> 00:56:44,410

with with your scientific observations

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00:56:49,290 --> 00:56:47,470

what what Dad are you receiving from the

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00:56:51,710 --> 00:56:49,300

detector how do you process that before

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00:56:53,670 --> 00:56:51,720

you're sending it on to the Hubble team

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00:56:56,339 --> 00:56:53,680

yeah we actually get you know you

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00:56:58,650 --> 00:56:56,349

download all the images from the scopes

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00:57:01,260 --> 00:56:58,660

directly onto your laptop computer right

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00:57:02,849 --> 00:57:01,270

and then you process all those and get

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00:57:05,069 --> 00:57:02,859

the magnitude measurements and uploads

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00:57:07,200 --> 00:57:05,079

those back to the double a BSO website

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00:57:11,849 --> 00:57:07,210

so yeah that's how we get the data from

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00:57:13,650 --> 00:57:11,859

from the remote site I want a nap I want

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00:57:16,140 --> 00:57:13,660

to be able to you go out and want a nap

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00:57:18,930 --> 00:57:16,150

i'm gonna point it up in the sky have

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00:57:24,569 --> 00:57:18,940

Hubble use my stuff and I'm sure our

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00:57:27,809 --> 00:57:24,579

knees working on okay we're gonna I got

1369

00:57:28,920 --> 00:57:27,819

one final question it's very uh it's one

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00:57:30,420 --> 00:57:28,930

of the older ones and it's got two

1371

00:57:33,240 --> 00:57:30,430

pluses so I want to make sure i mention

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00:57:35,970 --> 00:57:33,250

it's from got new raju i'm in india

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00:57:39,540 --> 00:57:35,980

india is in asia asia is on earth earth

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00:57:42,510 --> 00:57:39,550

is in the universe universes in a galaxy

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00:57:43,870 --> 00:57:42,520

well other way around but where is the

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00:57:45,339 --> 00:57:43,880

galaxy and how long

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00:57:47,200 --> 00:57:45,349

has it so the gal I guess the simple

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00:57:50,740 --> 00:57:47,210

answer might be that the galaxy is one

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00:57:53,680 --> 00:57:50,750

of a much larger structure of other

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00:57:55,660 --> 00:57:53,690

galaxies around us we have we're in

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00:57:57,970 --> 00:57:55,670

something called the local group and

1382

00:57:59,829 --> 00:57:57,980

those galaxies are kind of merging some

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00:58:01,120 --> 00:57:59,839

in fact we're on a way of colliding with

1384

00:58:02,859 --> 00:58:01,130

one of them right now the Andromeda

1385

00:58:05,920 --> 00:58:02,869

galaxy but on a much larger scale

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00:58:08,349 --> 00:58:05,930

universe is composed of this structure

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00:58:11,589 --> 00:58:08,359

of galaxies all of which are interacting

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00:58:13,359 --> 00:58:11,599

in a variety of complicated ways but

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00:58:16,990 --> 00:58:13,369

overall the universe is also expanding

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00:58:18,700 --> 00:58:17,000

and accelerating so it's good to point

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00:58:20,859 --> 00:58:18,710

out that you start in one spot and as

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00:58:23,079 --> 00:58:20,869

your scale gets larger the kinds of

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00:58:24,220 --> 00:58:23,089

things that become important change a

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00:58:25,359 --> 00:58:24,230

little bit with the scale that you're

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00:58:28,509 --> 00:58:25,369

looking at so thank you for that

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00:58:33,460 --> 00:58:28,519

question and I guess guys I want to

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00:58:36,789 --> 00:58:33,470

thank everybody Boris Nolan art oh and

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00:58:38,289 --> 00:58:36,799

Gordon and everybody thank you very much

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00:58:41,200 --> 00:58:38,299

for joining us this was a really great

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00:58:43,599 --> 00:58:41,210

hangout Carol Scott awesome as always a

1401

00:58:45,849 --> 00:58:43,609

lot of fun I want to thank you guys for

1402

00:58:47,230 --> 00:58:45,859

watching we're still monitor all of

1403

00:58:48,819 --> 00:58:47,240

those channels for a while to answer

1404

00:58:51,609 --> 00:58:48,829

your questions if you still have some I

1405

00:58:53,650 --> 00:58:51,619

want to thank you all for watching next

1406

00:58:56,349 --> 00:58:53,660

week we have a Hubble hang out what's up

1407

00:59:01,420 --> 00:58:56,359

next week Carol oh you would I don't

1408

00:59:04,499 --> 00:59:01,430

know keep talking purpose because I

1409

00:59:08,499 --> 00:59:04,509

didn't have the schedule in front of me

1410

00:59:12,130 --> 00:59:08,509

maybe Scott can answer I can google that

1411

00:59:15,309 --> 00:59:12,140

is will we get my calendar you meant up

1412

00:59:17,620 --> 00:59:15,319

which is why yeah I put on spot that was

1413

00:59:22,630 --> 00:59:17,630

unfair july 17 we're gonna be talking

1414

00:59:24,339 --> 00:59:22,640

about planetary let me um lemme uh yeah

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00:59:27,999 --> 00:59:24,349

we're going to be looking at far-uv

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00:59:29,440 --> 00:59:28,009

observations using HST and so we hope

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00:59:32,049 --> 00:59:29,450

you'll join us for that at the same

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00:59:34,480 --> 00:59:32,059

bat-time say no same Hubble time same

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00:59:37,150 --> 00:59:34,490

Hubble channel again so that's that's

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00:59:39,009 --> 00:59:37,160

looking at see not only earth have

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00:59:40,240 --> 00:59:39,019

Aurora but the other planets in the

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00:59:42,940 --> 00:59:40,250

solar system and we're just going to

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00:59:45,609 --> 00:59:42,950

talk about that we hope you'll join us

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00:59:47,529 --> 00:59:45,619

and we have below and bring us your

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00:59:49,359 --> 00:59:47,539

questions and comments that's it for

