

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Cassini's Grand Finale at Saturn

Featuring Guest Speaker:
Bonnie Meinke



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00:00:04,430 --> 00:00:02,030
joy to be your host I am dr. Frank

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00:00:07,789 --> 00:00:04,440
summers of the office of public outreach

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00:00:10,250 --> 00:00:07,799
and we have an amazing audience here for

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00:00:13,640 --> 00:00:10,260
you tonight Bonnie Saturn really sells

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00:00:16,250 --> 00:00:13,650
okay so we have a packed house here

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00:00:18,650 --> 00:00:16,260
tonight we may not have anymore we have

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00:00:19,910 --> 00:00:18,660
a couple lithographs down here we

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00:00:23,150 --> 00:00:19,920
started out giving out the monkey head

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00:00:25,429 --> 00:00:23,160
nebula we sold out of the monkey head we

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00:00:27,769 --> 00:00:25,439
had to go to the 30 Doradus which is

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00:00:28,910 --> 00:00:27,779
also known as the tarantula nebula so if

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00:00:30,950 --> 00:00:28,920
you didn't get monkeys you got

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00:00:32,749 --> 00:00:30,960

tarantulas okay and if you're afraid of

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00:00:35,360 --> 00:00:32,759

spiders well I'm sorry that's all we

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00:00:38,900 --> 00:00:35,370

have left please come down and grab one

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00:00:44,900 --> 00:00:38,910

if you didn't on the way in our talk do

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00:00:50,479 --> 00:00:44,910

I even need to say tonight on our talk

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00:00:53,150 --> 00:00:50,489

is Cassini's grand finale at saturn and

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00:00:55,279 --> 00:00:53,160

we've been only waiting 19 years and 11

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00:00:57,939 --> 00:00:55,289

months for this because that's what

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00:01:00,500 --> 00:00:57,949

Cassini launched 19 years 11 months ago

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00:01:03,560 --> 00:01:00,510

absolutely looking forward to it should

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00:01:06,050 --> 00:01:03,570

it's a lot of fun upcoming next month

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00:01:09,890 --> 00:01:06,060

Elizabeth Tasker from the Japan

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00:01:12,730 --> 00:01:09,900

aerospace exploration agency she'll be

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00:01:16,370 --> 00:01:12,740

coming in and talking about dangerous

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00:01:19,730 --> 00:01:16,380

worlds yes exoplanets and such all right

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00:01:24,200 --> 00:01:19,740

and you can see our familiar TBA coming

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00:01:26,390 --> 00:01:24,210

in in December in January which means I

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00:01:29,030 --> 00:01:26,400

was working on some stuff for the end of

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00:01:31,749 --> 00:01:29,040

the fiscal year and didn't nag people to

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00:01:33,859 --> 00:01:31,759

sign up for talks actually I have one

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00:01:36,109 --> 00:01:33,869

scheduled for January but we may have to

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00:01:41,300 --> 00:01:36,119

change that I don't know with the news

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00:01:43,539 --> 00:01:41,310

so anyways okay so on some of the ninth

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00:01:48,020 --> 00:01:43,549

great we can do it on the night okay

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00:01:49,730 --> 00:01:48,030

okay ooh tag team on the 9th okay we

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00:01:51,620 --> 00:01:49,740

have still have some there's a couple

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00:01:52,760 --> 00:01:51,630

extra seats down here if the folks

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00:01:55,249 --> 00:01:52,770

you're standing in the corner would like

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00:01:56,959 --> 00:01:55,259

to if you have a seat next to you raise

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00:01:58,850 --> 00:01:56,969

your hand so these guys can don't have

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00:02:03,620 --> 00:01:58,860

to stand for the whole whole night okay

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00:02:05,450 --> 00:02:03,630

all right let's see website if you go if

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00:02:07,880 --> 00:02:05,460

you use your favorite search engine and

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00:02:10,100 --> 00:02:07,890

look for Hubble public talks you'll find

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00:02:12,920 --> 00:02:10,110

this page with the list of the upcoming

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00:02:13,470 --> 00:02:12,930

lectures the links to watching it live

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00:02:17,400 --> 00:02:13,480

on

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00:02:19,350 --> 00:02:17,410

as well as in the archive and the boxes

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00:02:22,020 --> 00:02:19,360
where you can subscribe or even

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00:02:24,059 --> 00:02:22,030
unsubscribe to our mailing list and get

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00:02:26,610 --> 00:02:24,069
the monthly reminders of the talks and

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00:02:28,920 --> 00:02:26,620
actually also we send out the monthly

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00:02:30,570 --> 00:02:28,930
listings of where is on the webcasts

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00:02:33,030 --> 00:02:30,580
okay

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00:02:34,860 --> 00:02:33,040
announcements sign up at the website or

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00:02:36,570 --> 00:02:34,870
you just give me your email address and

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00:02:39,509 --> 00:02:36,580
if you have comments or questions you

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00:02:43,280 --> 00:02:39,519
can send them to public lecture at STScl

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00:02:45,449 --> 00:02:43,290
dot edu if you would like social media

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00:02:47,880 --> 00:02:45,459
we have Facebook Twitter YouTube

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00:02:50,460 --> 00:02:47,890

Instagram and maybe a few more things

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00:02:52,740 --> 00:02:50,470

that I'm not haven't listed here I

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00:02:55,860 --> 00:02:52,750

myself I'm on Facebook Google+ and

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00:02:57,449 --> 00:02:55,870

Twitter every now and then and have a

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00:03:00,059 --> 00:02:57,459

blog on Hubbell site if you want to

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00:03:02,039 --> 00:03:00,069

follow me the observatory

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00:03:04,740 --> 00:03:02,049

yes the weather appears to be permitting

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00:03:07,440 --> 00:03:04,750

tonight and ireenie sent me a text and

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00:03:10,140 --> 00:03:07,450

said yes she will be doing it so we will

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00:03:12,780 --> 00:03:10,150

be meeting at that door over there okay

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00:03:15,059 --> 00:03:12,790

now unfortunately and it's really hard

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00:03:19,259 --> 00:03:15,069

to tell an audience of this size she can

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00:03:21,059 --> 00:03:19,269

only take 15 to 20 people over okay and

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00:03:24,930 --> 00:03:21,069

I know there's like 200 of you here

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00:03:26,970 --> 00:03:24,940

tonight so if you have been before

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00:03:28,800 --> 00:03:26,980

please let somebody else who hasn't been

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00:03:32,160 --> 00:03:28,810

and if you don't get to go tonight

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00:03:33,900 --> 00:03:32,170

please come back and and you will be

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00:03:37,920 --> 00:03:33,910

able to do it after another lecture or

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00:03:40,470 --> 00:03:37,930

you can go to MD dot space grant o RG

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00:03:43,590 --> 00:03:40,480

find this webpage and they have open

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00:03:46,289 --> 00:03:43,600

houses most every Friday evening okay

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00:03:49,050 --> 00:03:46,299

they update this web page at like 6:00

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00:03:50,610 --> 00:03:49,060

p.m. or 5 or 6 p.m. on Friday to tell

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00:03:52,949 --> 00:03:50,620

you whether or not it will be open and

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00:03:54,750 --> 00:03:52,959

you will get a longer observing session

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00:03:57,660 --> 00:03:54,760

at their open house then you will get

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00:03:59,879 --> 00:03:57,670

after the lecture here okay and as we're

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00:04:04,080 --> 00:03:59,889

going into fall we've just passed the

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00:04:06,360 --> 00:04:04,090

equinox the nights get longer and so

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00:04:10,559 --> 00:04:06,370

lots and lots of observing is possible

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00:04:15,080 --> 00:04:10,569

okay all right and now my part news from

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00:04:18,589 --> 00:04:15,090

the universe for October 2017

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00:04:21,490 --> 00:04:18,599

unfortunately the top story tonight is

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00:04:23,680 --> 00:04:21,500

JWST launch delay

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00:04:30,130 --> 00:04:23,690

no no no you got to do that all together

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00:04:32,770 --> 00:04:30,140

one two three thank you okay so this is

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00:04:35,980 --> 00:04:32,780

the Jay this is a drawing of the James

101
00:04:39,880 --> 00:04:35,990
Webb Space Telescope it will be NASA's

102
00:04:42,760 --> 00:04:39,890
next great Observatory it is an infrared

103
00:04:46,600 --> 00:04:42,770
telescope with a six and a half meter

104
00:04:49,330 --> 00:04:46,610
mirror 18 segments it will be launched

105
00:04:52,060 --> 00:04:49,340
and go out a million miles from Earth so

106
00:04:53,290 --> 00:04:52,070
it is nice and cool and away from the

107
00:04:55,030 --> 00:04:53,300
influence of Earth

108
00:04:57,280 --> 00:04:55,040
it'll have these great Sun shields to

109
00:04:59,380 --> 00:04:57,290
also keep it cool it will do amazing

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00:05:02,590 --> 00:04:59,390
things it will do things Hubble cannot

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00:05:04,960 --> 00:05:02,600
do but it won't do them on the time

112
00:05:08,280 --> 00:05:04,970
scale we had hoped it would do them okay

113
00:05:12,460 --> 00:05:08,290

it was slated to launch in October 2018

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00:05:15,040 --> 00:05:12,470

that is no longer the launch date NASA

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00:05:17,140 --> 00:05:15,050

had a press release last week and I'm

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00:05:18,520 --> 00:05:17,150

quoting from it it says is now is

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00:05:22,300 --> 00:05:18,530

planning to launch between March and

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00:05:24,760 --> 00:05:22,310

June of 2019 so it's about a six months

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00:05:26,830 --> 00:05:24,770

slip in the schedule it is not

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00:05:28,450 --> 00:05:26,840

indicative of hardware or technical

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00:05:30,360 --> 00:05:28,460

performance concerns they want to make

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00:05:32,860 --> 00:05:30,370

sure that look everything's going fine

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00:05:35,020 --> 00:05:32,870

we just want to make sure it's perfect

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00:05:38,260 --> 00:05:35,030

because unlike Hubble we can't go out

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00:05:39,820 --> 00:05:38,270

and service this okay so integration of

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00:05:42,370 --> 00:05:39,830

the various spacecraft elements is

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00:05:44,230 --> 00:05:42,380

taking longer than expected all right

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00:05:47,530 --> 00:05:44,240

and they want to make sure they do it

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00:05:49,750 --> 00:05:47,540

right and one other thing in terms of

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00:05:52,270 --> 00:05:49,760

the financials the existing program

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00:05:54,490 --> 00:05:52,280

budget accommodates the change in launch

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00:05:57,340 --> 00:05:54,500

date so you as taxpayers are not going

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00:05:59,560 --> 00:05:57,350

to pay extra for this delay it's all

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00:06:02,409 --> 00:05:59,570

within the program budget they build a

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00:06:04,719 --> 00:06:02,419

lot of contingencies into these plans

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00:06:07,320 --> 00:06:04,729

and unfortunately that we've had to add

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00:06:10,480 --> 00:06:07,330

take take one of those contingencies so

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00:06:13,630 --> 00:06:10,490

instead of October 2018 we're looking

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00:06:15,610 --> 00:06:13,640

between March and June of 2019 it will

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00:06:19,180 --> 00:06:15,620

be worth it though okay

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00:06:25,360 --> 00:06:19,190

it really will all right our second

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00:06:26,830 --> 00:06:25,370

story a tale of two comets yes I know I

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00:06:29,469 --> 00:06:26,840

didn't quite come up with a real

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00:06:31,420 --> 00:06:29,479

Dickensian story to go here but I just

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00:06:33,670 --> 00:06:31,430

like the title alright so first of all

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00:06:34,700 --> 00:06:33,680

what we're talking about here is the

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00:06:37,490 --> 00:06:34,710

asteroid belt

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00:06:40,100 --> 00:06:37,500

okay this is the orbit of Jupiter out

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00:06:41,660 --> 00:06:40,110

here and in here we have in the center

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00:06:44,300 --> 00:06:41,670

we have the orbits of Mercury Venus

151
00:06:46,280 --> 00:06:44,310
Earth and Mars in between where you see

152
00:06:49,730 --> 00:06:46,290
all these green things and the red

153
00:06:52,610 --> 00:06:49,740
things those are the main belt asteroids

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00:06:57,080 --> 00:06:52,620
there are several hundred thousand of

155
00:07:00,470 --> 00:06:57,090
these asteroids however also in that

156
00:07:03,740 --> 00:07:00,480
area are a lot of comets a lot of short

157
00:07:09,160 --> 00:07:03,750
period comets and we're gonna talk about

158
00:07:13,400 --> 00:07:09,170
an object that is actually both here so

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00:07:17,120 --> 00:07:13,410
in November 2006 they discovered an

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00:07:18,530 --> 00:07:17,130
asteroid and they called it 2006 VW 139

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00:07:20,540 --> 00:07:18,540
that's thus the standard nomenclature

162
00:07:22,970 --> 00:07:20,550
that we give to asteroids when we

163
00:07:26,480 --> 00:07:22,980

discover them and then they observed the

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00:07:30,080 --> 00:07:26,490

same object in November 2011 and they

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00:07:32,750 --> 00:07:30,090

found that it had a tail and tails

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00:07:35,210 --> 00:07:32,760

indicate that it's a comet so they also

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00:07:37,820 --> 00:07:35,220

gave it the designation of Comet two

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00:07:40,940 --> 00:07:37,830

eight eight P alright so it had both

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00:07:43,460 --> 00:07:40,950

asteroid designations and comet a comet

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00:07:45,320 --> 00:07:43,470

designation well that's obviously an

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00:07:47,600 --> 00:07:45,330

interesting object so what are you gonna

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00:07:50,180 --> 00:07:47,610

do you're gonna take Hubble and you're

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00:07:54,440 --> 00:07:50,190

gonna look at it and Hubble looked at it

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00:07:59,360 --> 00:07:54,450

in August of 2016 and Hubble saw this

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00:08:02,870 --> 00:07:59,370

ooh what do we see we see in the center

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00:08:05,870 --> 00:08:02,880

not one but two bright spots in the

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00:08:10,850 --> 00:08:05,880

center so as you can see I've updated it

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00:08:12,350 --> 00:08:10,860

to be a binary asteroid 2006 WV 139 and

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00:08:15,770 --> 00:08:12,360

I guess you could call it a double

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00:08:18,500 --> 00:08:15,780

nucleus comet two eight eight P we have

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00:08:20,540 --> 00:08:18,510

an object that appears to be two objects

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00:08:23,900 --> 00:08:20,550

now in examining it and trying to

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00:08:26,420 --> 00:08:23,910

understand it they estimate that it was

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00:08:29,870 --> 00:08:26,430

a single object that broke apart about

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00:08:33,140 --> 00:08:29,880

five thousand years ago and then the

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00:08:35,330 --> 00:08:33,150

gases that are exposed caused jets and

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00:08:39,410 --> 00:08:35,340

then the two pieces moved away from each

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00:08:43,400 --> 00:08:39,420

other okay that also produced material

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00:08:46,010 --> 00:08:43,410

that streams out as this tail so Hubble

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00:08:47,000 --> 00:08:46,020

looked at it not just once but five

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00:08:50,860 --> 00:08:47,010

times

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00:08:54,790 --> 00:08:50,870

and we looked at in September first in

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00:08:58,580 --> 00:08:54,800

September ninth in September 20th and

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00:09:01,340 --> 00:08:58,590

September 29th and what do we see we see

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00:09:04,640 --> 00:09:01,350

the tail wagging okay

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00:09:07,220 --> 00:09:04,650

yes comets wag their tails right so here

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00:09:09,620 --> 00:09:07,230

are those five images but you can see

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00:09:12,920 --> 00:09:09,630

they only occur over this time scale of

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00:09:15,260 --> 00:09:12,930

about a month now some of the change of

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00:09:19,700 --> 00:09:15,270

the orientation of the tail is due to

201
00:09:22,040 --> 00:09:19,710
the geometry of Earth and and the comet

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00:09:23,720 --> 00:09:22,050
or asteroid as it was but over the

203
00:09:27,590 --> 00:09:23,730
course of a month it wouldn't change

204
00:09:30,020 --> 00:09:27,600
that far so what they really think that

205
00:09:33,140 --> 00:09:30,030
it's also due to different types of

206
00:09:37,010 --> 00:09:33,150
particles being emitted the larger

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00:09:38,990 --> 00:09:37,020
particles are here these are on order

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00:09:41,390 --> 00:09:39,000
millimeter sized when I say large we're

209
00:09:43,970 --> 00:09:41,400
talking tiny tiny dust particles okay

210
00:09:45,770 --> 00:09:43,980
this is a dust tail a tiny tiny dust

211
00:09:48,230 --> 00:09:45,780
pyloric is about one millimeter those

212
00:09:51,080 --> 00:09:48,240
are large in astronomical terms here oh

213
00:09:53,030 --> 00:09:51,090

one millimeter in size are blowing off

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00:09:57,160 --> 00:09:53,040

in this direction due to how they're

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00:10:00,200 --> 00:09:57,170

being ejected but by this time the

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00:10:03,200 --> 00:10:00,210

emission the dust was mostly very very

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00:10:06,290 --> 00:10:03,210

small about 1/100 that size or 10

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00:10:08,360 --> 00:10:06,300

microns and those 10 micron particles

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00:10:10,850 --> 00:10:08,370

get actually pushed back by the

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00:10:13,040 --> 00:10:10,860

radiation pressure of the Sun and so

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00:10:15,530 --> 00:10:13,050

here is where the tail is actually

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00:10:18,800 --> 00:10:15,540

pointing away from the Sun like a normal

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00:10:20,990 --> 00:10:18,810

Comet dust tail does and here is it's

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00:10:23,630 --> 00:10:21,000

not quite pointing away from the Sun due

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00:10:26,660 --> 00:10:23,640

to the larger particles in it so we have

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00:10:30,800 --> 00:10:26,670

a really cool object that's part

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00:10:35,630 --> 00:10:30,810

asteroid part comet and it's able to wag

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00:10:38,750 --> 00:10:35,640

its own tail kind of cool all right our

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00:10:44,030 --> 00:10:38,760

final story for you is candles in the

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00:10:47,180 --> 00:10:44,040

dark now candles is an acronym for a

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00:10:49,910 --> 00:10:47,190

cosmic assembly deep extra galactic

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00:10:53,780 --> 00:10:49,920

legacy survey blah blah blah what it

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00:10:55,820 --> 00:10:53,790

really is is a huge project to study the

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00:11:00,530 --> 00:10:55,830

development gap of galaxies over time

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00:11:03,980 --> 00:11:00,540

they got more orbits on Hubble than any

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00:11:05,950 --> 00:11:03,990

their project in history over 900 Hubble

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00:11:08,780 --> 00:11:05,960

orbits and they looked at five different

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00:11:11,270 --> 00:11:08,790

fields looking very deep into these

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00:11:13,940 --> 00:11:11,280

fields alright and here's one of them

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00:11:17,750 --> 00:11:13,950

it's called the ultra deep survey and

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00:11:20,360 --> 00:11:17,760

this is filled with about twenty thirty

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00:11:23,780 --> 00:11:20,370

thousand galaxies okay and these

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00:11:27,320 --> 00:11:23,790

galaxies are spread out across across

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00:11:30,770 --> 00:11:27,330

space but as we look out into space

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00:11:32,360 --> 00:11:30,780

we're also looking back into time if you

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00:11:35,090 --> 00:11:32,370

look a billion years out into space

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00:11:38,570 --> 00:11:35,100

you're seeing that galaxy as it was a

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00:11:40,250 --> 00:11:38,580

billion years ago if you go three

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00:11:44,300 --> 00:11:40,260

billion years that's three billion years

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00:11:47,030 --> 00:11:44,310

ago some of these galaxies are 10 11 12

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00:11:50,000 --> 00:11:47,040
billion light years away so we're seeing

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00:11:53,300 --> 00:11:50,010
them as they were 10 11 12 billion years

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00:11:55,700 --> 00:11:53,310
ago by statistically looking at those

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00:11:58,490 --> 00:11:55,710
galaxies at different distances we can

255
00:12:00,770 --> 00:11:58,500
assemble a view of galaxies as they were

256
00:12:04,640 --> 00:12:00,780
at different state ages of the universe

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00:12:08,120 --> 00:12:04,650
which gives us a picture of how galaxies

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00:12:09,890 --> 00:12:08,130
development so they gave us this data in

259
00:12:11,240 --> 00:12:09,900
the office of public outreach and we

260
00:12:13,820 --> 00:12:11,250
said well the first thing we want to do

261
00:12:16,460 --> 00:12:13,830
is we want to show people those galaxies

262
00:12:19,280 --> 00:12:16,470
at different distances so we created a

263
00:12:21,680 --> 00:12:19,290

visualization by cutting out into

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00:12:23,180 --> 00:12:21,690

cutting out every one of those twenty

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00:12:27,410 --> 00:12:23,190

six thousand three hundred and four

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00:12:29,390 --> 00:12:27,420

galaxies in the catalog and then placing

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00:12:32,360 --> 00:12:29,400

them into a computer model at their

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00:12:34,040 --> 00:12:32,370

correct relative distances now we didn't

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00:12:36,200 --> 00:12:34,050

put them at their absolute correct

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00:12:37,970 --> 00:12:36,210

distances because then it would be so

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00:12:40,160 --> 00:12:37,980

long that the fly-through would take

272

00:12:42,440 --> 00:12:40,170

probably two hours to do we want to do

273

00:12:45,770 --> 00:12:42,450

it in a minute or so so we compress them

274

00:12:50,660 --> 00:12:45,780

in the Z direction but we do have a

275

00:12:52,880 --> 00:12:50,670

relatively scientific the relative

276

00:12:55,520 --> 00:12:52,890

distances are all proper between the

277

00:12:58,580 --> 00:12:55,530

various galaxies okay can we take the

278

00:13:01,160 --> 00:12:58,590

lights down so people can see this cuz

279

00:13:05,300 --> 00:13:01,170

there's a lot of black here take the

280

00:13:08,780 --> 00:13:05,310

lights down there we go that look better

281

00:13:10,880 --> 00:13:08,790

to you guys okay and so here we have the

282

00:14:35,860 --> 00:13:10,890

the visualization of the candles

283

00:14:40,460 --> 00:14:38,120

so that was our experiential

284

00:14:42,410 --> 00:14:40,470

visualization for the candles

285

00:14:43,820 --> 00:14:42,420

alternative survey we also plan on doing

286

00:14:46,460 --> 00:14:43,830

some didactic ones where we'll have

287

00:14:47,870 --> 00:14:46,470

narration and point out some of the the

288

00:14:49,850 --> 00:14:47,880

really cool features of it are the

289

00:14:52,910 --> 00:14:49,860

scientific features of it do we have a

290

00:14:57,530 --> 00:14:52,920

question there you are travelling in a

291

00:14:58,460 --> 00:14:57,540

straight line there was some steering in

292

00:15:00,200 --> 00:14:58,470

a straight line

293

00:15:02,270 --> 00:15:00,210

I actually choreographed the camera to

294

00:15:04,340 --> 00:15:02,280

fly up near that one white galaxy then

295

00:15:06,620 --> 00:15:04,350

down through that cluster that swooped

296

00:15:08,270 --> 00:15:06,630

through to those three red galaxies so

297

00:15:09,890 --> 00:15:08,280

that you would said add something that's

298

00:15:13,930 --> 00:15:09,900

and I sort of thought of it as a

299

00:15:20,360 --> 00:15:16,970

you're traveling about 13 billion light

300

00:15:21,710 --> 00:15:20,370

years in a minute and 13 seconds so

301
00:15:31,010 --> 00:15:21,720
you're violating every known law of

302
00:15:33,380 --> 00:15:31,020
physics object that you saw there is a

303
00:15:35,930 --> 00:15:33,390
galaxy we cleaned out all the stars and

304
00:15:37,730 --> 00:15:35,940
all the other artifacts from it and we

305
00:15:39,590 --> 00:15:37,740
were left with twenty-six thousand three

306
00:15:41,450 --> 00:15:39,600
hundred four galaxies for which we had

307
00:15:44,270 --> 00:15:41,460
both an image and a measured or

308
00:15:52,610 --> 00:15:44,280
estimated redshift from the scientific

309
00:15:55,580 --> 00:15:52,620
team that's a great question so at the

310
00:15:57,680 --> 00:15:55,590
end there we went to black we got to the

311
00:15:59,690 --> 00:15:57,690
end of the data set we got to the

312
00:16:02,300 --> 00:15:59,700
greatest distance that Hubble can see

313
00:16:05,000 --> 00:16:02,310

because the galaxies further than that

314

00:16:13,049 --> 00:16:05,010

their light is redshifted into the

315

00:16:17,699 --> 00:16:14,969

okay one of the reasons we want the Jo

316

00:16:20,729 --> 00:16:17,709

is T is to look deeper into the universe

317

00:16:22,709 --> 00:16:20,739

because the light from those galaxies

318

00:16:23,999 --> 00:16:22,719

isn't the infrared and jaidev's t we'll

319

00:16:26,119 --> 00:16:24,009

be able to see the what's similar

320

00:16:29,669 --> 00:16:26,129

resolution to what Hubble has alright

321

00:16:32,369 --> 00:16:29,679

okay now let's go to our featured

322

00:16:36,329 --> 00:16:32,379

speaker tonight our speaker tonight is

323

00:16:39,299 --> 00:16:36,339

Bonnie bunkie she joined us about five

324

00:16:41,449 --> 00:16:39,309

years ago and she has been in the office

325

00:16:45,509 --> 00:16:41,459

of public outreach ever since that time

326

00:16:47,999 --> 00:16:45,519

but about a month ago she got a new

327

00:16:49,649 --> 00:16:48,009

position she in the office of public

328

00:16:51,959 --> 00:16:49,659

outreach she was one of the liaisons

329

00:16:53,819 --> 00:16:51,969

with the J diversity team she's now

330

00:16:57,209 --> 00:16:53,829

moved over to the Jade Ernestine Mission

331

00:16:59,639 --> 00:16:57,219

office team and is now a liaison oh so

332

00:17:02,849 --> 00:16:59,649

she just jumped over the fence and it's

333

00:17:05,489 --> 00:17:02,859

working with them she is an expert in

334

00:17:08,340 --> 00:17:05,499

SAP and on Saturday and she will here

335

00:17:11,999 --> 00:17:08,350

tonight having done her PhD at the

336

00:17:14,399 --> 00:17:12,009

University of Colorado yes and having

337

00:17:17,309 --> 00:17:14,409

worked at the fleet Reuben H fleet

338

00:17:19,470 --> 00:17:17,319

Science Center yes she didn't give me a

339

00:17:21,919 --> 00:17:19,480

biography she was late to come here so

340

00:17:29,310 --> 00:17:21,929

you have to do this remember

341

00:17:31,990 --> 00:17:29,320

she's overall a wonderful person ladies

342

00:17:40,720 --> 00:17:32,000

please welcome dr. Bonnie Mikey

343

00:17:44,870 --> 00:17:40,730

[Applause]

344

00:17:48,620 --> 00:17:44,880

hi everybody I am overwhelmed and a

345

00:17:51,800 --> 00:17:48,630

little intimidated by the audience no

346

00:17:55,840 --> 00:17:51,810

pressure and lots of familiar faces I'm

347

00:18:00,560 --> 00:17:55,850

very happy to see them I yes so Cassini

348

00:18:02,600 --> 00:18:00,570

sadly just ended how many people tuned

349

00:18:05,020 --> 00:18:02,610

in for some of the big events

350

00:18:08,630 --> 00:18:05,030

surrounding the grand finale

351

00:18:27,980 --> 00:18:08,640

alright lots of Saturn files out there I

352

00:18:30,140 --> 00:18:27,990

have no idea what's going on and yeah so

353

00:18:33,080 --> 00:18:30,150

like Frank said this this is a mission

354

00:18:37,340 --> 00:18:33,090

that launched almost 20 years ago it was

355

00:18:39,350 --> 00:18:37,350

October 15 1997 there are people in the

356

00:18:46,240 --> 00:18:39,360

audience that were even alive then I

357

00:18:50,390 --> 00:18:46,250

suspect there then it got to Saturn in

358

00:18:52,280 --> 00:18:50,400

2004 and I remember when that happened I

359

00:18:54,700 --> 00:18:52,290

was a fresh-faced grad student and I

360

00:18:57,230 --> 00:18:54,710

thought hey this is gonna be my mission

361

00:18:59,270 --> 00:18:57,240

and I kind of can't believe that it's

362

00:19:02,300 --> 00:18:59,280

already at its end thirteen years after

363

00:19:05,930 --> 00:19:02,310

that but one of the really amazing

364

00:19:08,030 --> 00:19:05,940

things about the Cassini mission is that

365

00:19:10,610 --> 00:19:08,040

it didn't just change our view of Saturn

366

00:19:15,890 --> 00:19:10,620

it changed our view of our solar system

367

00:19:19,130 --> 00:19:15,900

and of solar systems everywhere so I'm

368

00:19:20,990 --> 00:19:19,140

gonna walk you through the grand finale

369

00:19:25,520 --> 00:19:21,000

and the tour of everything Cassini

370

00:19:28,190 --> 00:19:25,530

learned as a way to bridge to the other

371

00:19:31,400 --> 00:19:28,200

types of planetary science that we now

372

00:19:35,060 --> 00:19:31,410

know about care about are dedicated to

373

00:19:36,830 --> 00:19:35,070

studying okay and I'm gonna cut to the

374

00:19:38,660 --> 00:19:36,840

chase I'm just gonna go ahead and lay it

375

00:19:42,530 --> 00:19:38,670

all on the table the biggest discoveries

376

00:19:43,760 --> 00:19:42,540

of the Cassini mission icy moons we knew

377

00:19:46,790 --> 00:19:43,770

about a whole bunch of them before we

378

00:19:49,690 --> 00:19:46,800

got there we discovered more and we

379

00:19:52,440 --> 00:19:49,700

discovered of the ones that we already

380

00:19:55,509 --> 00:19:52,450

new really amazing cool new things

381

00:19:57,250 --> 00:19:55,519

planetary rings of course we knew about

382

00:19:58,899 --> 00:19:57,260

Saturn's rings it's the ringed planet

383

00:20:01,600 --> 00:19:58,909

everybody knows about this

384

00:20:05,830 --> 00:20:01,610

Galileo studied it and thought it was

385

00:20:07,870 --> 00:20:05,840

amazing we've learned a whole lot of new

386

00:20:10,330 --> 00:20:07,880

stuff in the last 13 years about those

387

00:20:13,779 --> 00:20:10,340

planetary rings that we didn't know you

388

00:20:15,669 --> 00:20:13,789

know a decade ago and then finally to

389

00:20:17,169 --> 00:20:15,679

plant it itself I think that the Rings

390

00:20:19,240 --> 00:20:17,179

and the moons get so much attention that

391

00:20:22,060 --> 00:20:19,250

the actual planet itself gets ignored in

392

00:20:25,210 --> 00:20:22,070

some ways but it has all kinds of storms

393

00:20:29,789 --> 00:20:25,220

big hurricanes all kinds of wind

394

00:20:34,269 --> 00:20:29,799

patterns really some interesting things

395

00:20:37,080 --> 00:20:34,279

so those those are those from you know a

396

00:20:39,870 --> 00:20:37,090

geologist is excited about those a

397

00:20:42,519 --> 00:20:39,880

meteorologist is excited about those a

398

00:20:46,029 --> 00:20:42,529

dynamicists and orbit celestial

399

00:20:48,460 --> 00:20:46,039

mechanics enthusiast is excited about

400

00:20:49,570 --> 00:20:48,470

those and so we're I'm gonna say I'm

401
00:20:52,419 --> 00:20:49,580
gonna step you through these big

402
00:20:55,000 --> 00:20:52,429
discoveries because like I said they

403
00:20:59,769 --> 00:20:55,010
fundamentally changed our view of Saturn

404
00:21:02,409 --> 00:20:59,779
of our solar system and of other solar

405
00:21:08,889 --> 00:21:02,419
systems and I don't know why my slides

406
00:21:11,139 --> 00:21:08,899
keep jumping around so I'm gonna set the

407
00:21:14,409 --> 00:21:11,149
context a little bit for you guys

408
00:21:17,560 --> 00:21:14,419
show you the Saturn system so this of

409
00:21:20,560 --> 00:21:17,570
course is Saturn the big planet here

410
00:21:22,120 --> 00:21:20,570
these are the rings you have the the

411
00:21:27,090 --> 00:21:22,130
classical rings those are the things

412
00:21:30,879 --> 00:21:27,100
Galileo saw big icy bright pretty rings

413
00:21:33,519 --> 00:21:30,889

but those continue outwards as we skip

414

00:21:34,269 --> 00:21:33,529

through some of the moons and there's an

415

00:21:37,529 --> 00:21:34,279

arrow here

416

00:21:39,580 --> 00:21:37,539

lots and lots more moons out this way

417

00:21:42,759 --> 00:21:39,590

including the biggest moon of the Saturn

418

00:21:44,850 --> 00:21:42,769

system Titan how many Titan fans are out

419

00:21:50,070 --> 00:21:44,860

there

420

00:21:50,730 --> 00:21:50,080

Titan so I got to follow up with you

421

00:21:54,019 --> 00:21:50,740

guys tonight

422

00:21:56,639 --> 00:21:54,029

about about new ideas about Titan okay

423

00:22:00,960 --> 00:21:56,649

we have that big pretty planet it's

424

00:22:02,340 --> 00:22:00,970

mostly hydrogen helium similar to to

425

00:22:04,740 --> 00:22:02,350

Jupiter some more similar to Jupiter

426

00:22:06,840 --> 00:22:04,750

than it is to Uranus and Neptune but as

427

00:22:09,990 --> 00:22:06,850

I'll show Saturn tells us a lot about

428

00:22:12,060 --> 00:22:10,000

all of the giant planets like I said

429

00:22:14,039 --> 00:22:12,070

those broad dense readings and the big

430

00:22:17,490 --> 00:22:14,049

dusty rings and in between there's a

431

00:22:19,610 --> 00:22:17,500

bunch of gaps those gaps actually tell

432

00:22:22,320 --> 00:22:19,620

us a whole lot about other solar systems

433

00:22:25,200 --> 00:22:22,330

so I'll step you through that and

434

00:22:27,990 --> 00:22:25,210

finally all of these cool moons so many

435

00:22:30,899 --> 00:22:28,000

moons okay

436

00:22:33,450 --> 00:22:30,909

let's start out with basically the

437

00:22:35,370 --> 00:22:33,460

atmosphere the storms that happen the

438

00:22:36,710 --> 00:22:35,380

weather that happens on Saturn and what

439

00:22:41,159 --> 00:22:36,720

we've learned with the Cassini mission

440

00:22:43,409 --> 00:22:41,169

so it's changed our view of Saturn we

441

00:22:46,590 --> 00:22:43,419

got there and we knew the atmosphere was

442

00:22:49,830 --> 00:22:46,600

gonna be interesting but from distance

443

00:22:51,930 --> 00:22:49,840

it's not as dynamic looking as what

444

00:22:54,180 --> 00:22:51,940

jupiter has cooper has those big

445

00:22:57,299 --> 00:22:54,190

exciting bands it has the Great Red Spot

446

00:23:00,080 --> 00:22:57,309

this giant hurricane it's lasted for

447

00:23:02,279 --> 00:23:00,090

years and years and years for centuries

448

00:23:05,220 --> 00:23:02,289

we didn't think Saturn was gonna be that

449

00:23:07,320 --> 00:23:05,230

interesting we were wrong scientists

450

00:23:09,600 --> 00:23:07,330

love being wrong it's changed our view

451
00:23:11,220 --> 00:23:09,610
of our solar system because there's

452
00:23:13,350 --> 00:23:11,230
other giant planets as I mentioned

453
00:23:15,299 --> 00:23:13,360
there's Jupiter Saturn Uranus and

454
00:23:18,470 --> 00:23:15,309
Neptune in our in our solar system and

455
00:23:21,419 --> 00:23:18,480
those also have these really complex

456
00:23:23,789 --> 00:23:21,429
atmospheres that we can now tie what

457
00:23:25,379 --> 00:23:23,799
we've learned at Saturn too and finally

458
00:23:28,470 --> 00:23:25,389
it's changed our view of other solar

459
00:23:31,919 --> 00:23:28,480
systems so over the course of Saturn's

460
00:23:35,899 --> 00:23:31,929
are of Cassini's lifetime we have seen

461
00:23:38,460 --> 00:23:35,909
there's a lot of exoplanets out there

462
00:23:41,070 --> 00:23:38,470
you guys throw a little timeline later

463
00:23:43,830 --> 00:23:41,080

but when Cassini launched we only knew

464

00:23:46,680 --> 00:23:43,840

of five other exoplanets five planets

465

00:23:50,669 --> 00:23:46,690

around other stars other worlds beyond

466

00:23:55,139 --> 00:23:50,679

our solar system five one handful and

467

00:23:56,789 --> 00:23:55,149

now we know a thousands so learning

468

00:23:58,650 --> 00:23:56,799

about the types of planets we're seeing

469

00:24:01,040 --> 00:23:58,660

elsewhere is so important

470

00:24:04,620 --> 00:24:01,050

and Cassini helps us study that so let's

471

00:24:07,650 --> 00:24:04,630

dive into the atmosphere here and this

472

00:24:11,580 --> 00:24:07,660

is probably the most iconic of the

473

00:24:14,070 --> 00:24:11,590

Saturn as a planet images this is known

474

00:24:17,850 --> 00:24:14,080

as the hexagon and I'm not talking about

475

00:24:19,050 --> 00:24:17,860

France I'm talking about this amazing

476

00:24:23,460 --> 00:24:19,060

structure here if you notice it's

477

00:24:27,690 --> 00:24:23,470

six-sided one two three four five and

478

00:24:28,140 --> 00:24:27,700

six it's a ball it's in the this is the

479

00:24:29,910 --> 00:24:28,150

North Pole

480

00:24:34,140 --> 00:24:29,920

right here so this is looking straight

481

00:24:36,090 --> 00:24:34,150

down onto Saturn and you can see in this

482

00:24:39,570 --> 00:24:36,100

this this false-color or

483

00:24:40,890 --> 00:24:39,580

representational color image that

484

00:24:42,240 --> 00:24:40,900

there's a whole bunch of structure here

485

00:24:46,410 --> 00:24:42,250

in the atmosphere these are all

486

00:24:51,990 --> 00:24:46,420

different storms knots of different wind

487

00:24:56,160 --> 00:24:52,000

patterns and density clusters inside the

488

00:24:57,750 --> 00:24:56,170

atmosphere and you can think of that

489

00:24:59,730 --> 00:24:57,760

this looks strange we thought we had

490

00:25:03,180 --> 00:24:59,740

seen it with other means other

491

00:25:05,610 --> 00:25:03,190

observations both ground-based and and a

492

00:25:06,960 --> 00:25:05,620

Voyager flyby we thought we'd seen this

493

00:25:09,960 --> 00:25:06,970

hexagonal structure but we weren't

494

00:25:12,510 --> 00:25:09,970

really sure and it didn't quite click we

495

00:25:16,320 --> 00:25:12,520

weren't sure why this would exist and if

496

00:25:19,740 --> 00:25:16,330

it could exist for decades but now we

497

00:25:21,330 --> 00:25:19,750

know it's there we confirmed it and one

498

00:25:23,790 --> 00:25:21,340

of the cool things about the Cassini

499

00:25:25,800 --> 00:25:23,800

mission is it has several instruments

500

00:25:27,650 --> 00:25:25,810

and each one of those instruments looks

501
00:25:29,460 --> 00:25:27,660
at a different wavelength of light

502
00:25:33,200 --> 00:25:29,470
basically a different color of light

503
00:25:35,610 --> 00:25:33,210
some of which our eyes can't see and

504
00:25:38,550 --> 00:25:35,620
some of those colors help us look

505
00:25:42,480 --> 00:25:38,560
through things so this is this is

506
00:25:45,930 --> 00:25:42,490
actually an infrared image it looks down

507
00:25:49,950 --> 00:25:45,940
into the layers of Saturn's upper

508
00:25:54,660 --> 00:25:49,960
atmosphere and we can then see that the

509
00:26:01,620 --> 00:25:54,670
thing that makes this this hexagon this

510
00:26:05,250 --> 00:26:01,630
pattern of airflow is a jet stream

511
00:26:07,350 --> 00:26:05,260
there's a jet stream at a lower level of

512
00:26:10,340 --> 00:26:07,360
the atmosphere that is causing this

513
00:26:11,779 --> 00:26:10,350

pattern to be set up

514

00:26:14,390 --> 00:26:11,789

this is actually kind of like a standing

515

00:26:16,370 --> 00:26:14,400

wave if you've ever had a rope with a

516

00:26:18,110 --> 00:26:16,380

have another friend hold the other side

517

00:26:20,419 --> 00:26:18,120

of the rope like a jump rope or had it

518

00:26:22,490 --> 00:26:20,429

connected to a wall and eventually you

519

00:26:25,970 --> 00:26:22,500

can just get to go up and down up and

520

00:26:28,039 --> 00:26:25,980

down so instead of just doing this the

521

00:26:30,020 --> 00:26:28,049

Rope just goes up down up down up down

522

00:26:31,730 --> 00:26:30,030

that's a standing wave the pattern

523

00:26:32,510 --> 00:26:31,740

actually really doesn't change this is a

524

00:26:37,360 --> 00:26:32,520

standing wave

525

00:26:40,510 --> 00:26:37,370

except it's huge and it's six sided and

526

00:26:44,779 --> 00:26:40,520

it's really interesting and also

527

00:26:46,640 --> 00:26:44,789

coincidentally beautiful really cool so

528

00:26:48,320 --> 00:26:46,650

we learn lots of lots about what's going

529

00:26:51,190 --> 00:26:48,330

on with the interior structure of Saturn

530

00:26:55,850 --> 00:26:51,200

this way oh and if you look closely

531

00:26:58,419 --> 00:26:55,860

you'll see this hard right in the very

532

00:27:02,810 --> 00:26:58,429

center right at the North Pole this is

533

00:27:05,380 --> 00:27:02,820

what's been called the Rose because it

534

00:27:08,510 --> 00:27:05,390

was cleverly colored in red in this

535

00:27:10,970 --> 00:27:08,520

representation or color image and it

536

00:27:13,850 --> 00:27:10,980

does look like a beautiful rose this is

537

00:27:17,000 --> 00:27:13,860

a giant hurricane right at the North

538

00:27:20,350 --> 00:27:17,010

Pole and this has told us a lot about

539

00:27:23,000 --> 00:27:20,360

how giant planet atmospheres might work

540

00:27:24,560 --> 00:27:23,010

because we're not just again remember I

541

00:27:26,270 --> 00:27:24,570

said that different wavelengths of light

542

00:27:28,549 --> 00:27:26,280

could probe different levels of

543

00:27:31,549 --> 00:27:28,559

atmosphere that means we can see

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00:27:34,789 --> 00:27:31,559

vertical structures being able to see

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00:27:37,130 --> 00:27:34,799

how tall a storm is is really important

546

00:27:40,070 --> 00:27:37,140

to understanding how it forms how it

547

00:27:42,140 --> 00:27:40,080

works the dynamics of it um have you

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00:27:43,970 --> 00:27:42,150

guys ever been out on a summer day and

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00:27:47,080 --> 00:27:43,980

you see a thunderstorm forming in the

550

00:27:50,029 --> 00:27:47,090

distance and you see that the clouds

551
00:27:55,250 --> 00:27:50,039
billow up and it forms kind of an anvil

552
00:27:57,169 --> 00:27:55,260
shape you and then you say oh I better

553
00:27:58,940 --> 00:27:57,179
get inside or I better drive home from

554
00:28:00,830 --> 00:27:58,950
work right now because that's gonna be a

555
00:28:01,909 --> 00:28:00,840
huge thunderstorm and I know what's

556
00:28:03,730 --> 00:28:01,919
gonna rain and I know there's gonna be

557
00:28:05,899 --> 00:28:03,740
Sun during lightning I better get home

558
00:28:08,120 --> 00:28:05,909
that's the same kind of thing that we're

559
00:28:09,980 --> 00:28:08,130
learning about here those verticals that

560
00:28:15,799 --> 00:28:09,990
vertical structure is really important

561
00:28:18,289 --> 00:28:15,809
to informing us how this works another

562
00:28:22,880 --> 00:28:18,299
example of the amazing storms we've seen

563
00:28:24,000 --> 00:28:22,890

on Saturn is this guy right here - see

564

00:28:27,690 --> 00:28:24,010

it's starting to form over here this

565

00:28:30,570 --> 00:28:27,700

regular quiet Saturn nothing too

566

00:28:32,130 --> 00:28:30,580

exciting happening like I mentioned

567

00:28:35,580 --> 00:28:32,140

before you know no no huge bands

568

00:28:38,040 --> 00:28:35,590

typically an in regular visible light

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00:28:40,650 --> 00:28:38,050

Saturn looks kind of yellow kind of

570

00:28:45,780 --> 00:28:40,660

orange nothing big and bold happening

571

00:28:49,500 --> 00:28:45,790

and then we see a storm form and slowly

572

00:28:52,220 --> 00:28:49,510

that storm creates awake as different

573

00:28:54,930 --> 00:28:52,230

layers of the atmosphere move around it

574

00:28:58,440 --> 00:28:54,940

and you can see this time series where

575

00:29:01,560 --> 00:28:58,450

then it keeps going along into a long

576

00:29:03,840 --> 00:29:01,570

band and it wraps itself all the way

577

00:29:09,540 --> 00:29:03,850

around Saturn and eventually you have a

578

00:29:11,070 --> 00:29:09,550

very interesting curly fringed band so

579

00:29:12,720 --> 00:29:11,080

that's telling us how we've learned a

580

00:29:16,920 --> 00:29:12,730

lot does this happened over the course

581

00:29:20,760 --> 00:29:16,930

of several months and this thing lasted

582

00:29:22,650 --> 00:29:20,770

a couple years I think and so through

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00:29:27,990 --> 00:29:22,660

this we were able to really learn about

584

00:29:30,600 --> 00:29:28,000

how storms form how they persist what

585

00:29:31,620 --> 00:29:30,610

may be causing them to to die out and

586

00:29:33,270 --> 00:29:31,630

quiet down

587

00:29:34,890 --> 00:29:33,280

so this also tells us about stuff on our

588

00:29:37,250 --> 00:29:34,900

own planet right we know about

589

00:29:40,800 --> 00:29:37,260

hurricanes hurricanes exist on earth and

590

00:29:43,200 --> 00:29:40,810

when you're over the ocean especially

591

00:29:45,330 --> 00:29:43,210

when it's warm you have the the moisture

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00:29:47,130 --> 00:29:45,340

you have the heat that hurricane can

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00:29:49,710 --> 00:29:47,140

build up and build up and build up and

594

00:29:51,870 --> 00:29:49,720

get really strong but the second it hits

595

00:29:54,480 --> 00:29:51,880

land you lose the moisture and it may

596

00:29:56,820 --> 00:29:54,490

die out the second it hits goes too far

597

00:30:00,900 --> 00:29:56,830

north and it hits some cold water it may

598

00:30:04,200 --> 00:30:00,910

die out so what a storm that persist is

599

00:30:07,440 --> 00:30:04,210

telling us is what's going on underneath

600

00:30:10,380 --> 00:30:07,450

what is giving the storm its power what

601
00:30:12,630 --> 00:30:10,390
is driving that storm so learning about

602
00:30:15,660 --> 00:30:12,640
how these work on Saturn really tells us

603
00:30:20,610 --> 00:30:15,670
a lot about how these work elsewhere for

604
00:30:23,120 --> 00:30:20,620
example Jupiter so toward the end of the

605
00:30:27,660 --> 00:30:23,130
Cassini mission we have the fantastic

606
00:30:29,730 --> 00:30:27,670
sibling the sibling spacecraft that goes

607
00:30:34,440 --> 00:30:29,740
out to Jupiter called the Juno mission

608
00:30:36,549 --> 00:30:34,450
and Juno mission has Juno cam which is

609
00:30:38,830 --> 00:30:36,559
actually a public outreach in

610
00:30:40,450 --> 00:30:38,840
it was not intended for science but

611
00:30:41,919 --> 00:30:40,460
we're seeing some amazing images come

612
00:30:44,019 --> 00:30:41,929
back from it that we're doing some

613
00:30:46,899 --> 00:30:44,029

science with you can compare this sort

614

00:30:48,310 --> 00:30:46,909

of storm on Jupiter you can see some

615

00:30:50,110 --> 00:30:48,320

vertical structure there are some other

616

00:30:53,440 --> 00:30:50,120

interesting things to what we seen on

617

00:30:58,810 --> 00:30:53,450

Saturn or you can look at things like

618

00:31:01,210 --> 00:30:58,820

this this is Neptune every image I can

619

00:31:03,580 --> 00:31:01,220

see in the first like three pages of a

620

00:31:06,940 --> 00:31:03,590

Google search on Neptune images is this

621

00:31:09,669 --> 00:31:06,950

image or some version of it it has this

622

00:31:11,230 --> 00:31:09,679

big storm here and I know Frank's talked

623

00:31:12,430 --> 00:31:11,240

about this storm before I think Anna

624

00:31:14,470 --> 00:31:12,440

news from the universe or something

625

00:31:16,239 --> 00:31:14,480

before at a public lecture series that

626
00:31:19,210 --> 00:31:16,249
storm doesn't exist anymore

627
00:31:21,340 --> 00:31:19,220
it hasn't existed for years and we know

628
00:31:23,799 --> 00:31:21,350
this but this is such an interesting

629
00:31:26,109 --> 00:31:23,809
image that this is the Neptune image

630
00:31:28,419 --> 00:31:26,119
that everybody associates with it

631
00:31:32,799 --> 00:31:28,429
this storm probably only lasted a few

632
00:31:35,139 --> 00:31:32,809
years but Neptune is different then say

633
00:31:37,180 --> 00:31:35,149
Jupiter Neptune is farther out from the

634
00:31:39,899 --> 00:31:37,190
Sun so it's cooler it's made of

635
00:31:42,460 --> 00:31:39,909
different stuff like there's ammonia and

636
00:31:46,090 --> 00:31:42,470
some other like not it's not hydrogen

637
00:31:47,320 --> 00:31:46,100
helium like like Jupiter and Saturn lots

638
00:31:51,489 --> 00:31:47,330

of other things going on in the

639

00:31:53,320 --> 00:31:51,499

atmosphere so what we're learning is by

640

00:31:54,460 --> 00:31:53,330

looking at just the four examples in our

641

00:31:57,549 --> 00:31:54,470

solar system

642

00:32:01,029 --> 00:31:57,559

how much fears are different there's no

643

00:32:03,399 --> 00:32:01,039

cookie cutter formula for how these

644

00:32:05,919 --> 00:32:03,409

things work and now that we have

645

00:32:08,289 --> 00:32:05,929

thousands of candidates of exoplanets

646

00:32:10,899 --> 00:32:08,299

many of which are gas giants of some

647

00:32:13,029 --> 00:32:10,909

sort we can now start to put the pieces

648

00:32:17,590 --> 00:32:13,039

together and learn more about how these

649

00:32:22,539 --> 00:32:17,600

things work and not expect as scientists

650

00:32:25,509 --> 00:32:22,549

who model these things can't expect them

651
00:32:27,310 --> 00:32:25,519
all to work the same way especially when

652
00:32:29,440 --> 00:32:27,320
they're in different circumstances say

653
00:32:30,850 --> 00:32:29,450
you have a gas giant that's off that's a

654
00:32:33,639 --> 00:32:30,860
hot Jupiter who's here heard of a hot

655
00:32:36,220 --> 00:32:33,649
Jupiter that's something roughly Jupiter

656
00:32:40,590 --> 00:32:36,230
sized that's really close into the star

657
00:32:44,320 --> 00:32:40,600
closer than mercury is to our Sun so

658
00:32:45,609 --> 00:32:44,330
it's really hot right they're so hot in

659
00:32:47,919 --> 00:32:45,619
fact that you know the the atmosphere

660
00:32:49,320 --> 00:32:47,929
could bubble away could evaporate away

661
00:32:51,480 --> 00:32:49,330
from the heat of the Sun

662
00:32:52,770 --> 00:32:51,490
um it's so close that it's tidally

663
00:32:54,270 --> 00:32:52,780

locked that means there's one side

664

00:32:59,670 --> 00:32:54,280

that's always daytime one side that's

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00:33:01,380 --> 00:32:59,680

always nighttime it could it could be

666

00:33:03,150 --> 00:33:01,390

really far far far far far far away

667

00:33:06,900 --> 00:33:03,160

and be very very cold but still really

668

00:33:08,730 --> 00:33:06,910

big what happens there we we need to

669

00:33:10,890 --> 00:33:08,740

answer cities and so studying saying

670

00:33:12,690 --> 00:33:10,900

that what I call our backyard Laboratory

671

00:33:15,390 --> 00:33:12,700

versus that solar system is really

672

00:33:18,180 --> 00:33:15,400

important because now we have all these

673

00:33:19,950 --> 00:33:18,190

candidates we want to know what's going

674

00:33:21,450 --> 00:33:19,960

on with them we want to know how these

675

00:33:24,780 --> 00:33:21,460

work we also are finding out

676
00:33:26,520 --> 00:33:24,790
compositional information every day the

677
00:33:28,860 --> 00:33:26,530
Webb telescope is going to tell us what

678
00:33:31,770 --> 00:33:28,870
these atmospheres are made of and we

679
00:33:33,270 --> 00:33:31,780
need what we call ground truth the

680
00:33:36,750 --> 00:33:33,280
Cassini mission has given us some ground

681
00:33:39,720 --> 00:33:36,760
truth some some really concrete evidence

682
00:33:44,150 --> 00:33:39,730
nearby of something that we know of that

683
00:33:48,150 --> 00:33:44,160
we have observed for a long time and we

684
00:33:50,100 --> 00:33:48,160
we can compare to I turn them all use

685
00:33:53,220 --> 00:33:50,110
later and throughout this talk is

686
00:33:55,140 --> 00:33:53,230
comparative planetology so that's really

687
00:33:58,040 --> 00:33:55,150
important for what we're doing and what

688
00:34:00,450 --> 00:33:58,050

the Cassini mission has contributed okay

689

00:34:02,010 --> 00:34:00,460

Owen the planetary wings

690

00:34:03,540 --> 00:34:02,020

you saw that I talked a lot about

691

00:34:05,730 --> 00:34:03,550

atmospheres wait till you get me started

692

00:34:07,980 --> 00:34:05,740

on the planetary rings I love planetary

693

00:34:13,680 --> 00:34:07,990

rings that's my background I'm all about

694

00:34:14,970 --> 00:34:13,690

the Rings so for Saturn itself we

695

00:34:17,160 --> 00:34:14,980

weren't really sure about the Rings when

696

00:34:20,700 --> 00:34:17,170

we got there we've seen some cool stuff

697

00:34:23,520 --> 00:34:20,710

with Voyager we've seen some cool stuff

698

00:34:26,340 --> 00:34:23,530

from the ground but we weren't really

699

00:34:28,680 --> 00:34:26,350

sure what we've learned is the ring

700

00:34:31,860 --> 00:34:28,690

rings are ancient they've probably

701
00:34:34,260 --> 00:34:31,870
formed with Saturn they're massive

702
00:34:36,480 --> 00:34:34,270
they're probably you know a fractional

703
00:34:39,150 --> 00:34:36,490
size of a moon which is way bigger than

704
00:34:41,610 --> 00:34:39,160
we thought they were going to be they

705
00:34:44,670 --> 00:34:41,620
have all kinds of complex structures

706
00:34:48,720 --> 00:34:44,680
inside including small moons that we

707
00:34:51,170 --> 00:34:48,730
call moonlets they have the change on

708
00:34:53,760 --> 00:34:51,180
small timescales human timescales

709
00:34:57,330 --> 00:34:53,770
Cassini life time schedules which is

710
00:34:58,650 --> 00:34:57,340
unheard of for astronomical objects you

711
00:35:00,780 --> 00:34:58,660
know we're not dealing with millions and

712
00:35:03,030 --> 00:35:00,790
billions of years for a change we're

713
00:35:05,670 --> 00:35:03,040

talking about weeks

714

00:35:07,140 --> 00:35:05,680

months I once did a paper where I

715

00:35:13,410 --> 00:35:07,150

measured how things changed over the

716

00:35:15,420 --> 00:35:13,420

course of 28 days what you know you know

717

00:35:17,880 --> 00:35:15,430

the grass and my the the grass in my

718

00:35:21,200 --> 00:35:17,890

yard at home grows on the same time

719

00:35:23,640 --> 00:35:21,210

scales that some of these things happen

720

00:35:27,450 --> 00:35:23,650

thank goodness I don't have to mow the

721

00:35:31,260 --> 00:35:27,460

Rings okay it also changed our view of

722

00:35:34,380 --> 00:35:31,270

our solar system Ksenia our Saturn is

723

00:35:37,260 --> 00:35:34,390

not the only planet with rings Jupiter

724

00:35:40,320 --> 00:35:37,270

Uranus and Neptune also have rings

725

00:35:41,820 --> 00:35:40,330

they're different but now we know the

726

00:35:44,760 --> 00:35:41,830

ring systems are not necessarily

727

00:35:46,710 --> 00:35:44,770

temporary this makes sense because we

728

00:35:48,990 --> 00:35:46,720

see them around all four of the large

729

00:35:53,150 --> 00:35:49,000

planets in our solar system so it clicks

730

00:35:55,770 --> 00:35:53,160

and these rings are constantly evolving

731

00:35:57,960 --> 00:35:55,780

again helping us piece together the

732

00:35:59,280 --> 00:35:57,970

puzzles for these rings especially on

733

00:36:01,860 --> 00:35:59,290

Uranus and Neptune that we haven't

734

00:36:04,320 --> 00:36:01,870

gotten a really good look at we've only

735

00:36:06,990 --> 00:36:04,330

gotten some some Voyager data back from

736

00:36:09,360 --> 00:36:07,000

them so we really want to know more and

737

00:36:11,550 --> 00:36:09,370

finally told us about other solar

738

00:36:13,500 --> 00:36:11,560

systems so I'm not talking about the

739

00:36:15,900 --> 00:36:13,510

ring systems in other solar system I'm

740

00:36:18,840 --> 00:36:15,910

talking about the disks that surround

741

00:36:21,870 --> 00:36:18,850

those other Suns that planets are born

742

00:36:26,490 --> 00:36:21,880

from the rings are an excellent example

743

00:36:29,330 --> 00:36:26,500

of an Astrophysical disc and another

744

00:36:33,450 --> 00:36:29,340

example of an Astrophysical disc is a

745

00:36:37,290 --> 00:36:33,460

protoplanetary disc the the gas and dust

746

00:36:39,990 --> 00:36:37,300

and debris that forms new planets and by

747

00:36:42,780 --> 00:36:40,000

looking at Saturn and the Rings and how

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00:36:48,030 --> 00:36:42,790

moons form in those rings we can learn

749

00:36:51,770 --> 00:36:48,040

about how complex worlds are built in

750

00:36:55,680 --> 00:36:51,780

the debris disks around new stars okay

751
00:36:59,940 --> 00:36:55,690
let's set the context again broad dense

752
00:37:02,820 --> 00:36:59,950
rings the classical rings ABC the gaps

753
00:37:05,430 --> 00:37:02,830
within those classical rings and then

754
00:37:07,750 --> 00:37:05,440
this huge dusty component which

755
00:37:14,050 --> 00:37:07,760
encompasses the E

756
00:37:16,240 --> 00:37:14,060
jee-in the Phoebe ring alright and what

757
00:37:19,390 --> 00:37:16,250
are Saturn's rings made of they are made

758
00:37:21,820 --> 00:37:19,400
of water ice so for those of you from

759
00:37:24,370 --> 00:37:21,830
Philadelphia I apologize it's not some

760
00:37:28,800 --> 00:37:24,380
delicious treat when I say water ice I'm

761
00:37:33,610 --> 00:37:28,810
talking about h₂o so this is actual ice

762
00:37:36,550 --> 00:37:33,620
that is in all kinds of sizes so it's

763
00:37:39,430 --> 00:37:36,560

huge distribution from from dust sized

764

00:37:43,620 --> 00:37:39,440

grains of ice all the way up to things

765

00:37:46,470 --> 00:37:43,630

the size of cars and houses we have

766

00:37:49,090 --> 00:37:46,480

these things are constantly moving

767

00:37:50,800 --> 00:37:49,100

smashing into each other sticking and

768

00:37:53,080 --> 00:37:50,810

then those things are hitting each other

769

00:37:57,190 --> 00:37:53,090

and pulling each other apart this is a

770

00:37:59,320 --> 00:37:57,200

constant swirl of activity and what the

771

00:38:02,190 --> 00:37:59,330

Cassini mission has really shown us is

772

00:38:05,350 --> 00:38:02,200

how dynamic these rings are that this

773

00:38:09,720 --> 00:38:05,360

process of smashing and accretion and

774

00:38:12,640 --> 00:38:09,730

destruction is constantly happening

775

00:38:15,040 --> 00:38:12,650

okay so what we're really learning is

776

00:38:18,250 --> 00:38:15,050

that the Saturn system is not a ring

777

00:38:20,620 --> 00:38:18,260

system it is a ring moon system and

778

00:38:22,780 --> 00:38:20,630

these rings and moons are constantly

779

00:38:28,120 --> 00:38:22,790

doing a dance

780

00:38:29,860 --> 00:38:28,130

there are 62 named moons but I like to

781

00:38:32,320 --> 00:38:29,870

say that there are billions and billions

782

00:38:34,780 --> 00:38:32,330

of moons at Saturn because each one of

783

00:38:37,120 --> 00:38:34,790

those little particles in the Rings is a

784

00:38:40,060 --> 00:38:37,130

moon they're all orbiting Saturn

785

00:38:43,000 --> 00:38:40,070

together in this beautiful dance so

786

00:38:49,060 --> 00:38:43,010

let's zoom in into the outer be ring

787

00:38:51,690 --> 00:38:49,070

edge and we see vertical structure the

788

00:38:54,930 --> 00:38:51,700

Cassini mission was there for equinox

789

00:39:00,880 --> 00:38:54,940

equinoxes when the tilt of the Rings

790

00:39:03,130 --> 00:39:00,890

perfectly lines up with the the plane of

791

00:39:07,900 --> 00:39:03,140

our solar system so that the Sun is

792

00:39:10,390 --> 00:39:07,910

perfectly on edge and there's no so that

793

00:39:13,540 --> 00:39:10,400

means that it casts shadows anything

794

00:39:16,930 --> 00:39:13,550

sticking up from that flat plane of the

795

00:39:18,670 --> 00:39:16,940

Rings is going to cast a shadow this

796

00:39:22,200 --> 00:39:18,680

really helped us because we saw at the

797

00:39:26,040 --> 00:39:22,210

outer edge of the B ring we saw man

798

00:39:29,640 --> 00:39:26,050

these are all mountains and it's not an

799

00:39:32,330 --> 00:39:29,650

even distribution it's really really

800

00:39:35,070 --> 00:39:32,340

kind of a funky look in no symmetry

801
00:39:39,030 --> 00:39:35,080
these are I said these are mountains

802
00:39:41,370 --> 00:39:39,040
these are thousands of feet tall and we

803
00:39:44,940 --> 00:39:41,380
see those those those cool shadows

804
00:39:47,430 --> 00:39:44,950
coming out from them so we know what how

805
00:39:49,920 --> 00:39:47,440
tall they actually are so then it comes

806
00:39:52,830 --> 00:39:49,930
down to the dynamicists and we

807
00:39:55,560 --> 00:39:52,840
dynamicists looked at this and we've

808
00:39:56,970 --> 00:39:55,570
tracked out where other moons were we

809
00:40:01,590 --> 00:39:56,980
tried to figure out what was causing

810
00:40:04,800 --> 00:40:01,600
this and we said that's no moon well

811
00:40:08,010 --> 00:40:04,810
actually it is it's called - or Mimas

812
00:40:09,660 --> 00:40:08,020
people say it both ways and this is a

813
00:40:11,820 --> 00:40:09,670

moon that's just outside of the

814

00:40:16,230 --> 00:40:11,830

classical rings that's where its orbit

815

00:40:18,240 --> 00:40:16,240

is and it picks on the ring particles it

816

00:40:21,990 --> 00:40:18,250

tugs on them just a little bit with its

817

00:40:24,210 --> 00:40:22,000

gravity tug tug and just like you

818

00:40:25,620 --> 00:40:24,220

might have a tub of water and when you

819

00:40:28,830 --> 00:40:25,630

move it back and forth it actually

820

00:40:31,680 --> 00:40:28,840

sloshes so that stuff comes up the waves

821

00:40:34,170 --> 00:40:31,690

come up out of the tub that's what's

822

00:40:37,710 --> 00:40:34,180

happening here so we have vertical

823

00:40:41,070 --> 00:40:37,720

structure because of the sloshing that -

824

00:40:42,540 --> 00:40:41,080

causes so this causes vertical but if

825

00:40:44,130 --> 00:40:42,550

you were to look down on a vertical

826

00:40:46,380 --> 00:40:44,140

you'd really just see a density

827

00:40:50,070 --> 00:40:46,390

enhancement so you'd see a big clump of

828

00:40:52,080 --> 00:40:50,080

stuff it's very thick there and when we

829

00:40:53,880 --> 00:40:52,090

look at other solar systems other

830

00:40:57,510 --> 00:40:53,890

forming solar system we see a disc

831

00:40:59,700 --> 00:40:57,520

around a star so this is where that star

832

00:41:02,040 --> 00:40:59,710

would be this is the whole disc and you

833

00:41:05,880 --> 00:41:02,050

can see that's not a pretty uniform disc

834

00:41:09,390 --> 00:41:05,890

there are bright spots here kind of over

835

00:41:11,790 --> 00:41:09,400

here and empty spots up here that looks

836

00:41:14,040 --> 00:41:11,800

surprisingly like the kinds of weird

837

00:41:16,070 --> 00:41:14,050

structures we see at the B rings edge so

838

00:41:18,950 --> 00:41:16,080

a ring scientist sees that and says oh

839

00:41:23,790 --> 00:41:18,960

there's a planet there there's a planet

840

00:41:27,360 --> 00:41:23,800

so what we can learn from rings applies

841

00:41:30,690 --> 00:41:27,370

to protoplanetary discs - debris disks

842

00:41:33,240 --> 00:41:30,700

that sort of thing just for comparison

843

00:41:34,450 --> 00:41:33,250

this is this is really big this here

844

00:41:36,790 --> 00:41:34,460

would be

845

00:41:40,210 --> 00:41:36,800

Oh's orbit in our solar system so you

846

00:41:43,210 --> 00:41:40,220

can you can match how big this disk

847

00:41:44,950 --> 00:41:43,220

really is I mean the dynamicists can map

848

00:41:48,250 --> 00:41:44,960

that and figure out where to look for

849

00:41:50,410 --> 00:41:48,260

the planet in this system okay so let's

850

00:41:54,010 --> 00:41:50,420

go back to Saturn's rings for another

851

00:41:56,680 --> 00:41:54,020

example out to the Aerie the airing is

852

00:41:58,180 --> 00:41:56,690

where we see these gaps and we knew

853

00:41:59,920 --> 00:41:58,190

about this before Cassini we knew there

854

00:42:02,470 --> 00:41:59,930

were two gaps in the a ring

855

00:42:05,920 --> 00:42:02,480

there was the inky gap and the Keeler

856

00:42:08,260 --> 00:42:05,930

gap an inky gap was was big enough to

857

00:42:12,190 --> 00:42:08,270

really see pretty well the Keeler gap

858

00:42:16,390 --> 00:42:12,200

was very thin with the inky gap we saw a

859

00:42:19,480 --> 00:42:16,400

moon we call that pan and we saw it I

860

00:42:21,220 --> 00:42:19,490

mean we didn't know what Pam looked like

861

00:42:26,109 --> 00:42:21,230

till we got there but basically it's a

862

00:42:28,990 --> 00:42:26,119

sad twisted little potato you know maybe

863

00:42:33,130 --> 00:42:29,000

maybe the size of Manhattan Island

864

00:42:35,020 --> 00:42:33,140

something like that but we only saw the

865

00:42:35,470 --> 00:42:35,030

Keeler gap we didn't see anything inside

866

00:42:38,920 --> 00:42:35,480

of it

867

00:42:42,250 --> 00:42:38,930

so we thought well what else could

868

00:42:45,970 --> 00:42:42,260

cleared this whole gap there must be a

869

00:42:50,109 --> 00:42:45,980

moon there so Cassini looks for it and

870

00:42:52,960 --> 00:42:50,119

Cassini found it in this gap this Keeler

871

00:42:55,180 --> 00:42:52,970

gap that is only about 40 kilometers

872

00:42:58,810 --> 00:42:55,190

wide we were able to find it even

873

00:43:02,829 --> 00:42:58,820

smaller even sadder even more twisted

874

00:43:06,520 --> 00:43:02,839

and rotten potato and so we gave it the

875

00:43:08,740 --> 00:43:06,530

lovely name Daphna s-- and we learned

876

00:43:12,550 --> 00:43:08,750

something else because the Keeler gap is

877

00:43:15,520 --> 00:43:12,560

so small you can see Daphna spilling on

878

00:43:20,140 --> 00:43:15,530

the edges of it oh you could see it kind

879

00:43:21,609 --> 00:43:20,150

of here and this structure again it's

880

00:43:24,040 --> 00:43:21,619

the same kind of structure that happened

881

00:43:25,690 --> 00:43:24,050

in the outer B ring that vertical

882

00:43:27,940 --> 00:43:25,700

structure there's there's a wave or a

883

00:43:29,980 --> 00:43:27,950

wake kind of like if you think of a boat

884

00:43:32,470 --> 00:43:29,990

going through water or something very

885

00:43:35,140 --> 00:43:32,480

similar is happening there same kind of

886

00:43:38,620 --> 00:43:35,150

mechanics over in the width pan that it

887

00:43:41,470 --> 00:43:38,630

disturbs in the inky gap and so we know

888

00:43:43,690 --> 00:43:41,480

this is this kind of thing happens moons

889

00:43:46,510 --> 00:43:43,700

form within the Rings and they can clear

890

00:43:48,250 --> 00:43:46,520

large swaths of the Rings so again let's

891

00:43:49,750 --> 00:43:48,260

take that out to our gala

892

00:43:52,270 --> 00:43:49,760

see let's take that to other stars

893

00:43:54,790 --> 00:43:52,280

because we see debris disks everywhere

894

00:43:59,010 --> 00:43:54,800

and when we see a debris disc like we

895

00:44:03,690 --> 00:43:59,020

did here with Hubble we see a big gap

896

00:44:07,480 --> 00:44:03,700

around this particular star in its disk

897

00:44:09,070 --> 00:44:07,490

again a ring this person says oh there's

898

00:44:12,430 --> 00:44:09,080

a planet there there's a planet there I

899

00:44:13,840 --> 00:44:12,440

know it so you do something this is this

900

00:44:17,320 --> 00:44:13,850

an illustration of what could be

901
00:44:20,020 --> 00:44:17,330
happening here the same kind of ring

902
00:44:24,280 --> 00:44:20,030
exists so now we have we have a place to

903
00:44:26,850 --> 00:44:24,290
target our observations a mission like

904
00:44:29,740 --> 00:44:26,860
the like the James Webb Space Telescope

905
00:44:32,070 --> 00:44:29,750
will be able to do a good job of looking

906
00:44:36,220 --> 00:44:32,080
for a planet in there if it's big enough

907
00:44:39,610 --> 00:44:36,230
because the the dust and the gas and the

908
00:44:41,860 --> 00:44:39,620
debris disc will will the infrared light

909
00:44:45,400 --> 00:44:41,870
of the star may be able to pierce

910
00:44:47,470 --> 00:44:45,410
through it so at plus it has a

911
00:44:49,690 --> 00:44:47,480
coronagraph that'll block out the star

912
00:44:50,730 --> 00:44:49,700
so what we might be able to see it that

913
00:44:54,120 --> 00:44:50,740

way

914

00:45:02,560 --> 00:44:58,810

plus there's all kinds of other like I

915

00:45:03,160 --> 00:45:02,570

said before other systems in our solar

916

00:45:07,240 --> 00:45:03,170

system

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00:45:11,110 --> 00:45:07,250

there's Uranus and Neptune here very

918

00:45:13,480 --> 00:45:11,120

thin very dark rings but they can teach

919

00:45:16,390 --> 00:45:13,490

us something as well and the lessons

920

00:45:19,000 --> 00:45:16,400

learned at Saturn with Cassini can be

921

00:45:21,550 --> 00:45:19,010

applied here to learn what's going on we

922

00:45:24,730 --> 00:45:21,560

think that there are moons being created

923

00:45:29,980 --> 00:45:24,740

in the ring system of Uranus we've seen

924

00:45:33,100 --> 00:45:29,990

rings change since Voyager in at Neptune

925

00:45:35,320 --> 00:45:33,110

so we know things are happening that

926

00:45:37,570 --> 00:45:35,330

these are dynamic rings as well so we're

927

00:45:39,550 --> 00:45:37,580

people who worked on the Cassini mission

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00:45:42,150 --> 00:45:39,560

are now turning their attention to

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00:45:45,340 --> 00:45:42,160

Uranus and Neptune especially using

930

00:45:47,080 --> 00:45:45,350

Hubble and putting in proposals for the

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00:45:51,300 --> 00:45:47,090

James Webb Space Telescope to be able to

932

00:45:54,010 --> 00:45:51,310

study what's happening in those systems

933

00:45:58,000 --> 00:45:54,020

our solar system itself has two

934

00:46:00,490 --> 00:45:58,010

Astrophysical discs we have the asteroid

935

00:46:03,440 --> 00:46:00,500

belt which is here between Mars and

936

00:46:09,720 --> 00:46:06,090

when we have the Kuiper belt which is

937

00:46:12,960 --> 00:46:09,730

out beyond the orbit of Neptune kind of

938

00:46:16,410 --> 00:46:12,970

where Pluto sets and both of those are

939

00:46:18,840 --> 00:46:16,420

remnants of our solar system of the

940

00:46:21,420 --> 00:46:18,850

formation of our solar system and by

941

00:46:24,720 --> 00:46:21,430

looking at those by studying those we

942

00:46:28,110 --> 00:46:24,730

can tell what happened in the formation

943

00:46:30,300 --> 00:46:28,120

of our solar system and learning about

944

00:46:34,470 --> 00:46:30,310

the dynamics of health of the Saturn

945

00:46:37,500 --> 00:46:34,480

system applying that to the our solar

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00:46:39,330 --> 00:46:37,510

system and what it looks like now we can

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00:46:41,010 --> 00:46:39,340

start to put the piece the puzzle pieces

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00:46:43,400 --> 00:46:41,020

together

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00:46:45,450 --> 00:46:43,410

for example there's an interesting

950

00:46:48,180 --> 00:46:45,460

dynamical thing that probably happened

951
00:46:51,560 --> 00:46:48,190
in the asteroid belt a resonance that is

952
00:46:55,260 --> 00:46:51,570
evidence that the four giant planets

953
00:46:58,530 --> 00:46:55,270
used to be closer in together and that

954
00:47:00,180 --> 00:46:58,540
they jiggled out separated and while

955
00:47:04,020 --> 00:47:00,190
they were doing that Uranus and Neptune

956
00:47:05,340 --> 00:47:04,030
probably swapped spots so tracing out

957
00:47:07,800 --> 00:47:05,350
the dynamics of these kinds of

958
00:47:09,150 --> 00:47:07,810
Astrophysical discs is really important

959
00:47:12,720 --> 00:47:09,160
for us understanding our own solar

960
00:47:14,880 --> 00:47:12,730
system and as I mentioned before we know

961
00:47:17,760 --> 00:47:14,890
of all these debris disks plant

962
00:47:21,510 --> 00:47:17,770
protoplanetary discs across our galaxy

963
00:47:24,950 --> 00:47:21,520

that we can apply lessons learned to to

964

00:47:27,750 --> 00:47:24,960

be able to learn how planets are forming

965

00:47:30,030 --> 00:47:27,760

target where to find them in the disk

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00:47:32,520 --> 00:47:30,040

and we have all these new telescopes

967

00:47:34,890 --> 00:47:32,530

coming up including the James Webb where

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00:47:38,820 --> 00:47:34,900

we'll be able to look into these dusty

969

00:47:41,850 --> 00:47:38,830

discs using infrared all right so really

970

00:47:45,600 --> 00:47:41,860

this and this is my bike mantra Saturn's

971

00:47:47,370 --> 00:47:45,610

rings are a natural lab we must go back

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00:47:49,830 --> 00:47:47,380

we've learned so much already and we can

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00:47:54,930 --> 00:47:49,840

learn more okay

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00:47:57,990 --> 00:47:54,940

and finally the Third Point icy moons of

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00:48:02,760 --> 00:47:58,000

the big discoveries so big the icy moons

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00:48:06,590 --> 00:48:02,770

we knew about but we didn't know until

977

00:48:09,450 --> 00:48:06,600

we got there that Enceladus has plumes

978

00:48:11,370 --> 00:48:09,460

meaning geysers something like Old

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00:48:17,790 --> 00:48:11,380

Faithful which we like to call cold

980

00:48:22,680 --> 00:48:17,800

Faithful by the way Titan has lakes this

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00:48:25,500 --> 00:48:22,690

big earth-like moon has lakes liquid

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00:48:28,190 --> 00:48:25,510

lakes we didn't know that before we got

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00:48:30,450 --> 00:48:28,200

to Saturday before Cassini got to Saturn

984

00:48:32,760 --> 00:48:30,460

so then we changed our view of our solar

985

00:48:35,310 --> 00:48:32,770

system because we learnt we realized icy

986

00:48:37,230 --> 00:48:35,320

moons can be geologically active we

987

00:48:40,700 --> 00:48:37,240

didn't think that was possible we

988

00:48:44,340 --> 00:48:40,710

thought icy moons were just hunks of ice

989

00:48:45,690 --> 00:48:44,350

leftover from maybe the formation of the

990

00:48:48,270 --> 00:48:45,700

planet itself or maybe they were

991

00:48:50,370 --> 00:48:48,280

captured from the Kuiper belt or you

992

00:48:53,610 --> 00:48:50,380

know some some kind of lone comment that

993

00:48:56,190 --> 00:48:53,620

got trapped but no this is really

994

00:48:57,830 --> 00:48:56,200

interesting and then when we applied to

995

00:49:03,150 --> 00:48:57,840

other solar systems we realized

996

00:49:05,070 --> 00:49:03,160

geologically active moons could Harbor

997

00:49:08,280 --> 00:49:05,080

life they could be warm enough that

998

00:49:10,350 --> 00:49:08,290

we're getting the right environmental

999

00:49:13,020 --> 00:49:10,360

conditions for life to exist on them and

1000

00:49:15,420 --> 00:49:13,030

this expands our whole view of what

1001
00:49:18,110 --> 00:49:15,430
habitability means of what a habitable

1002
00:49:21,570 --> 00:49:18,120
world is expanding those definitions is

1003
00:49:24,570 --> 00:49:21,580
huge because astrobiology is a

1004
00:49:26,070 --> 00:49:24,580
burgeoning field even today and we're

1005
00:49:28,620 --> 00:49:26,080
learning new things every day which

1006
00:49:31,860 --> 00:49:28,630
Cassini has really helped point to so

1007
00:49:35,400 --> 00:49:31,870
again setting the context all kinds of

1008
00:49:37,560 --> 00:49:35,410
moons going out from the Rings even more

1009
00:49:41,430 --> 00:49:37,570
farther out that we don't have room for

1010
00:49:44,540 --> 00:49:41,440
on this screen but let's start with

1011
00:49:49,830 --> 00:49:44,550
Titan so Titan is the biggest moon of

1012
00:49:52,530 --> 00:49:49,840
Saturn system Titan at first glance and

1013
00:49:55,140 --> 00:49:52,540

visible lights just looks fuzzy and

1014

00:50:00,090 --> 00:49:55,150

orange that's because it has this big

1015

00:50:02,940 --> 00:50:00,100

thick atmosphere really big and thick as

1016

00:50:06,300 --> 00:50:02,950

a matter of fact in in one of the the

1017

00:50:08,910 --> 00:50:06,310

more recent Star Trek movies the the

1018

00:50:11,640 --> 00:50:08,920

enterprise hid inside of those that hazy

1019

00:50:16,260 --> 00:50:11,650

atmosphere because it's so good at

1020

00:50:18,120 --> 00:50:16,270

hiding things in visible wavelengths but

1021

00:50:22,030 --> 00:50:18,130

once you get inside

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00:50:23,350 --> 00:50:22,040

and look at it underneath those layers

1023

00:50:26,530 --> 00:50:23,360

with the instruments that were on

1024

00:50:30,670 --> 00:50:26,540

Cassini and with the lander that went

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00:50:34,900 --> 00:50:30,680

down called the Huygens probe we could

1026
00:50:37,200 --> 00:50:34,910
see the actual surface of Titan and we

1027
00:50:41,350 --> 00:50:37,210
were able to make out methane lakes

1028
00:50:43,780 --> 00:50:41,360
these if you look carefully you study

1029
00:50:45,820 --> 00:50:43,790
other close-up photos you realize that

1030
00:50:49,080 --> 00:50:45,830
there are shorelines

1031
00:50:52,510 --> 00:50:49,090
you realize that this is actually liquid

1032
00:50:56,350 --> 00:50:52,520
standing liquid and you check out the

1033
00:51:00,430 --> 00:50:56,360
chemistry of the moon and you see that

1034
00:51:03,100 --> 00:51:00,440
it's methane so just like our earth has

1035
00:51:07,510 --> 00:51:03,110
a water cycle where we have water on the

1036
00:51:10,600 --> 00:51:07,520
ground he gets heated up becomes clouds

1037
00:51:12,850 --> 00:51:10,610
rains back down seeps into the ground

1038
00:51:16,660 --> 00:51:12,860

and two aquifers and then comes back up

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00:51:19,900 --> 00:51:16,670

into lakes that kind of cycle Titan has

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00:51:23,500 --> 00:51:19,910

something similar but for methane what a

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00:51:26,230 --> 00:51:23,510

bizarre and cool world and as a result

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00:51:29,500 --> 00:51:26,240

it makes it the most earth-like thing in

1043

00:51:36,430 --> 00:51:29,510

our solar system besides Earth this is

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00:51:39,430 --> 00:51:36,440

fantastic but it's also very cold so I

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00:51:41,020 --> 00:51:39,440

don't know that it's the best candidate

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00:51:44,670 --> 00:51:41,030

for habitability but it is stretching

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00:51:47,650 --> 00:51:44,680

our thinking on what habitability is

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00:51:50,200 --> 00:51:47,660

even if it's cold it does have this

1049

00:51:54,940 --> 00:51:50,210

liquid liquid on the surface it has

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00:51:57,820 --> 00:51:54,950

lakes it has it has dunes it has sand

1051
00:52:00,460 --> 00:51:57,830
dunes now some of its it's tiny pieces

1052
00:52:03,640 --> 00:52:00,470
of ice rather than rocky you type of

1053
00:52:06,670 --> 00:52:03,650
sand that we have on earth but how it

1054
00:52:11,350 --> 00:52:06,680
has winds it has weather it rains

1055
00:52:15,760 --> 00:52:11,360
liquid methane again but this is really

1056
00:52:20,110 --> 00:52:15,770
fascinating so we have a complex world

1057
00:52:22,990 --> 00:52:20,120
here that we're looking at then a little

1058
00:52:24,070 --> 00:52:23,000
bit later in the mission I actually got

1059
00:52:28,290 --> 00:52:24,080
to be part of this one so I'm really

1060
00:52:31,060 --> 00:52:28,300
excited about this story we were working

1061
00:52:33,850 --> 00:52:31,070
with a team the team that does the

1062
00:52:35,099 --> 00:52:33,860
imaging of course the imaging team Rives

1063
00:52:37,410 --> 00:52:35,109

all the benefits

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00:52:40,049 --> 00:52:37,420

on Cassini the beautiful images

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00:52:45,329 --> 00:52:40,059

everybody loves the imaging science

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00:52:47,549 --> 00:52:45,339

subsystem but they see something around

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00:52:48,269 --> 00:52:47,559

and celibacy and they think that can't

1068

00:52:49,949 --> 00:52:48,279

be right

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00:52:52,829 --> 00:52:49,959

there's got to be something wrong with

1070

00:52:55,079 --> 00:52:52,839

the detector we had some kind of anomaly

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00:52:58,259 --> 00:52:55,089

in the feed that came back to earth

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00:53:01,319 --> 00:52:58,269

we're not sure but I was lucky enough to

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00:53:04,680 --> 00:53:01,329

be on the the Uvas team the ultraviolet

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00:53:06,839 --> 00:53:04,690

imaging spectrograph team so we were

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00:53:08,910 --> 00:53:06,849

like okay well we took some moon just to

1076
00:53:12,509 --> 00:53:08,920
let they're not images but we took data

1077
00:53:14,130 --> 00:53:12,519
let us look at it let me see there's

1078
00:53:15,749 --> 00:53:14,140
evidence that there's something right

1079
00:53:17,459 --> 00:53:15,759
around here

1080
00:53:19,199 --> 00:53:17,469
the infrared instrument does the same

1081
00:53:20,999 --> 00:53:19,209
the radio science instrument does the

1082
00:53:23,969 --> 00:53:21,009
same and we all confirm that this

1083
00:53:26,279 --> 00:53:23,979
whatever it was right here is there I

1084
00:53:29,339 --> 00:53:26,289
wasn't just something weird that imaging

1085
00:53:33,930 --> 00:53:29,349
picked up so we go to work on it we

1086
00:53:36,779 --> 00:53:33,940
realized that it's a plume it's a series

1087
00:53:41,789 --> 00:53:36,789
of geysers that are erupting out of the

1088
00:53:45,839 --> 00:53:41,799

South Pole of Enceladus now Enceladus by

1089

00:53:48,089 --> 00:53:45,849

all accounts is yes it is the brightest

1090

00:53:54,390 --> 00:53:48,099

thing in our solar system because it's

1091

00:53:56,699 --> 00:53:54,400

covered in pure white ice but it's it's

1092

00:54:00,299 --> 00:53:56,709

small it's only like 250 kilometers

1093

00:54:04,049 --> 00:54:00,309

across that that ice looks to be really

1094

00:54:08,130 --> 00:54:04,059

really thick why would it have geologic

1095

00:54:10,079 --> 00:54:08,140

activity that would cause a geyser but

1096

00:54:12,599 --> 00:54:10,089

we've done studies we've we flown with

1097

00:54:17,069 --> 00:54:12,609

Cassini flew by and sell it as many many

1098

00:54:19,739 --> 00:54:17,079

many times and we mapped it out these

1099

00:54:21,509 --> 00:54:19,749

geysers were there these geysers changed

1100

00:54:25,229 --> 00:54:21,519

position over the course of the Cassini

1101
00:54:27,209 --> 00:54:25,239
mission they gave us evidence that

1102
00:54:31,079 --> 00:54:27,219
there's possibly liquid under the

1103
00:54:34,529 --> 00:54:31,089
surface and that these icy worlds that

1104
00:54:38,039 --> 00:54:34,539
seemed geologically dead are really

1105
00:54:40,229 --> 00:54:38,049
interesting and active we had hinted at

1106
00:54:42,289 --> 00:54:40,239
this before we weren't quite sure when

1107
00:54:47,999 --> 00:54:42,299
we got there we we saw and salad us

1108
00:54:48,470 --> 00:54:48,009
buried in the earring embedded in the

1109
00:54:50,150 --> 00:54:48,480
ear

1110
00:54:52,310 --> 00:54:50,160
and we thought well maybe that's why

1111
00:54:54,530 --> 00:54:52,320
it's so bright it's in a ring of ice and

1112
00:54:58,280 --> 00:54:54,540
it gets the ice dropped on it every day

1113
00:55:01,760 --> 00:54:58,290

and that's what happens but now we

1114

00:55:05,030 --> 00:55:01,770

realize that ring is there because the

1115

00:55:07,099 --> 00:55:05,040

plumes feed it it is created by

1116

00:55:09,620 --> 00:55:07,109

Enceladus itself and some of this is

1117

00:55:13,250 --> 00:55:09,630

spewing out all the contents of that

1118

00:55:17,349 --> 00:55:13,260

ring so that gives us a new a new

1119

00:55:20,180 --> 00:55:17,359

outlook on how rings are created okay I

1120

00:55:22,010 --> 00:55:20,190

mean like I said it's probably you know

1121

00:55:25,520 --> 00:55:22,020

we got some really close-up images after

1122

00:55:28,700 --> 00:55:25,530

that all these various geysers happening

1123

00:55:30,920 --> 00:55:28,710

all the time they you know I don't know

1124

00:55:34,609 --> 00:55:30,930

who's a who scene act actually seen Old

1125

00:55:36,880 --> 00:55:34,619

Faithful in in real life okay you know

1126
00:55:41,300 --> 00:55:36,890
it goes up maybe a couple hundred feet

1127
00:55:44,270 --> 00:55:41,310
at this highest point this however goes

1128
00:55:48,890 --> 00:55:44,280
up kilometres on you know it goes out

1129
00:55:51,339 --> 00:55:48,900
almost as tall as Enceladus is wide so

1130
00:55:55,730 --> 00:55:51,349
that's how it feeds the e-ring it's it's

1131
00:55:58,160 --> 00:55:55,740
phenomenal and we realize tracing back

1132
00:56:00,740 --> 00:55:58,170
the dynamics of how that must work that

1133
00:56:03,140 --> 00:56:00,750
there must be underneath this thick ice

1134
00:56:06,200 --> 00:56:03,150
shell of Enceladus some sort of

1135
00:56:11,569 --> 00:56:06,210
hemispheric sized lake of liquid water

1136
00:56:13,069 --> 00:56:11,579
that's feeding it and it stays warm so

1137
00:56:14,839 --> 00:56:13,079
then we start looking we think oh well

1138
00:56:18,140 --> 00:56:14,849

if that one's active let's look around

1139

00:56:20,870 --> 00:56:18,150

the solar system people of four years

1140

00:56:24,109 --> 00:56:20,880

loved Europa around Jupiter and we

1141

00:56:26,599 --> 00:56:24,119

thought oh you OPA could have subsurface

1142

00:56:29,089 --> 00:56:26,609

activity we think that there has a thin

1143

00:56:31,849 --> 00:56:29,099

ice shell based on on gravitational data

1144

00:56:33,760 --> 00:56:31,859

from the Galileo spacecraft we think

1145

00:56:36,079 --> 00:56:33,770

that it probably has a subsurface ocean

1146

00:56:38,990 --> 00:56:36,089

let's look at it see if it has any

1147

00:56:42,700 --> 00:56:39,000

geysers so Hubble looked at it and BAM

1148

00:56:45,109 --> 00:56:42,710

sure enough we see evidence for water in

1149

00:56:47,450 --> 00:56:45,119

certain areas at certain points at its

1150

00:56:49,790 --> 00:56:47,460

orbit which means it probably has some

1151
00:56:52,760 --> 00:56:49,800
kind of periodic geyser that's coming

1152
00:56:54,260 --> 00:56:52,770
out of again its South Pole now we're

1153
00:56:57,140 --> 00:56:54,270
not sure on the South Pole connection

1154
00:56:58,520 --> 00:56:57,150
but that's interesting and so you get

1155
00:57:01,140 --> 00:56:58,530
something that's kind of like this

1156
00:57:04,500 --> 00:57:01,150
artist's impression of what it might be

1157
00:57:07,289 --> 00:57:04,510
to stand on the surface of Europa a guys

1158
00:57:08,880 --> 00:57:07,299
are coming out of an ice field kind of

1159
00:57:15,269 --> 00:57:08,890
feels like you're in Iceland it's very

1160
00:57:18,029 --> 00:57:15,279
cool and you know the alternative is you

1161
00:57:21,240 --> 00:57:18,039
could trap a little little under under

1162
00:57:24,420 --> 00:57:21,250
crust lakes full of this stuff there's

1163
00:57:30,529 --> 00:57:24,430

the crux of it is there is heat below

1164

00:57:33,630 --> 00:57:30,539

the ice heat means energy liquid water

1165

00:57:36,539 --> 00:57:33,640

increases the potential for life to

1166

00:57:40,589 --> 00:57:36,549

exist so if there's energy and liquid

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00:57:42,569 --> 00:57:40,599

water perhaps there's life and as we're

1168

00:57:45,420 --> 00:57:42,579

thinking about our definition of what

1169

00:57:47,849 --> 00:57:45,430

earth 2.0 might look like what another

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00:57:50,160 --> 00:57:47,859

earth might look like perhaps we should

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00:57:53,700 --> 00:57:50,170

be expanding our definition maybe it

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00:57:54,630 --> 00:57:53,710

shouldn't just be a planet that is the

1173

00:57:57,390 --> 00:57:54,640

size of Earth

1174

00:57:59,549 --> 00:57:57,400

that's one AU from a Sun it's a g2 type

1175

00:58:03,720 --> 00:57:59,559

star maybe we should start thinking

1176
00:58:05,819 --> 00:58:03,730
about ice worlds and moons around giant

1177
00:58:07,650 --> 00:58:05,829
planets and those sorts of things so as

1178
00:58:10,440 --> 00:58:07,660
we look across our solar system and as

1179
00:58:12,960 --> 00:58:10,450
we look at other exoplanets we need to

1180
00:58:15,750 --> 00:58:12,970
have this in mind so we now Cassini has

1181
00:58:17,599 --> 00:58:15,760
given us this great gift of expanding

1182
00:58:21,839 --> 00:58:17,609
our vocabulary

1183
00:58:24,000 --> 00:58:21,849
- what habitable means so I promised you

1184
00:58:29,099 --> 00:58:24,010
a timeline just to put this all in

1185
00:58:31,470 --> 00:58:29,109
context again we had almost 20 years ago

1186
00:58:35,160 --> 00:58:31,480
to the day in two weeks it'll be 20

1187
00:58:37,440 --> 00:58:35,170
years ago the launch of the Cassini

1188
00:58:41,250 --> 00:58:37,450

mission Cassini and Huygens together and

1189

00:58:43,799 --> 00:58:41,260

there were five known exoplanets so

1190

00:58:47,789 --> 00:58:43,809

Cassini was truly just a Saturn mission

1191

00:58:54,480 --> 00:58:47,799

it was there to learn more about Saturn

1192

00:58:57,089 --> 00:58:54,490

as a planet then when in July 2004 when

1193

00:59:00,559 --> 00:58:57,099

Cassini got to Saturn and did its

1194

00:59:05,010 --> 00:59:00,569

orbital insertion there were 12

1195

00:59:07,620 --> 00:59:05,020

exoplanets 12 I remember that feeling of

1196

00:59:10,650 --> 00:59:07,630

oh this is about to happen this is so

1197

00:59:12,539 --> 00:59:10,660

exciting but Cassini's still just a

1198

00:59:13,819 --> 00:59:12,549

Saturn mission but it will be really

1199

00:59:17,959 --> 00:59:13,829

cool if we learn about why

1200

00:59:22,099 --> 00:59:17,969

fifteen or twenty exoplanets and then in

1201
00:59:24,709 --> 00:59:22,109
between 2004 and today we've had the

1202
00:59:26,509 --> 00:59:24,719
Kepler mission we've had Hubble looking

1203
00:59:28,849 --> 00:59:26,519
at stuff we've had lots of ground-based

1204
00:59:33,650 --> 00:59:28,859
campaigns looking for other worlds and

1205
00:59:37,130 --> 00:59:33,660
so today we know of over 3,600

1206
00:59:39,170 --> 00:59:37,140
exoplanets with so many more planned to

1207
00:59:41,900 --> 00:59:39,180
be observed those are on small patches

1208
00:59:43,999 --> 00:59:41,910
of the sky we know more exists when you

1209
00:59:46,759 --> 00:59:44,009
look up in the sky at night you know

1210
00:59:48,440 --> 00:59:46,769
that for every star you see out there on

1211
00:59:52,579 --> 00:59:48,450
average there's at least one planet

1212
00:59:54,499 --> 00:59:52,589
around that star and so now we can apply

1213
00:59:56,839 --> 00:59:54,509

these lessons we've learned over the

1214

01:00:00,890 --> 00:59:56,849

course of the Cassini mission to all of

1215

01:00:04,190 --> 01:00:00,900

those worlds especially since some of

1216

01:00:07,029 --> 01:00:04,200

those systems have more than one planet

1217

01:00:09,739 --> 01:00:07,039

so we're looking at at you know

1218

01:00:11,779 --> 01:00:09,749

ecosystems whole solar systems that are

1219

01:00:14,690 --> 01:00:11,789

forming in much the same way that

1220

01:00:17,690 --> 01:00:14,700

perhaps the Saturn system did and we can

1221

01:00:20,870 --> 01:00:17,700

apply those lessons to figure out how

1222

01:00:22,069 --> 01:00:20,880

how these worlds form and like I said

1223

01:00:24,349 --> 01:00:22,079

you know we know of even more

1224

01:00:29,269 --> 01:00:24,359

protoplanetary discs these discs where

1225

01:00:32,599 --> 01:00:29,279

planets form so getting back to that

1226

01:00:34,969 --> 01:00:32,609

first slide so these icy moons we've

1227

01:00:36,949 --> 01:00:34,979

learned are geologically active with the

1228

01:00:40,640 --> 01:00:36,959

Cassini mission and this has given us

1229

01:00:43,009 --> 01:00:40,650

the idea that they are bastions for life

1230

01:00:45,979 --> 01:00:43,019

we need to start looking there if we

1231

01:00:50,329 --> 01:00:45,989

want to find life beyond Earth we have

1232

01:00:52,009 --> 01:00:50,339

seen planetary rings that are ancient

1233

01:00:55,579 --> 01:00:52,019

they probably formed with the planet

1234

01:00:58,430 --> 01:00:55,589

they are active on short short

1235

01:01:03,439 --> 01:00:58,440

timescales and they are dynamic they're

1236

01:01:06,349 --> 01:01:03,449

constantly changing these are a model

1237

01:01:10,189 --> 01:01:06,359

for how worlds are both built and

1238

01:01:14,859 --> 01:01:10,199

destroyed in our system and beyond and

1239

01:01:19,279 --> 01:01:14,869

the weather the storms the incredible

1240

01:01:22,910 --> 01:01:19,289

complexity of Saturn's atmosphere has

1241

01:01:25,099 --> 01:01:22,920

helped us understand that the

1242

01:01:26,450 --> 01:01:25,109

atmospheres of other giant planets are

1243

01:01:30,559 --> 01:01:26,460

just as Kampai

1244

01:01:33,230 --> 01:01:30,569

dynamic and we can't have one computer

1245

01:01:35,540 --> 01:01:33,240

modeling code that we use as scientists

1246

01:01:40,609 --> 01:01:35,550

to model all of those worlds beyond our

1247

01:01:43,520 --> 01:01:40,619

own so really what it comes down to with

1248

01:01:47,569 --> 01:01:43,530

the Cassini mission is using our own

1249

01:01:49,819 --> 01:01:47,579

natural laboratory in our backyard for

1250

01:01:53,210 --> 01:01:49,829

answering questions that are fundamental

1251
01:01:55,720 --> 01:01:53,220
to us as human beings how did we get

1252
01:01:59,870 --> 01:01:55,730
here looking at the Rings

1253
01:02:03,260 --> 01:01:59,880
how does the universe work looking at

1254
01:02:06,890 --> 01:02:03,270
things like storms on Saturn and are we

1255
01:02:11,240 --> 01:02:06,900
alone looking at icy worlds beyond our

1256
01:02:14,089 --> 01:02:11,250
own so I think that the legacy of the

1257
01:02:15,859 --> 01:02:14,099
Cassini mission will be felt for years

1258
01:02:17,930 --> 01:02:15,869
and years

1259
01:02:19,700 --> 01:02:17,940
there are many research projects that

1260
01:02:23,470 --> 01:02:19,710
have yet to be done with the data

1261
01:02:26,930 --> 01:02:23,480
Cassini collected and many that have

1262
01:02:29,690 --> 01:02:26,940
results that have yet to be fully felt

1263
01:02:32,839 --> 01:02:29,700

and impacted in other branches of

1264

01:02:36,500 --> 01:02:32,849

astronomy so I think as we go forward

1265

01:02:42,140 --> 01:02:36,510

together as humans and as a scientific

1266

01:02:44,870 --> 01:02:42,150

community we can really come back to the

1267

01:02:45,559 --> 01:02:44,880

Cassini mission and thank it for

1268

01:02:48,790 --> 01:02:45,569

everything

1269

01:02:48,800 --> 01:03:22,840

[Applause]

1270

01:04:32,650 --> 01:03:33,590

[Music]

1271

01:04:49,570 --> 01:04:32,660

in some cases so there's a couple of

1272

01:04:49,580 --> 01:04:53,450

[Music]

1273

01:04:58,860 --> 01:04:56,790

so I'd be a little bit at history before

1274

01:05:02,400 --> 01:04:58,870

we got there with Cassini we thought

1275

01:05:09,480 --> 01:05:02,410

that the reasons were likely delivered

1276

01:05:12,240 --> 01:05:09,490

by comments comments we know they were

1277

01:05:15,150 --> 01:05:12,250

probably streaking by these out of the

1278

01:05:19,440 --> 01:05:15,160

system sound was big enough that they

1279

01:05:26,190 --> 01:05:19,450

got close enough rip it apart and voila

1280

01:05:28,320 --> 01:05:26,200

you've got a ring there were different

1281

01:05:30,330 --> 01:05:28,330

people debating how one thinks one so

1282

01:05:34,530 --> 01:05:30,340

comments must there have been to create

1283

01:05:36,750 --> 01:05:34,540

such vibrant rings and if the if this

1284

01:05:38,730 --> 01:05:36,760

gets true and these would still have

1285

01:05:41,340 --> 01:05:38,740

hadn't been pretty like rings less

1286

01:05:43,710 --> 01:05:41,350

massive then they would have over time

1287

01:05:47,610 --> 01:05:43,720

dating to those little ring part of the

1288

01:05:50,730 --> 01:05:47,620

spiral into Saturn until that tire read

1289

01:05:53,580 --> 01:05:50,740

was depleted in there wasn't a time

1290

01:05:57,000 --> 01:05:53,590

scale on that was something around 50 to

1291

01:06:02,520 --> 01:05:57,010

100 million years so roughly the age of

1292

01:06:05,460 --> 01:06:02,530

the dinosaurs well why then are we lucky

1293

01:06:07,350 --> 01:06:05,470

enough as human beings on a planet in

1294

01:06:09,300 --> 01:06:07,360

the Solar System is last billions of

1295

01:06:12,690 --> 01:06:09,310

years why are we lucky enough to be able

1296

01:06:15,180 --> 01:06:12,700

to see this now so that's when we are

1297

01:06:18,690 --> 01:06:15,190

against the being young but there's one

1298

01:06:21,510 --> 01:06:18,700

is for the ancients we got there and so

1299

01:06:22,140 --> 01:06:21,520

now we see that they are not quite

1300

01:06:25,890 --> 01:06:22,150

agents

1301

01:06:27,390 --> 01:06:25,900

ancient both spectroscopically and by

1302

01:06:31,170 --> 01:06:27,400

the dynamics we see we see them

1303

01:06:32,700 --> 01:06:31,180

effectively recycle so things booms

1304

01:06:36,210 --> 01:06:32,710

build-up and they break apart

1305

01:06:38,340 --> 01:06:36,220

so rather than all these vertical

1306

01:06:39,780 --> 01:06:38,350

spiraling inward because they're

1307

01:06:42,320 --> 01:06:39,790

possibly particles they come together

1308

01:06:46,830 --> 01:06:42,330

and there's kind of like a reservoir of

1309

01:07:00,059 --> 01:06:46,840

ice which then you smash back part of

1310

01:07:05,279 --> 01:07:02,999

well then our baby how still our Daniel

1311

01:07:07,529 --> 01:07:05,289

plantation where when you put that ice

1312

01:07:14,759 --> 01:07:07,539

and water initiative come from the

1313

01:07:20,309 --> 01:07:14,769

currents most likes idea is that the

1314

01:07:25,589 --> 01:07:20,319

initial system so something similar in

1315

01:07:28,589 --> 01:07:25,599

size Titan probably had half a dozen of

1316

01:07:33,319 --> 01:07:28,599

these and they so slowly moved in closer

1317

01:07:44,230 --> 01:07:33,329

to Saturn and we're over time by pies

1318

01:08:21,490 --> 01:07:44,240

and replanted so that makes sense to us

1319

01:08:21,500 --> 01:08:30,169

[Music]

1320

01:08:49,979 --> 01:08:47,339

so which is assault so so yeah lots of

1321

01:08:52,349 --> 01:08:49,989

lots of stuff in there I know some of

1322

01:08:53,700 --> 01:08:52,359

the stuff that most recently in the in

1323

01:08:57,329 --> 01:08:53,710

the plumes that they're they're finding

1324

01:09:03,660 --> 01:08:57,339

are in that plume besides water they're

1325

01:09:05,220 --> 01:09:03,670

finding exist in what what are under see

1326

01:09:07,890 --> 01:09:05,230

underwater events

1327

01:09:12,150 --> 01:09:07,900

on earth these deep ocean vents where we

1328

01:09:14,760 --> 01:09:12,160

see lots of life very small bacteria all

1329

01:09:19,079 --> 01:09:14,770

the way to like little blind crayfish

1330

01:09:22,620 --> 01:09:19,089

and that kind of thing so finding

1331

01:09:25,620 --> 01:09:22,630

evidence of those sorts of materials in

1332

01:09:28,079 --> 01:09:25,630

the plume lets us know where the plumes

1333

01:09:31,229 --> 01:09:28,089

may be coming from ultimately and that's

1334

01:09:33,210 --> 01:09:31,239

really exciting and and I think carbon

1335

01:09:35,360 --> 01:09:33,220

carbon is is one of those that would

1336

01:09:38,760 --> 01:09:35,370

give us evidence of them happening

1337

01:09:40,499 --> 01:09:38,770

farther down deep down and the kinds of

1338

01:09:54,590 --> 01:09:40,509

materials that are at those undersea

1339

01:10:05,729 --> 01:09:59,180

does it ever change not that we've seen

1340

01:10:11,490 --> 01:10:05,739

so far in all of our observations we

1341

01:10:16,830 --> 01:10:11,500

haven't seen we there was some evidence

1342

01:10:25,110 --> 01:10:16,840

of the hexagon I mean they're both

1343

01:10:27,840 --> 01:10:25,120

ground-based observations and Voyager so

1344

01:10:29,280 --> 01:10:27,850

we thought it was there which now builds

1345

01:10:32,250 --> 01:10:29,290

up evidence of you know something more

1346

01:10:39,600 --> 01:10:32,260

like 40 years of it being there and our

1347

01:11:00,290 --> 01:10:39,610

resolution wasn't good enough to know so

1348

01:11:00,300 --> 01:11:14,870

like the storms around

1349

01:11:19,919 --> 01:11:17,609

a question about the end of the Cassini

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01:11:21,359 --> 01:11:19,929

mission how deep did it get before it

1351

01:11:39,600 --> 01:11:21,369

burned up and did we get some useful

1352

01:11:43,649 --> 01:11:39,610

data but unfortunately because of how I

1353

01:11:48,479 --> 01:11:43,659

was going in we tried to position it so

1354

01:11:51,299 --> 01:11:48,489

that would send back data but there

1355

01:11:53,489 --> 01:11:51,309

wasn't much time for that the data that

1356

01:11:55,919 --> 01:11:53,499

comes back from my Cassini mission as a

1357

01:12:00,299 --> 01:11:55,929

men in deep space missions you were

1358

01:12:05,100 --> 01:12:00,309

called New Horizons was this way to very

1359

01:12:06,629 --> 01:12:05,110

very slow trickle of data so that's why

1360

01:12:09,359 --> 01:12:06,639

we first saw Cluedo with New Horizons

1361

01:12:10,560 --> 01:12:09,369

and still rainy and fuzzy and he had to

1362

01:12:12,689 --> 01:12:10,570

wait a couple of weeks

1363

01:12:15,739 --> 01:12:12,699

that wasn't just data processing that

1364

01:12:21,700 --> 01:12:15,749

was actually getting the data to earth

1365

01:12:21,710 --> 01:12:34,709

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1366

01:12:49,080 --> 01:12:38,550

the Hurricanes are short-lived is the

1367

01:12:50,959 --> 01:12:49,090

polar hurricane short-lived that was

1368

01:12:53,910 --> 01:12:50,969

that was there the northern latitudes

1369

01:13:12,120 --> 01:12:53,920

around who does that affect the hexagon

1370

01:13:13,590 --> 01:13:12,130

shape extra cold winter but I'm not that

1371

01:13:23,450 --> 01:13:13,600

I will say I don't understand sure

1372

01:13:29,450 --> 01:13:27,060

there's a theory that you robo's water

1373

01:13:32,040 --> 01:13:29,460

is liquid it's because of the

1374

01:13:34,590 --> 01:13:32,050

interaction between it and Jupiter the

1375

01:13:38,910 --> 01:13:34,600

gravitational pull of two places if that

1376

01:13:42,840 --> 01:13:38,920

is also true between Saturday until

1377

01:13:50,209 --> 01:13:42,850

Enceladus is it's water due to

1378

01:13:55,530 --> 01:13:52,770

the inner grab the gravitational

1379

01:13:59,250 --> 01:13:55,540

interaction kind of the title impression

1380

01:14:03,300 --> 01:13:59,260

that happens same way we have tides on

1381

01:14:07,860 --> 01:14:05,310

something similar happens with Jupiter

1382

01:14:10,590 --> 01:14:07,870

it's way better and its moons which are

1383

01:14:15,780 --> 01:14:10,600

a little bit smaller so effectively it

1384

01:14:20,990 --> 01:14:15,790

squeezes those moons and that squeezing

1385

01:14:48,520 --> 01:14:27,419

I do Kirby sense because these are very

1386

01:15:49,780 --> 01:14:50,760

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1387

01:15:56,950 --> 01:15:49,790

so are we really that fortunate and if

1388

01:15:58,690 --> 01:15:56,960

so you look at robot Wow to be living in

1389

01:16:01,330 --> 01:15:58,700

a time where both of those are active

1390

01:16:03,880 --> 01:16:01,340

and this or maybe the the actual

1391

01:16:06,190 --> 01:16:03,890

situation is that this activity is just

1392

01:16:09,100 --> 01:16:06,200

ongoing it always happens and we're not

1393

01:16:17,200 --> 01:16:09,110

special so sorry scientists tend to

1394

01:16:21,220 --> 01:16:17,210

think we're not special hexagons image

1395

01:16:23,920 --> 01:16:21,230

and about forefathers Oh with a fuzzy

1396

01:16:25,360 --> 01:16:23,930

white dot and about nine o'clock with a

1397

01:16:29,350 --> 01:16:25,370

funny little loop like a little

1398

01:16:38,000 --> 01:16:29,360

miniature spacecraft actually what

1399

01:16:43,560 --> 01:16:41,340

the hexagon image about four o'clock

1400

01:16:53,630 --> 01:16:43,570

there's there's some kind of let me just

1401

01:16:58,970 --> 01:16:56,910

there we go yeah okay

1402

01:17:06,870 --> 01:16:58,980

I four o'clock there's this thing I

1403

01:17:09,180 --> 01:17:06,880

don't know that's five o'clock there's

1404

01:17:12,710 --> 01:17:09,190

this kind of blobby thing and then over

1405

01:17:15,240 --> 01:17:12,720

here at nine o'clock there's this thing

1406

01:17:18,240 --> 01:17:15,250

what's going on

1407

01:17:20,880 --> 01:17:18,250

well this is this this is definitely

1408

01:17:23,330 --> 01:17:20,890

some sort of other storm and disturbance

1409

01:17:25,800 --> 01:17:23,340

that's happening within this structure

1410

01:17:28,680 --> 01:17:25,810

this isn't a you know this is a shape

1411

01:17:30,540 --> 01:17:28,690

but this isn't the shape here this

1412

01:17:33,840 --> 01:17:30,550

definition of the shape doesn't control

1413

01:17:37,140 --> 01:17:33,850

what's happening in here it sits like a

1414

01:17:39,030 --> 01:17:37,150

wall and it can find some of the things

1415

01:17:42,930 --> 01:17:39,040

inside of that wall but it doesn't have

1416

01:17:45,780 --> 01:17:42,940

necessarily make things happen in that

1417

01:17:47,760 --> 01:17:45,790

wall so so this this storm this is a

1418

01:17:52,530 --> 01:17:47,770

storm it may not be related to the

1419

01:17:54,810 --> 01:17:52,540

hexagonal and this I don't I don't know

1420

01:18:24,760 --> 01:17:54,820

that maybe that's I don't know maybe

1421

01:19:01,670 --> 01:18:50,940

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1422

01:19:10,260 --> 01:19:07,380

we clean clean by our standards from

1423

01:19:23,280 --> 01:19:10,270

when we don't want to accidentally

1424

01:19:35,040 --> 01:19:23,290

smacking into one of these moons and the

1425

01:20:05,450 --> 01:19:35,050

folks at Mars for similar reasons so

1426

01:20:05,460 --> 01:20:24,130

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1427

01:21:06,320 --> 01:21:03,290

we are yes you mentioned in your

1428

01:21:09,770 --> 01:21:06,330

presentation that hurricanes feed on

1429

01:21:11,930 --> 01:21:09,780

heat this is anymore

1430

01:21:12,560 --> 01:21:11,940

they sing hurricane what is the energy

1431

01:21:14,150 --> 01:21:12,570

source

1432

01:21:16,220 --> 01:21:14,160

okay so hurricanes if you don't heat

1433

01:21:21,860 --> 01:21:16,230

what's the energy source to power the

1434

01:21:23,740 --> 01:21:21,870

polar vortex here so just because it's

1435

01:21:25,980 --> 01:21:23,750

northern facing

1436

01:21:28,060 --> 01:21:25,990

it was facing away from the something

1437

01:21:30,700 --> 01:21:28,070

that's that's the first one

1438

01:21:33,220 --> 01:21:30,710

but Saturn itself has a lot of internal

1439

01:21:35,620 --> 01:21:33,230

heat that's all the giant planets had a

1440

01:21:37,360 --> 01:21:35,630

lot of internal there they're far away

1441

01:21:42,760 --> 01:21:37,370

from the Sun it really doesn't matter

1442

01:21:44,440 --> 01:21:42,770

how much they're warmed by the Sun but

1443

01:21:46,420 --> 01:21:44,450

for this particular thing it matters

1444

01:21:47,350 --> 01:21:46,430

more than that the internal tank is

1445

01:21:52,800 --> 01:21:47,360

there

1446

01:22:03,070 --> 01:21:57,510

it's very dense lots of gas layers and

1447

01:22:05,620 --> 01:22:03,080

AB something that big eventually kind of

1448

01:22:08,680 --> 01:22:05,630

settles out the different gas layers

1449

01:22:12,490 --> 01:22:08,690

settle out or over the lifetime of the

1450

01:22:14,790 --> 01:22:12,500

planet some of the the heavier elements

1451

01:22:18,070 --> 01:22:14,800

that are in the outer layers settle down

1452

01:22:22,620 --> 01:22:18,080

so basically what can happen at Saturn

1453

01:22:28,440 --> 01:22:22,630

as you could have liquid helium rain

1454

01:22:36,640 --> 01:22:28,450

into the inner layers of Saturn and that

1455

01:22:38,970 --> 01:22:36,650

energy those things falling when we look

1456

01:22:43,420 --> 01:22:38,980

at Jupiter for example another example

1457

01:22:46,660 --> 01:22:43,430

Jupiter's output of energy is greater

1458

01:22:49,840 --> 01:22:46,670

than its input the energy reserves from

1459

01:22:53,730 --> 01:22:49,850

the Sun is less than what we see

1460

01:22:56,260 --> 01:22:53,740

radiating back out for the same reason

1461

01:22:57,760 --> 01:22:56,270

okay we've got time for only one more

1462

01:23:05,370 --> 01:22:57,770

question do we have any kids in the

1463

01:23:09,620 --> 01:23:07,800

here's been waiting the whole time to

1464

01:23:12,060 --> 01:23:09,630

get the honor of the last question sorry

1465

01:23:14,820 --> 01:23:12,070

might apply the interest with extra

1466

01:23:17,340 --> 01:23:14,830

biology and I'm just wondering what are

1467

01:23:30,709 --> 01:23:17,350

the odds for life on the movies and and

1468

01:23:33,450 --> 01:23:32,939

specifically to look at those moons for

1469

01:23:36,629 --> 01:23:33,460

life

1470

01:23:39,689 --> 01:23:36,639

good question end with yeah I would rank

1471

01:23:42,750 --> 01:23:39,699

the moons of the solar system in terms

1472

01:23:46,860 --> 01:23:42,760

of probability of life as Europa and

1473

01:23:48,689 --> 01:23:46,870

sell it as tighten your rope up because

1474

01:23:54,360 --> 01:23:48,699

it probably has the most heat the

1475

01:23:57,330 --> 01:23:54,370

shallowest crust and the the largest

1476

01:24:00,720 --> 01:23:57,340

rocky core that could support some sort

1477

01:24:03,570 --> 01:24:00,730

of chemoautotrophs type organism at a

1478

01:24:06,000 --> 01:24:03,580

and a deep-sea event for example but I

1479

01:24:09,689 --> 01:24:06,010

can't put numbers on probability for

1480

01:24:12,930 --> 01:24:09,699

that the way to confirm this would be to

1481

01:24:15,689 --> 01:24:12,940

actually go there with a submarine

1482

01:24:18,240 --> 01:24:15,699

that's what I would like maybe something

1483

01:24:20,070 --> 01:24:18,250

that could land drill down but you know

1484

01:24:22,500 --> 01:24:20,080

even an orbiter or something would be

1485

01:24:25,200 --> 01:24:22,510

very cool the problem with that is the

1486

01:24:27,390 --> 01:24:25,210

Jupiter system full of radiation you

1487

01:24:31,200 --> 01:24:27,400

have to do with the Juno mission does

1488

01:24:32,729 --> 01:24:31,210

come in quickly and go way far out come

1489

01:24:34,800 --> 01:24:32,739

in quickly and go far out or else your

1490

01:24:37,129 --> 01:24:34,810

electronics are fried so this is one of

1491

01:24:39,390 --> 01:24:37,139

the tough things about a Europa mission

1492

01:24:40,800 --> 01:24:39,400

which makes which makes the Saturn

1493

01:24:44,189 --> 01:24:40,810

system a little more enticing less

1494

01:24:46,110 --> 01:24:44,199

radiation there but I think in the

1495

01:24:49,560 --> 01:24:46,120

community's opinion maybe less likely to

1496

01:24:52,080 --> 01:24:49,570

find life so what we can keep doing is

1497

01:24:55,220 --> 01:24:52,090

we can keep compiling evidence as

1498

01:24:58,439 --> 01:24:55,230

scientists we we want evidence and

1499

01:25:01,200 --> 01:24:58,449

there's never necessarily a smoking gun

1500

01:25:06,320 --> 01:25:01,210

unless we were to go there and pick up a

1501

01:25:13,379 --> 01:25:09,770

that was got one strong mission yeah

1502

01:25:15,090 --> 01:25:13,389

yeah but I would just echo I would echo

1503

01:25:17,280 --> 01:25:15,100

what she said is that you know when we

1504

01:25:19,500 --> 01:25:17,290

explored Mars we first sent an orbiter

1505

01:25:22,140 --> 01:25:19,510

alright and then we started to send to

1506

01:25:23,550 --> 01:25:22,150

send Landers and then Rovers etc it's

1507

01:25:24,660 --> 01:25:23,560

kind of if we're gonna explore any of

1508

01:25:26,790 --> 01:25:24,670

these moons it's got to be the same

1509

01:25:28,800 --> 01:25:26,800

thing we've got us in orbiters to map

1510

01:25:31,169 --> 01:25:28,810

all the places that we might want to

1511

01:25:33,270 --> 01:25:31,179

land and then Landers and then Rovers

1512

01:25:35,910 --> 01:25:33,280

and then diggers and submarines and such

1513

01:25:37,919 --> 01:25:35,920

so it's not gonna happen next year it's

1514

01:25:40,320 --> 01:25:37,929

not gonna happen this decade it's a long

1515

01:25:42,840 --> 01:25:40,330

term process all right so we have to

1516

01:25:46,830 --> 01:25:42,850

stop you there next month's talk will be

1517

01:25:49,260 --> 01:25:46,840

on dangerous worlds so we'll take this

1518

01:25:51,209 --> 01:25:49,270

even further lazy now let's give a real

1519

01:25:59,629 --> 01:25:51,219

big warm thank you for dr. Bonnie my

1520

01:26:05,149 --> 01:26:02,750

okay last thing ireenie

1521

01:26:09,169 --> 01:26:05,159

a rainy rate raised your hand Irene II

1522

01:26:11,479 --> 01:26:09,179

can take what 15 people okay I know

1523

01:26:14,570 --> 01:26:11,489

there's way too many than more than 15

1524

01:26:16,520 --> 01:26:14,580

but when you have enough just go do you

1525

01:26:18,770 --> 01:26:16,530

want to hang hang out by this store okay

1526

01:26:20,180 --> 01:26:18,780

Irene ease gonna hang by this store when

1527

01:26:21,950 --> 01:26:20,190

she has enough she'll take him across

1528

01:26:23,930 --> 01:26:21,960

the street for observing and if you

1529

01:26:25,970 --> 01:26:23,940

don't make it this month come back again

1530

01:26:27,680 --> 01:26:25,980

she'll do it every every month it says