

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

The Wildest Weather in the Universe

Featuring Guest Speaker:
Hannah Wakeford

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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,750
oh

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00:00:08,070 --> 00:00:05,430
good evening ladies and gentlemen and

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00:00:10,709 --> 00:00:08,080
welcome to the space telescope public

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00:00:12,709 --> 00:00:10,719
lecture series it is my joy and pleasure

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00:00:15,110 --> 00:00:12,719
to be your host i'm dr frank summers of

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00:00:17,750 --> 00:00:15,120
the office of public outreach

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00:00:20,710 --> 00:00:17,760
on your way in you could have grabbed a

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00:00:23,150 --> 00:00:20,720
lithograph tonight's lithograph is the

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00:00:26,310 --> 00:00:23,160
interacting galaxy's

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00:00:27,990 --> 00:00:26,320
arp147 there are a lot of interacting

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00:00:28,950 --> 00:00:28,000
galaxies that have these arp names

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00:00:31,830 --> 00:00:28,960
because

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00:00:33,750 --> 00:00:31,840

arp created the catalog okay if you want

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00:00:35,510 --> 00:00:33,760

to learn more about interacting galaxies

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00:00:36,470 --> 00:00:35,520

you can turn over on the back and read

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00:00:38,310 --> 00:00:36,480

about them

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00:00:40,310 --> 00:00:38,320

if you did not get one on your way in

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00:00:43,510 --> 00:00:40,320

they are down here on both sides grab

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00:00:44,549 --> 00:00:43,520

one on your way out

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00:00:45,910 --> 00:00:44,559

tonight

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00:00:48,549 --> 00:00:45,920

i guess my

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00:00:51,670 --> 00:00:48,559

pointer's gone uh tonight we have the

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00:00:53,750 --> 00:00:51,680

wildest weather in the universe a very

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00:00:55,590 --> 00:00:53,760

catchy title which i think is partly

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00:00:59,189 --> 00:00:55,600

responsible for so many of you showing

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00:01:01,830 --> 00:00:59,199

up today um by hannah wakeford

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00:01:02,790 --> 00:01:01,840

next month we have another very catchy

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00:01:05,750 --> 00:01:02,800

title

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00:01:07,990 --> 00:01:05,760

mapping the united federation of planets

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00:01:10,550 --> 00:01:08,000

an astronomer's guide to the galaxy and

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00:01:14,230 --> 00:01:10,560

yes that is a star trek reference and

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00:01:17,030 --> 00:01:14,240

yes star trek will be part of the talk

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00:01:19,429 --> 00:01:17,040

next month although it will be used in a

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00:01:20,630 --> 00:01:19,439

scientific context for mapping the

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00:01:23,190 --> 00:01:20,640

galaxy

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00:01:25,270 --> 00:01:23,200

um in april oh

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00:01:27,670 --> 00:01:25,280

we do not actually have a title so i

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00:01:30,469 --> 00:01:27,680

gave it the title lovely plumage on

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00:01:32,390 --> 00:01:30,479

europa um susanna and i chatted on the

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00:01:34,870 --> 00:01:32,400

phone today she said i'll talk about the

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00:01:37,190 --> 00:01:34,880

uh the plumes on europa and i said oh

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00:01:38,550 --> 00:01:37,200

the lovely plumage story and so i wrote

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00:01:41,830 --> 00:01:38,560

that as a placeholder and she was

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00:01:45,190 --> 00:01:41,840

supposed to email me um an actual title

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00:01:46,230 --> 00:01:45,200

and i forgot to i i i don't know if she

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00:01:48,550 --> 00:01:46,240

actually did

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00:01:51,030 --> 00:01:48,560

um because i forgot to check so that

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00:01:53,030 --> 00:01:51,040

it's about the plumes on the europa okay

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00:01:56,310 --> 00:01:53,040

uh it'll be a cool talk susanna's a very

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00:01:58,630 --> 00:01:56,320

good speaker all right and in may a talk

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00:02:01,069 --> 00:01:58,640
that i've been trying to get for a while

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00:02:04,149 --> 00:02:01,079
andy fructor has agreed to talk about

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00:02:05,590 --> 00:02:04,159
gravitational wave astronomy

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00:02:07,830 --> 00:02:05,600
the new

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00:02:10,550 --> 00:02:07,840
new of way we're going to view the

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00:02:12,470 --> 00:02:10,560
universe with gravitational waves

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00:02:15,750 --> 00:02:12,480
so you can find all about all our

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00:02:17,430 --> 00:02:15,760
upcoming talks on our website um that

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00:02:20,229 --> 00:02:17,440
has on the right the list of the

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00:02:21,510 --> 00:02:20,239
upcoming talks on the left we have links

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00:02:24,229 --> 00:02:21,520
to our

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00:02:25,430 --> 00:02:24,239
webcasting and our recordings of them on

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00:02:27,270 --> 00:02:25,440

youtube

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00:02:29,030 --> 00:02:27,280

when we are live you can click those and

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00:02:31,750 --> 00:02:29,040

go directly to those

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00:02:33,670 --> 00:02:31,760

you can also sign up for email if you

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00:02:35,750 --> 00:02:33,680

just go to your favorite

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00:02:37,910 --> 00:02:35,760

search engine and type in hubble public

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00:02:41,030 --> 00:02:37,920

talks or space telescope public talks

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00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:41,040

you will find this web page

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00:02:45,670 --> 00:02:43,920

if you would like uh email announcements

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00:02:47,509 --> 00:02:45,680

actually you don't

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00:02:50,150 --> 00:02:47,519

you sign up at the website i mentioned

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00:02:53,190 --> 00:02:50,160

that that down the lower left is our

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00:02:55,990 --> 00:02:53,200

email uh server listserv so you can

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00:02:57,110 --> 00:02:56,000
subscribe or unsubscribe there

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00:02:58,550 --> 00:02:57,120
um

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00:03:00,070 --> 00:02:58,560
if you have comments or questions you

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00:03:04,229 --> 00:03:00,080
can send it to the email address public

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00:03:10,149 --> 00:03:07,670
uh uh social media last month i said i'd

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00:03:12,470 --> 00:03:10,159
start including the web telescope uh

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00:03:14,470 --> 00:03:12,480
accounts and here they are for you uh we

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00:03:17,190 --> 00:03:14,480
have facebook twitter youtube instagram

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00:03:18,949 --> 00:03:17,200
and and probably more for both hubble

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00:03:21,270 --> 00:03:18,959
and webb and some for the space

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00:03:24,309 --> 00:03:21,280
telescope science institute as well

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00:03:26,869 --> 00:03:24,319
i do a tiny bit of social media on a

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00:03:28,710 --> 00:03:26,879

blog and facebook and google and twitter

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00:03:30,149 --> 00:03:28,720

so if you want to hear more from me you

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00:03:32,949 --> 00:03:30,159

can do that

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00:03:35,430 --> 00:03:32,959

the observatory the question is whether

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00:03:36,869 --> 00:03:35,440

or not the weather is permitting um did

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00:03:39,270 --> 00:03:36,879

somebody notice whether their clouds

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00:03:41,110 --> 00:03:39,280

were up when they came in oh somebody's

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00:03:45,430 --> 00:03:41,120

giving me the thumbs down

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00:03:47,110 --> 00:03:45,440

okay it was a questionable and irini um

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00:03:48,630 --> 00:03:47,120

may have may have emailed me her

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00:03:50,789 --> 00:03:48,640

decision by now

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00:03:54,149 --> 00:03:50,799

but the audience gives us a thumbs down

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00:03:57,270 --> 00:03:54,159

so it probably will not happen okay

101
00:04:00,110 --> 00:03:57,280
but uh they do do an open house on

102
00:04:02,309 --> 00:04:00,120
friday evenings if you go to

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00:04:04,550 --> 00:04:02,319
md.spacegrant.org you'll find that web

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00:04:05,990 --> 00:04:04,560
page over there on the right

105
00:04:09,270 --> 00:04:06,000
and in that box where it says

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00:04:12,390 --> 00:04:09,280
observatory status each friday by like 5

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00:04:13,670 --> 00:04:12,400
or 6 p.m they update it with weather

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00:04:15,750 --> 00:04:13,680
the information as to whether they're

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00:04:16,789 --> 00:04:15,760
going to be open that friday evening

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00:04:19,270 --> 00:04:16,799
okay

111
00:04:20,629 --> 00:04:19,280
so check that out i'm sorry that we

112
00:04:21,909 --> 00:04:20,639
probably won't be able to get that in

113
00:04:23,030 --> 00:04:21,919

tonight

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00:04:27,590 --> 00:04:23,040

and now

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00:04:30,390 --> 00:04:27,600

news from the universe for february 2018

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00:04:33,350 --> 00:04:30,400

in which we answer that amazingly

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00:04:37,270 --> 00:04:33,360

scientifically detailed question

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00:04:40,310 --> 00:04:38,550

now

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00:04:42,870 --> 00:04:40,320

massive galaxies

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00:04:45,110 --> 00:04:42,880

are known to have supermassive black

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00:04:47,990 --> 00:04:45,120

holes at their very core

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00:04:51,030 --> 00:04:48,000

this is a massive galaxy and there is a

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00:04:52,629 --> 00:04:51,040

super massive black hole at its core

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00:04:54,629 --> 00:04:52,639

but of course you can't see it because

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00:04:56,390 --> 00:04:54,639

the supermassive black hole is tiny

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00:04:58,870 --> 00:04:56,400
compared to the galaxy

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00:04:59,830 --> 00:04:58,880
but these supermassive black holes can

128
00:05:01,830 --> 00:04:59,840
cause

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00:05:04,390 --> 00:05:01,840
huge emission

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00:05:06,870 --> 00:05:04,400
this one is called hercules a

131
00:05:08,830 --> 00:05:06,880
and when viewed in radio light it looks

132
00:05:12,469 --> 00:05:08,840
like

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00:05:15,510 --> 00:05:12,479
that from that tiny supermassive black

134
00:05:17,909 --> 00:05:15,520
hole in the core are emitted huge jets

135
00:05:20,390 --> 00:05:17,919
of emission that spew out across the

136
00:05:22,870 --> 00:05:20,400
galaxy and beyond the galaxy to form

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00:05:26,469 --> 00:05:22,880
these giant radial lobes

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00:05:28,870 --> 00:05:26,479

now not every supermassive black hole is

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00:05:30,710 --> 00:05:28,880

in this phase when when there's giant

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00:05:33,110 --> 00:05:30,720

jets of emission coming from them

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00:05:35,350 --> 00:05:33,120

sometimes it's a little harder to find

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00:05:36,390 --> 00:05:35,360

they're not always in this emission

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00:05:39,189 --> 00:05:36,400

phase

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00:05:41,749 --> 00:05:39,199

and what we want to know when we look at

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00:05:44,629 --> 00:05:41,759

the cosmological history of these uh

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00:05:46,950 --> 00:05:44,639

supermassive black holes is how often

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00:05:49,270 --> 00:05:46,960

are they on when they're when there's

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00:05:51,830 --> 00:05:49,280

material falling in and stuff that's

149

00:05:53,749 --> 00:05:51,840

being emitted back out and how often are

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00:05:55,430 --> 00:05:53,759

they quiescent how often are they quiet

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00:05:56,629 --> 00:05:55,440
and they're not really emitting that's

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00:05:58,710 --> 00:05:56,639
one of the things that we that the

153
00:06:01,110 --> 00:05:58,720
cosmologists really want to understand

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00:06:05,029 --> 00:06:01,120
about these black holes over time

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00:06:08,029 --> 00:06:05,039
so here is a hubble image of a galaxy

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00:06:11,510 --> 00:06:08,039
sdss

157
00:06:13,830 --> 00:06:11,520
j1354 okay uh that's just its catalog

158
00:06:15,510 --> 00:06:13,840
number in the sloan digital sky survey

159
00:06:17,189 --> 00:06:15,520
and this is the hubble image of the

160
00:06:19,590 --> 00:06:17,199
galaxy and the galaxy we're interested

161
00:06:21,990 --> 00:06:19,600
is not the one at the top but it's

162
00:06:24,070 --> 00:06:22,000
actually the one at the bottom okay the

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00:06:26,790 --> 00:06:24,080

one at the bottom

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00:06:27,830 --> 00:06:26,800

it has a supermassive black hole that's

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00:06:29,909 --> 00:06:27,840

active

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00:06:31,510 --> 00:06:29,919

now what you'll notice between the top

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00:06:33,670 --> 00:06:31,520

and the bottom is that there's sort of a

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00:06:35,990 --> 00:06:33,680

striation material that seems to be

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00:06:38,230 --> 00:06:36,000

flowing down from the one at the top

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00:06:40,790 --> 00:06:38,240

these two galaxies are believed to be in

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00:06:42,710 --> 00:06:40,800

our acting okay and when galaxies

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00:06:44,469 --> 00:06:42,720

interact sometimes material from one

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00:06:47,510 --> 00:06:44,479

galaxy can

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00:06:48,469 --> 00:06:47,520

accrete onto the other galaxy

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00:06:50,309 --> 00:06:48,479

and so

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00:06:53,909 --> 00:06:50,319

what we wanted to know what what we

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00:06:54,710 --> 00:06:53,919

found out when looking in x-rays is that

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00:06:57,350 --> 00:06:54,720

the

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00:07:00,469 --> 00:06:57,360

galaxy

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00:07:02,870 --> 00:07:00,479

is turned on it is in an emissive phase

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00:07:04,870 --> 00:07:02,880

because here is the spitz the the

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00:07:07,909 --> 00:07:04,880

chandra x-ray observatory now you gotta

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00:07:10,469 --> 00:07:07,919

look carefully all right there's hubble

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00:07:12,950 --> 00:07:10,479

there's hubble and chandra okay you can

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00:07:15,830 --> 00:07:12,960

see that purple x-ray emission that

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00:07:19,029 --> 00:07:15,840

identifies what's coming from that super

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00:07:20,550 --> 00:07:19,039

massive black hole so let's magnify that

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00:07:21,909 --> 00:07:20,560

and give you a little bit of context

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00:07:25,670 --> 00:07:21,919

here

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00:07:28,309 --> 00:07:25,680

is that the x-ray

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00:07:31,350 --> 00:07:28,319

material is coming from it and that

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00:07:34,230 --> 00:07:31,360

white burst above it

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00:07:36,870 --> 00:07:34,240

appears to be material spewed out of the

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00:07:39,029 --> 00:07:36,880

supermassive black hole matter of fact

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00:07:40,469 --> 00:07:39,039

what they tell me and it's kind of hard

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00:07:43,189 --> 00:07:40,479

i can't i couldn't really see it in the

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00:07:44,870 --> 00:07:43,199

image is that there are two

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00:07:47,029 --> 00:07:44,880

periods of emission

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00:07:48,629 --> 00:07:47,039

and given the speed that this material

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00:07:49,670 --> 00:07:48,639

is traveling away

201
00:07:51,830 --> 00:07:49,680
they had

202
00:07:54,390 --> 00:07:51,840
that it was in emission and then a

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00:07:57,189 --> 00:07:54,400
hundred thousand years of being quiet

204
00:08:00,150 --> 00:07:57,199
and then another emission

205
00:08:03,749 --> 00:08:00,160
the hypothesis the best explanation for

206
00:08:06,790 --> 00:08:03,759
it is that these two galaxies interacted

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00:08:08,390 --> 00:08:06,800
material flowed in

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00:08:10,390 --> 00:08:08,400
all right and started to spiral in on

209
00:08:13,110 --> 00:08:10,400
the supermassive black hole some was

210
00:08:16,150 --> 00:08:13,120
spewed out and then it went quiet for a

211
00:08:19,670 --> 00:08:16,160
while and then some more was spewed out

212
00:08:22,230 --> 00:08:19,680
right and in the press release they call

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00:08:23,270 --> 00:08:22,240

these burps from a supermassive black

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00:08:25,270 --> 00:08:23,280

hole

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00:08:28,309 --> 00:08:25,280

i kid you not in the actual press

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00:08:30,309 --> 00:08:28,319

release they use the word burp but is it

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00:08:32,469 --> 00:08:30,319

really a burp

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00:08:34,709 --> 00:08:32,479

and i would say no

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00:08:37,990 --> 00:08:34,719

because when you or i burp it comes from

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00:08:41,350 --> 00:08:38,000

inside us and spews out right

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00:08:43,909 --> 00:08:41,360

but material doesn't come out of a black

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00:08:45,590 --> 00:08:43,919

hole right even light can't escape from

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00:08:47,509 --> 00:08:45,600

a black hole

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00:08:50,470 --> 00:08:47,519

it's not the supermassive black hole

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00:08:52,790 --> 00:08:50,480

that is burping but rather the material

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00:08:54,470 --> 00:08:52,800

is falling onto the super onto an

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00:08:55,590 --> 00:08:54,480

accretion disk around the supermassive

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00:08:57,269 --> 00:08:55,600

black hole

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00:08:58,389 --> 00:08:57,279

some of that material goes into the

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00:09:00,630 --> 00:08:58,399

black hole

231

00:09:04,310 --> 00:09:00,640

some of the material gets flung back out

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00:09:06,470 --> 00:09:04,320

from the accretion disk okay so i would

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00:09:09,190 --> 00:09:06,480

say just to be a little technical that

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00:09:12,470 --> 00:09:09,200

it's the accretion disk that is burping

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00:09:16,070 --> 00:09:12,480

and not the supermassive black hole

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00:09:19,190 --> 00:09:16,080

so that's my answer to that question

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00:09:21,350 --> 00:09:19,200

our second story tonight the launch of a

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00:09:24,230 --> 00:09:21,360

new era

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00:09:27,509 --> 00:09:24,240

way back in the 60s in the apollo era we

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00:09:30,310 --> 00:09:27,519

had the saturn v rocket the most

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00:09:32,870 --> 00:09:30,320

powerful launch vehicle that america has

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00:09:36,790 --> 00:09:32,880

ever had and this actually is the launch

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00:09:40,710 --> 00:09:36,800

of apollo 11 from kennedy and the saturn

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00:09:43,509 --> 00:09:40,720

v rocket was retired back in 1973.

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00:09:45,509 --> 00:09:43,519

it was followed by the space shuttle

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00:09:47,350 --> 00:09:45,519

this by the way is the launch that

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00:09:49,910 --> 00:09:47,360

carried the hubble space telescope into

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00:09:51,990 --> 00:09:49,920

orbit and you can see the space of the

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00:09:55,430 --> 00:09:52,000

launch on the right but also you can see

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00:09:56,949 --> 00:09:55,440

another um sts um actually actually

251
00:09:59,590 --> 00:09:56,959
testing on another launch pad at the

252
00:10:01,190 --> 00:09:59,600
same time okay and this was also

253
00:10:04,310 --> 00:10:01,200
incredibly powerful

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00:10:06,470 --> 00:10:04,320
but it had to carry the space shuttle up

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00:10:09,350 --> 00:10:06,480
so the payload that could be inside the

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00:10:11,509 --> 00:10:09,360
space shuttle was considerably smaller

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00:10:13,670 --> 00:10:11,519
and so what people have been looking for

258
00:10:15,509 --> 00:10:13,680
is a really big

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00:10:19,110 --> 00:10:15,519
boost to get into space

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00:10:21,750 --> 00:10:19,120
and so nasa has plans for a wonderful

261
00:10:24,550 --> 00:10:21,760
system coming up but in the meantime we

262
00:10:25,829 --> 00:10:24,560
have developed commercial companies such

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00:10:29,350 --> 00:10:25,839

as

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00:10:33,990 --> 00:10:29,360

spacex elon musk's company spacex and

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00:10:36,230 --> 00:10:34,000

this is their workhorse the falcon 9

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00:10:38,949 --> 00:10:36,240

launch a booster

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00:10:40,630 --> 00:10:38,959

so called 9 because there are 9 engines

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00:10:42,550 --> 00:10:40,640

in this booster okay

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00:10:44,230 --> 00:10:42,560

and they have been launching these for

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00:10:45,990 --> 00:10:44,240

several years

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00:10:49,990 --> 00:10:46,000

and putting satellites into orbit with

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00:10:51,509 --> 00:10:50,000

it but it wasn't powerful enough

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00:10:54,230 --> 00:10:51,519

so what

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00:10:56,230 --> 00:10:54,240

elon musk is a little bit ambitious and

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00:10:57,829 --> 00:10:56,240

what does he want to do he wants to take

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00:11:01,509 --> 00:10:57,839

he wants to make the world's most

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00:11:02,630 --> 00:11:01,519

powerful rocket this one is the falcon

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00:11:04,470 --> 00:11:02,640

heavy

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00:11:07,110 --> 00:11:04,480

and you will notice it looks very much

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00:11:10,389 --> 00:11:07,120

like the falcon 9

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00:11:13,190 --> 00:11:10,399

except it has outboard motors on it

282

00:11:16,389 --> 00:11:13,200

which are in fact two other boosters

283

00:11:19,269 --> 00:11:16,399

identical boosters so there are 27

284

00:11:21,110 --> 00:11:19,279

engines on this three-pronged rocket

285

00:11:23,269 --> 00:11:21,120

all right and they did a test firing a

286

00:11:24,550 --> 00:11:23,279

week or so ago um and they didn't

287

00:11:25,910 --> 00:11:24,560

actually launch anything they didn't

288

00:11:29,110 --> 00:11:25,920

actually go offline they did a test

289

00:11:31,350 --> 00:11:29,120

firing show they could launch all 27

290

00:11:33,030 --> 00:11:31,360

they could fire all 27 engines together

291

00:11:34,069 --> 00:11:33,040

and today

292

00:11:36,470 --> 00:11:34,079

they did

293

00:11:38,790 --> 00:11:36,480

the test launch

294

00:11:41,670 --> 00:11:38,800

what was the payload

295

00:11:45,509 --> 00:11:41,680

the payload was from elon musk's other

296

00:11:49,190 --> 00:11:45,519

company the tesla cars and it was a

297

00:11:50,230 --> 00:11:49,200

tesla roadster a cherry red tesla

298

00:11:53,269 --> 00:11:50,240

roadster

299

00:11:56,069 --> 00:11:53,279

with a dummy in a one of the spacex

300

00:11:59,269 --> 00:11:56,079

space suits in the driver's seat okay

301
00:12:01,030 --> 00:11:59,279
this is the actual roadster that was on

302
00:12:03,110 --> 00:12:01,040
the payload today okay

303
00:12:06,389 --> 00:12:03,120
and did it work

304
00:12:08,829 --> 00:12:06,399
oh yeah yes it did

305
00:12:11,430 --> 00:12:08,839
here is the footage released by

306
00:12:14,310 --> 00:12:11,440
spacex showing the

307
00:12:17,590 --> 00:12:14,320
falcon heavy launching from the space

308
00:12:22,550 --> 00:12:19,509
and once it got up

309
00:12:24,550 --> 00:12:22,560
the two side boosters uh separated all

310
00:12:26,230 --> 00:12:24,560
right and they

311
00:12:28,949 --> 00:12:26,240
came back

312
00:12:31,030 --> 00:12:28,959
and landed vertically

313
00:12:33,190 --> 00:12:31,040

i never get tired of seeing that okay

314

00:12:35,030 --> 00:12:33,200

you know falcon

315

00:12:37,190 --> 00:12:35,040

spacex has been doing this for a while i

316

00:12:39,509 --> 00:12:37,200

never get tired of watching this

317

00:12:42,150 --> 00:12:39,519

now the center booster was supposed to

318

00:12:43,910 --> 00:12:42,160

land on a platform out at sea which uh

319

00:12:46,710 --> 00:12:43,920

spacex has done before

320

00:12:48,790 --> 00:12:46,720

but there are no confirmation from

321

00:12:51,190 --> 00:12:48,800

spacex that it landed safely

322

00:12:53,509 --> 00:12:51,200

there was a disruption in the video feed

323

00:12:56,550 --> 00:12:53,519

that makes people a lot of speculate

324

00:12:58,230 --> 00:12:56,560

that it did not land successfully

325

00:13:01,590 --> 00:12:58,240

but there has been no confirmation as

326

00:13:02,870 --> 00:13:01,600

far as i've heard from spacex okay

327

00:13:05,350 --> 00:13:02,880

and then

328

00:13:09,430 --> 00:13:05,360

then they had the payload deployment so

329

00:13:12,230 --> 00:13:09,440

this is footage of the tesla roadster

330

00:13:18,710 --> 00:13:12,240

being deployed into space okay when then

331

00:13:23,030 --> 00:13:20,870

all right and this is my favorite shot

332

00:13:26,550 --> 00:13:23,040

this is a shot over

333

00:13:29,269 --> 00:13:26,560

the shoulder of a thing

334

00:13:31,910 --> 00:13:29,279

of the tesla roadster in orbit around

335

00:13:34,230 --> 00:13:31,920

earth right now um and you'll notice it

336

00:13:36,550 --> 00:13:34,240

says on the dashboard don't panic which

337

00:13:39,910 --> 00:13:36,560

is an homage to hitchhiker's guide to

338

00:13:42,389 --> 00:13:39,920

the galaxy and elon musk says yes there

339

00:13:44,949 --> 00:13:42,399

is a towel in the glove box for those

340

00:13:48,790 --> 00:13:47,910

while this is a lot of fun it actually

341

00:13:50,949 --> 00:13:48,800

makes

342

00:13:52,389 --> 00:13:50,959

for a really interesting point in our

343

00:13:54,470 --> 00:13:52,399

history of space

344

00:13:57,350 --> 00:13:54,480

because right now

345

00:13:58,550 --> 00:13:57,360

the most powerful launch vehicle on the

346

00:14:01,670 --> 00:13:58,560

planet

347

00:14:04,949 --> 00:14:01,680

is not from a nationalized space agency

348

00:14:06,629 --> 00:14:04,959

but it's from a commercial space company

349

00:14:09,430 --> 00:14:06,639

and that's

350

00:14:11,670 --> 00:14:09,440

that's a new era in in space flight all

351
00:14:13,990 --> 00:14:11,680
right now of course you know uh nasa has

352
00:14:15,189 --> 00:14:14,000
planned the sls which will be more

353
00:14:17,350 --> 00:14:15,199
powerful in the falcon heavy when it

354
00:14:19,910 --> 00:14:17,360
when it goes but

355
00:14:21,189 --> 00:14:19,920
for now spacex has the most powerful

356
00:14:22,470 --> 00:14:21,199
launch vehicle

357
00:14:24,629 --> 00:14:22,480
and if you want to get something heavy

358
00:14:26,470 --> 00:14:24,639
into space they're the people to go to

359
00:14:28,949 --> 00:14:26,480
so this um

360
00:14:30,949 --> 00:14:28,959
i love the audacity of elon musk and i

361
00:14:34,230 --> 00:14:30,959
love that he has a sense of humor so

362
00:14:37,990 --> 00:14:36,389
all right so yeah i'm not exactly sure

363
00:14:39,750 --> 00:14:38,000

the timing of it it's got to get out

364

00:14:41,910 --> 00:14:39,760

past the van allen belts and then the

365

00:14:43,590 --> 00:14:41,920

second stage will fire

366

00:14:46,629 --> 00:14:43,600

and try to put it into orbit around the

367

00:14:49,750 --> 00:14:46,639

sun that goes out to the orbit of mars

368

00:14:52,069 --> 00:14:49,760

so we'll have a tesla roadster orbiting

369

00:14:55,030 --> 00:14:52,079

uh driving around the solar system you

370

00:14:58,470 --> 00:14:55,040

know sort of like interplanetary nascar

371

00:15:00,470 --> 00:14:58,480

um but it's only a one-vehicle race

372

00:15:02,150 --> 00:15:00,480

and actually it it's it'll it'll a

373

00:15:04,150 --> 00:15:02,160

little trial it'll have quite some some

374

00:15:09,829 --> 00:15:04,160

frequent flyer miles um but it's still

375

00:15:09,839 --> 00:15:14,150

you want to go back where here

376

00:15:18,150 --> 00:15:15,030

that

377

00:15:23,030 --> 00:15:18,160

it's available on the internet because

378

00:15:26,870 --> 00:15:24,310

okay

379

00:15:28,710 --> 00:15:26,880

our final story for tonight

380

00:15:31,269 --> 00:15:28,720

um you have to imagine that the falcon

381

00:15:33,590 --> 00:15:31,279

heavy could not only go interplanetary

382

00:15:35,110 --> 00:15:33,600

but could go interstellar

383

00:15:38,790 --> 00:15:35,120

all right and could

384

00:15:41,750 --> 00:15:38,800

shift wavelengths all right um our um

385

00:15:43,829 --> 00:15:41,760

outreach program uh is now called the

386

00:15:46,389 --> 00:15:43,839

universe of learning nasa's universe of

387

00:15:48,389 --> 00:15:46,399

learning we used to be funded as the

388

00:15:50,230 --> 00:15:48,399

hubble outreach program or the james

389

00:15:52,550 --> 00:15:50,240

webb spa outreach program the spitzer

390

00:15:53,910 --> 00:15:52,560

outreach program or the chandra x-ray

391

00:15:56,310 --> 00:15:53,920

observatory outreach program they were

392

00:15:59,110 --> 00:15:56,320

associated with emissions well nasa

393

00:16:02,230 --> 00:15:59,120

refunded things in a

394

00:16:04,710 --> 00:16:02,240

multi-mission way where our outreach is

395

00:16:07,030 --> 00:16:04,720

about the astronomy and it covers all

396

00:16:08,470 --> 00:16:07,040

the various wavelengths and so for

397

00:16:10,550 --> 00:16:08,480

example one of the things we've been

398

00:16:11,990 --> 00:16:10,560

doing for years um and actually the

399

00:16:14,949 --> 00:16:12,000

spitzer folks have been doing a lot of

400

00:16:16,550 --> 00:16:14,959

too is doing sort of a slider here where

401

00:16:18,629 --> 00:16:16,560

you can slide from the

402

00:16:20,389 --> 00:16:18,639

visible light view on the left to the

403

00:16:22,470 --> 00:16:20,399

infrared view on the right and as you

404

00:16:25,110 --> 00:16:22,480

move that slider across the screen it

405

00:16:26,710 --> 00:16:25,120

goes it shows you how how the universe

406

00:16:29,110 --> 00:16:26,720

looks invisible and infrared and we

407

00:16:31,829 --> 00:16:29,120

found this to be a very powerful thing

408

00:16:33,189 --> 00:16:31,839

to do all right but you know that's

409

00:16:35,269 --> 00:16:33,199

doing it in

410

00:16:37,110 --> 00:16:35,279

two dimensions

411

00:16:40,230 --> 00:16:37,120

we wanted to take

412

00:16:41,590 --> 00:16:40,240

these two images of the orion nebula

413

00:16:43,670 --> 00:16:41,600

on the left from the hubble space

414

00:16:46,470 --> 00:16:43,680

telescope and on the right from the

415

00:16:48,550 --> 00:16:46,480

spitzer space telescope and we wanted to

416

00:16:50,629 --> 00:16:48,560

do that same thing

417

00:16:52,870 --> 00:16:50,639

in 3d

418

00:16:55,110 --> 00:16:52,880

so one thing you notice automatically is

419

00:16:57,749 --> 00:16:55,120

that the spitzer image covers a much

420

00:17:00,230 --> 00:16:57,759

larger area it's infrared radiation

421

00:17:02,230 --> 00:17:00,240

which comes from cooler gas which is

422

00:17:03,910 --> 00:17:02,240

spreads out further in the nebula you

423

00:17:06,230 --> 00:17:03,920

can actually see the whole bowl of the

424

00:17:09,350 --> 00:17:06,240

orion nebula over there

425

00:17:11,110 --> 00:17:09,360

there's also more stars in the infrared

426
00:17:12,309 --> 00:17:11,120
because you're seeing the fainter cooler

427
00:17:15,510 --> 00:17:12,319
stars

428
00:17:17,189 --> 00:17:15,520
that only shine mostly in the infrared

429
00:17:19,750 --> 00:17:17,199
but when you get down into the detail

430
00:17:21,429 --> 00:17:19,760
hubble has higher resolution and you can

431
00:17:24,069 --> 00:17:21,439
see those bow shocks and those

432
00:17:24,949 --> 00:17:24,079
protoplanetary disks and all sorts of

433
00:17:27,029 --> 00:17:24,959
cool

434
00:17:28,069 --> 00:17:27,039
fine-grained structures and hubble of

435
00:17:29,590 --> 00:17:28,079
course you can't see it at this

436
00:17:31,190 --> 00:17:29,600
resolution

437
00:17:33,830 --> 00:17:31,200
but you'll see it in a second

438
00:17:36,470 --> 00:17:33,840

that you can't see in spitzer so what we

439

00:17:38,950 --> 00:17:36,480

did is we built a model of the orion

440

00:17:40,630 --> 00:17:38,960

nebula for the imax film hubble 3d

441

00:17:43,190 --> 00:17:40,640

using visible light

442

00:17:46,150 --> 00:17:43,200

then we rebuilt the model using the

443

00:17:47,430 --> 00:17:46,160

spitzer data in infrared

444

00:17:49,510 --> 00:17:47,440

and then

445

00:17:50,950 --> 00:17:49,520

we're going to fly you into it so uh

446

00:17:52,470 --> 00:17:50,960

thomas can we take the lights down a

447

00:17:58,220 --> 00:17:52,480

little bit

448

00:19:30,950 --> 00:19:18,200

[Music]

449

00:19:30,960 --> 00:19:55,030

so

450

00:20:29,990 --> 00:20:09,840

[Music]

451
00:20:40,210 --> 00:20:30,000
[Applause]

452
00:20:41,620 --> 00:20:40,220
[Music]

453
00:20:41,840 --> 00:20:41,630
[Applause]

454
00:20:58,220 --> 00:20:41,850
[Music]

455
00:21:05,029 --> 00:20:58,230
laughs

456
00:21:10,310 --> 00:21:07,029
so we thought that was a considerable

457
00:21:12,710 --> 00:21:10,320
success being able to show you in 3d

458
00:21:14,390 --> 00:21:12,720
that what it looks like from the hubble

459
00:21:16,710 --> 00:21:14,400
visible light image what it looks like

460
00:21:18,789 --> 00:21:16,720
in the this the spitzer infrared image

461
00:21:21,270 --> 00:21:18,799
and you get a real feel for the

462
00:21:24,230 --> 00:21:21,280
different structures that we see and

463
00:21:25,830 --> 00:21:24,240

inherently the value of multi-wavelength

464

00:21:28,630 --> 00:21:25,840

astronomy

465

00:21:30,390 --> 00:21:28,640

all right so now we go to our featured

466

00:21:32,390 --> 00:21:30,400

speaker tonight

467

00:21:35,990 --> 00:21:32,400

and our featured speaker is hannah

468

00:21:38,310 --> 00:21:36,000

wakeford um she got her let's see let me

469

00:21:41,110 --> 00:21:38,320

just find things all right she got her

470

00:21:42,950 --> 00:21:41,120

phd in physics from the university of

471

00:21:43,990 --> 00:21:42,960

exeter

472

00:21:46,950 --> 00:21:44,000

previous to that you were at the

473

00:21:48,870 --> 00:21:46,960

university of wales in some city that

474

00:21:50,950 --> 00:21:48,880

i'm not sure i can pronounce so you'll

475

00:21:52,950 --> 00:21:50,960

switch yeah you'll have to you'll have

476

00:21:53,750 --> 00:21:52,960

to pronounce it yourself okay

477

00:21:56,390 --> 00:21:53,760

um

478

00:22:00,390 --> 00:21:56,400

and she also worked at the university

479

00:22:03,270 --> 00:22:00,400

center in svalbard in the arctic at 78

480

00:22:04,950 --> 00:22:03,280

degrees north latitude

481

00:22:07,350 --> 00:22:04,960

yeah that's further north than i'm sure

482

00:22:09,190 --> 00:22:07,360

most ever anybody of us have ever been

483

00:22:12,230 --> 00:22:09,200

she can tell you about that if you

484

00:22:14,390 --> 00:22:12,240

thought it was cold here last week no

485

00:22:17,510 --> 00:22:14,400

you don't know cold

486

00:22:20,630 --> 00:22:17,520

she has worked at the nasa goddard space

487

00:22:23,190 --> 00:22:20,640

flight center as a nasa post doctoral

488

00:22:27,510 --> 00:22:23,200

fellow after getting her phd and she

489

00:22:30,789 --> 00:22:27,520

came here as the 2017 giacone fellow

490

00:22:32,950 --> 00:22:30,799

um here and one of the most important

491

00:22:35,830 --> 00:22:32,960

things is that she has extensive

492

00:22:38,710 --> 00:22:35,840

experience in public outreach uh working

493

00:22:41,270 --> 00:22:38,720

on a podcast called exocast about

494

00:22:45,110 --> 00:22:41,280

exoplanets as you might guess

495

00:22:47,750 --> 00:22:45,120

as well as writing a blog called

496

00:22:49,990 --> 00:22:47,760

stellar planet all right

497

00:22:51,830 --> 00:22:50,000

and she can tell you more about that but

498

00:22:53,029 --> 00:22:51,840

i'm looking forward to seeing how she

499

00:22:54,390 --> 00:22:53,039

performs

500

00:23:03,750 --> 00:22:54,400

the hearing aid tonight

501
00:23:07,350 --> 00:23:05,350
let me just switch this over for

502
00:23:13,750 --> 00:23:07,360
everybody and you can watch me type in

503
00:23:18,149 --> 00:23:16,230
okay

504
00:23:21,990 --> 00:23:18,159
well all right then

505
00:23:24,070 --> 00:23:22,000
hello everybody this is a great crowd

506
00:23:25,909 --> 00:23:24,080
brilliant loving it

507
00:23:27,190 --> 00:23:25,919
so i'm going to take you on a little bit

508
00:23:28,310 --> 00:23:27,200
of a journey

509
00:23:29,750 --> 00:23:28,320
across

510
00:23:31,669 --> 00:23:29,760
our galaxy

511
00:23:35,029 --> 00:23:31,679
through different worlds and looking at

512
00:23:37,110 --> 00:23:35,039
some of the wildest weather that we have

513
00:23:40,549 --> 00:23:37,120

actually been able to

514

00:23:42,070 --> 00:23:40,559

look at and understand

515

00:23:44,149 --> 00:23:42,080

i'm going to start our journey a little

516

00:23:46,149 --> 00:23:44,159

bit closer to home

517

00:23:48,390 --> 00:23:46,159

this is our wonderful solar system to

518

00:23:52,310 --> 00:23:48,400

scale and i love this picture because it

519

00:23:55,029 --> 00:23:52,320

really puts a good perspective on our

520

00:23:56,710 --> 00:23:55,039

planets and ourself

521

00:23:58,310 --> 00:23:56,720

right down here

522

00:24:02,630 --> 00:23:58,320

tiny little dot

523

00:24:04,390 --> 00:24:02,640

poor pluto and the plutoids out there

524

00:24:07,590 --> 00:24:04,400

this really kind of this is our solar

525

00:24:09,190 --> 00:24:07,600

system encapsulated in a single image

526
00:24:11,350 --> 00:24:09,200
and i'm going to take you through what

527
00:24:13,350 --> 00:24:11,360
makes up these planets what's really

528
00:24:15,029 --> 00:24:13,360
interesting about these planets

529
00:24:17,190 --> 00:24:15,039
and

530
00:24:19,110 --> 00:24:17,200
where weather comes from

531
00:24:21,510 --> 00:24:19,120
now you can't have weather without a

532
00:24:25,190 --> 00:24:21,520
little bit of gas

533
00:24:27,990 --> 00:24:25,200
mercury has really only got a little bit

534
00:24:31,029 --> 00:24:28,000
of gas mercury's weather comes from when

535
00:24:33,110 --> 00:24:31,039
the sun bombards it with particles

536
00:24:35,510 --> 00:24:33,120
the sun's uh

537
00:24:37,830 --> 00:24:35,520
particles come out in the solar wind and

538
00:24:39,669 --> 00:24:37,840

they hit the surface of mercury there's

539

00:24:41,669 --> 00:24:39,679

nothing getting in the way of that just

540

00:24:43,190 --> 00:24:41,679

slams into the surface

541

00:24:45,430 --> 00:24:43,200

that actually then causes other

542

00:24:48,310 --> 00:24:45,440

particles to be lifted up from the rock

543

00:24:50,470 --> 00:24:48,320

and that forms mercury's atmosphere it's

544

00:24:53,669 --> 00:24:50,480

not permanent it's very intermittent it

545

00:24:55,669 --> 00:24:53,679

only happens it only has this gas around

546

00:24:57,750 --> 00:24:55,679

mercury at very specific points where

547

00:25:00,789 --> 00:24:57,760

the solar wind has hit it

548

00:25:02,149 --> 00:25:00,799

we don't really call that an atmosphere

549

00:25:03,669 --> 00:25:02,159

so it doesn't

550

00:25:06,070 --> 00:25:03,679

really have weather

551

00:25:10,149 --> 00:25:06,080

what mercury has is the sun's weather

552

00:25:12,710 --> 00:25:10,159

and it lives inside the sun's atmosphere

553

00:25:15,590 --> 00:25:12,720

venus on the other hand has something

554

00:25:19,190 --> 00:25:15,600

very very different

555

00:25:21,590 --> 00:25:19,200

venus has an atmosphere which contains

556

00:25:23,590 --> 00:25:21,600

lots of different materials

557

00:25:25,590 --> 00:25:23,600

but it's one of the smallest percentages

558

00:25:29,190 --> 00:25:25,600

of these materials

559

00:25:32,230 --> 00:25:29,200

this so2 sulfuric acid

560

00:25:35,669 --> 00:25:32,240

that causes the most trouble for venus

561

00:25:38,789 --> 00:25:35,679

this is a gorgeous image of venus from

562

00:25:40,470 --> 00:25:38,799

the jaxa the japanese space agency

563

00:25:42,789 --> 00:25:40,480

satellite which is an orbit around it

564

00:25:45,510 --> 00:25:42,799

now called atkasuki

565

00:25:48,310 --> 00:25:45,520

and if i just take a next look at that

566

00:25:49,990 --> 00:25:48,320

we can zoom in on these cloud structures

567

00:25:52,470 --> 00:25:50,000

that you have in the atmosphere this

568

00:25:55,029 --> 00:25:52,480

image is taken in the infrared and what

569

00:25:59,029 --> 00:25:55,039

you're seeing from those dark bits there

570

00:26:00,950 --> 00:25:59,039

is this sulfuric acid in the atmosphere

571

00:26:04,070 --> 00:26:00,960

it extends

572

00:26:05,710 --> 00:26:04,080

for hundreds of kilometers

573

00:26:07,909 --> 00:26:05,720

it makes up

574

00:26:10,950 --> 00:26:07,919

.015 percent

575

00:26:13,669 --> 00:26:10,960

of the material in the atmosphere

576
00:26:15,510 --> 00:26:13,679
but if we were sitting in the atmosphere

577
00:26:17,190 --> 00:26:15,520
of venus at the same pressure as we're

578
00:26:19,110 --> 00:26:17,200
all feeling right now

579
00:26:21,510 --> 00:26:19,120
a centimeter per square inch

580
00:26:22,830 --> 00:26:21,520
we'd be sitting right in the clouds and

581
00:26:26,630 --> 00:26:22,840
we would have melted

582
00:26:28,870 --> 00:26:26,640
away this stuff is horrible

583
00:26:31,029 --> 00:26:28,880
it would melt through your skin in less

584
00:26:33,750 --> 00:26:31,039
than a minute it would get down to the

585
00:26:35,750 --> 00:26:33,760
bone in two minutes

586
00:26:37,350 --> 00:26:35,760
and there wouldn't be much left of us so

587
00:26:39,350 --> 00:26:37,360
it's incredibly difficult for us to

588
00:26:42,470 --> 00:26:39,360

understand and study venus because it's

589

00:26:43,990 --> 00:26:42,480

such a horrid harsh environment

590

00:26:45,350 --> 00:26:44,000

when you get down to the surface of

591

00:26:47,750 --> 00:26:45,360

venus

592

00:26:49,110 --> 00:26:47,760

it's 90 times the pressure that we feel

593

00:26:50,710 --> 00:26:49,120

here

594

00:26:53,029 --> 00:26:50,720

90 times

595

00:26:54,789 --> 00:26:53,039

that's going down very deep into the

596

00:26:57,590 --> 00:26:54,799

ocean now

597

00:26:58,710 --> 00:26:57,600

humans have scuba dives that deep so the

598

00:26:59,830 --> 00:26:58,720

pressure's not the thing that's going to

599

00:27:02,310 --> 00:26:59,840

kill you and you've got to get through

600

00:27:08,230 --> 00:27:02,320

the sulphuric acid first but it's also

601
00:27:13,510 --> 00:27:11,510
ugly little sister right there

602
00:27:15,909 --> 00:27:13,520
it's not a nice place and that's some

603
00:27:18,149 --> 00:27:15,919
very strange weather

604
00:27:20,470 --> 00:27:18,159
but it's not the strangest in our solar

605
00:27:22,710 --> 00:27:20,480
system some of the strangest phenomenon

606
00:27:24,870 --> 00:27:22,720
that we have aren't permanent like

607
00:27:26,149 --> 00:27:24,880
venus's sulfuric haze that extends

608
00:27:27,830 --> 00:27:26,159
throughout the atmosphere but they're

609
00:27:29,990 --> 00:27:27,840
intermittent they only happen every now

610
00:27:30,870 --> 00:27:30,000
and again and one of these we actually

611
00:27:33,269 --> 00:27:30,880
see

612
00:27:35,110 --> 00:27:33,279
on our neighbor mars

613
00:27:37,909 --> 00:27:35,120

what happens on mars every now and again

614

00:27:40,149 --> 00:27:37,919

is a global dust storm what you're

615

00:27:41,750 --> 00:27:40,159

looking at is two images that were taken

616

00:27:43,669 --> 00:27:41,760

just months apart

617

00:27:45,350 --> 00:27:43,679

one which is nicely labeled for us we

618

00:27:46,789 --> 00:27:45,360

can see all of these different features

619

00:27:48,390 --> 00:27:46,799

on mars

620

00:27:50,950 --> 00:27:48,400

and the next one

621

00:27:53,190 --> 00:27:50,960

just a couple of months later

622

00:27:54,710 --> 00:27:53,200

everything is wiped out you can just see

623

00:27:58,630 --> 00:27:54,720

the shadow

624

00:28:02,070 --> 00:27:58,640

of the edge of this eden region

625

00:28:04,310 --> 00:28:02,080

a global dust storm can encompass mars

626
00:28:06,149 --> 00:28:04,320
in just a week

627
00:28:08,789 --> 00:28:06,159
and we're actually expecting another one

628
00:28:11,350 --> 00:28:08,799
quite soon so i don't know how curiosity

629
00:28:13,269 --> 00:28:11,360
is going to be feeling about that one

630
00:28:15,430 --> 00:28:13,279
but these storms are intermittent and

631
00:28:17,350 --> 00:28:15,440
they go away so

632
00:28:20,230 --> 00:28:17,360
it's a very strange phenomenon that we

633
00:28:21,430 --> 00:28:20,240
don't actually understand it's we think

634
00:28:23,430 --> 00:28:21,440
it's got something to do with the

635
00:28:25,029 --> 00:28:23,440
gravity

636
00:28:26,630 --> 00:28:25,039
but people are still trying to work that

637
00:28:27,830 --> 00:28:26,640
out and it's really great that we've got

638
00:28:29,190 --> 00:28:27,840

these different missions that are going

639

00:28:30,710 --> 00:28:29,200

into orbit around mars and we've got

640

00:28:33,510 --> 00:28:30,720

missions on the surface that can monitor

641

00:28:35,510 --> 00:28:33,520

these long time uh the for a long time

642

00:28:37,830 --> 00:28:35,520

so we can see these

643

00:28:39,990 --> 00:28:37,840

chance occurrences

644

00:28:41,510 --> 00:28:40,000

so that's just another strange thing

645

00:28:43,110 --> 00:28:41,520

those are our terrestrial planets these

646

00:28:45,510 --> 00:28:43,120

are small rocky worlds what happens when

647

00:28:49,110 --> 00:28:45,520

we stick a load of gas on top of that

648

00:28:51,669 --> 00:28:49,120

well you get something like jupiter

649

00:28:53,510 --> 00:28:51,679

isn't that gorgeous i want pictures like

650

00:28:56,070 --> 00:28:53,520

this of everything

651
00:28:58,789 --> 00:28:56,080
this is a beautiful image that was taken

652
00:28:59,750 --> 00:28:58,799
with juno which is currently in orbit

653
00:29:01,029 --> 00:28:59,760
around

654
00:29:02,549 --> 00:29:01,039
jupiter

655
00:29:04,070 --> 00:29:02,559
and you could fit

656
00:29:05,430 --> 00:29:04,080
free earths

657
00:29:08,310 --> 00:29:05,440
in the side

658
00:29:11,029 --> 00:29:08,320
of that storm that is a hurricane the

659
00:29:13,029 --> 00:29:11,039
size of free earth that's hard to

660
00:29:15,269 --> 00:29:13,039
imagine it's not something you can

661
00:29:17,830 --> 00:29:15,279
really put a scale to

662
00:29:19,430 --> 00:29:17,840
to try and help out this is jupiter

663
00:29:21,990 --> 00:29:19,440

looking down at its pole where you can

664

00:29:24,149 --> 00:29:22,000

see these gorgeous vortices this is just

665

00:29:27,909 --> 00:29:24,159

dynamics in action this is fluid

666

00:29:32,149 --> 00:29:27,919

dynamics and it's at its core

667

00:29:34,149 --> 00:29:32,159

and you can fit 11 earths across that

668

00:29:36,230 --> 00:29:34,159

so the storm

669

00:29:38,149 --> 00:29:36,240

around near the equator just south of

670

00:29:39,510 --> 00:29:38,159

the equator on jupiter is three times

671

00:29:41,669 --> 00:29:39,520

the size of the earth

672

00:29:44,870 --> 00:29:41,679

jupiter itself is 11 times the size of

673

00:29:47,029 --> 00:29:44,880

the earth that is a humongous storm you

674

00:29:49,669 --> 00:29:47,039

do not want to be caught in there

675

00:29:51,110 --> 00:29:49,679

not only is it a huge storm but actually

676

00:29:53,029 --> 00:29:51,120

some of the scientific evidence has

677

00:29:55,990 --> 00:29:53,039

shown that it's heating up the

678

00:29:58,230 --> 00:29:56,000

atmosphere above it so the storm itself

679

00:29:59,750 --> 00:29:58,240

is colder than the air that it's

680

00:30:01,350 --> 00:29:59,760

generating above

681

00:30:04,070 --> 00:30:01,360

and that's really interesting for us to

682

00:30:07,430 --> 00:30:04,080

try and understand that this massive

683

00:30:08,389 --> 00:30:07,440

hurricane is generating heat high up in

684

00:30:10,389 --> 00:30:08,399

the atmosphere

685

00:30:12,070 --> 00:30:10,399

how is it transferring that heat and

686

00:30:13,990 --> 00:30:12,080

where's it going afterwards is that

687

00:30:15,669 --> 00:30:14,000

what's sustaining the fact that the

688

00:30:18,070 --> 00:30:15,679

storm is still there

689

00:30:20,310 --> 00:30:18,080

now hubble space telescope images have

690

00:30:23,029 --> 00:30:20,320

shown that this storm is changing size

691

00:30:25,990 --> 00:30:23,039

it's kind of fluctuating but that's over

692

00:30:27,590 --> 00:30:26,000

many years time scale it gets bigger and

693

00:30:29,510 --> 00:30:27,600

smaller and we're like oh it's going

694

00:30:31,110 --> 00:30:29,520

away it's going away and then it comes

695

00:30:34,230 --> 00:30:31,120

back full force and you get a picture

696

00:30:37,110 --> 00:30:34,240

like this which was taken just last year

697

00:30:40,149 --> 00:30:37,120

so it's a truly amazing phenomenon in

698

00:30:45,830 --> 00:30:42,070

but you can see the pole here and i want

699

00:30:48,389 --> 00:30:45,840

you to really focus on that pole

700

00:30:50,389 --> 00:30:48,399

look at all of these gorgeous vortices

701
00:30:53,029 --> 00:30:50,399
look how small some of them are

702
00:30:55,830 --> 00:30:53,039
look at them spiraling down this is the

703
00:30:57,909 --> 00:30:55,840
pole of jupiter if we go to the next

704
00:31:00,149 --> 00:30:57,919
planet saturn

705
00:31:01,750 --> 00:31:00,159
the pole looks very different

706
00:31:03,590 --> 00:31:01,760
there's a strange

707
00:31:05,510 --> 00:31:03,600
giant feature

708
00:31:08,310 --> 00:31:05,520
and if we zoom in

709
00:31:11,029 --> 00:31:08,320
take a look at that

710
00:31:14,230 --> 00:31:11,039
it's formed a beehive shape

711
00:31:16,830 --> 00:31:14,240
nature does this very naturally and it's

712
00:31:18,549 --> 00:31:16,840
all about the way material cools and

713
00:31:20,389 --> 00:31:18,559

expands

714

00:31:22,870 --> 00:31:20,399

but if we zoom in even further we can

715

00:31:24,870 --> 00:31:22,880

see that there's this hurricane right at

716

00:31:26,710 --> 00:31:24,880

the center we didn't see that on jupiter

717

00:31:29,669 --> 00:31:26,720

there wasn't this central

718

00:31:31,909 --> 00:31:29,679

storm this vortex in the center of the

719

00:31:33,269 --> 00:31:31,919

pole like we would expect everything

720

00:31:35,269 --> 00:31:33,279

spinning around there was lots of them

721

00:31:38,149 --> 00:31:35,279

lots of little bowls

722

00:31:41,750 --> 00:31:38,159

here we've got this ginormous storm

723

00:31:43,269 --> 00:31:41,760

right at the pole of saturn inside this

724

00:31:44,630 --> 00:31:43,279

weird

725

00:31:47,029 --> 00:31:44,640

shape

726

00:31:48,389 --> 00:31:47,039

and that really threw people for a while

727

00:31:51,269 --> 00:31:48,399

we're trying to still work on

728

00:31:53,029 --> 00:31:51,279

simulations to see why this is forming

729

00:31:55,669 --> 00:31:53,039

what temperature the material would have

730

00:31:57,430 --> 00:31:55,679

to be what would it be made of to form

731

00:31:58,789 --> 00:31:57,440

this perfect shape

732

00:32:01,430 --> 00:31:58,799

and this came from the cassini

733

00:32:03,509 --> 00:32:01,440

spacecraft

734

00:32:06,549 --> 00:32:03,519

these are modified colors so this is

735

00:32:08,470 --> 00:32:06,559

infrared image this is an optical image

736

00:32:10,870 --> 00:32:08,480

and this is very much modified the blue

737

00:32:12,950 --> 00:32:10,880

that you see there actually is the rings

738

00:32:14,549 --> 00:32:12,960

so we're looking at a slant edge there

739

00:32:16,789 --> 00:32:14,559

and you're seeing the rings in the

740

00:32:19,909 --> 00:32:16,799

distance in this image so these are all

741

00:32:21,750 --> 00:32:19,919

enhanced color images of saturn

742

00:32:25,830 --> 00:32:21,760

this one's a little bit closer to the

743

00:32:28,070 --> 00:32:26,710

but

744

00:32:31,110 --> 00:32:28,080

that's not the coolest place in our

745

00:32:31,990 --> 00:32:31,120

solar system i'm biased but the coolest

746

00:32:34,230 --> 00:32:32,000

place

747

00:32:35,590 --> 00:32:34,240

is neptune

748

00:32:39,350 --> 00:32:35,600

neptune

749

00:32:43,750 --> 00:32:39,360

has winds that reach up to 13

750

00:32:48,070 --> 00:32:43,760

well 1300 miles per hour

751

00:32:49,590 --> 00:32:48,080

1 300 miles per hour and that's what

752

00:32:52,630 --> 00:32:49,600

you're seeing here this image was taken

753

00:32:54,870 --> 00:32:52,640

by voyager 2 when it went past and it

754

00:32:56,870 --> 00:32:54,880

took this image i'm

755

00:32:57,990 --> 00:32:56,880

not ashamed to say just two months after

756

00:32:59,750 --> 00:32:58,000

i was born

757

00:33:02,549 --> 00:32:59,760

um

758

00:33:05,509 --> 00:33:02,559

i'm as old as this images

759

00:33:09,590 --> 00:33:05,519

and it's a fantastic picture of our most

760

00:33:10,870 --> 00:33:09,600

distant giant neptune is an ice giant

761

00:33:13,110 --> 00:33:10,880

and these

762

00:33:15,750 --> 00:33:13,120

this cloud that we're seeing here that

763

00:33:18,789 --> 00:33:15,760

is solid ammonia particles in the

764

00:33:21,509 --> 00:33:18,799

atmosphere it's so cold out there almost

765

00:33:24,870 --> 00:33:21,519

everything freezes and these storms are

766

00:33:27,430 --> 00:33:24,880

whipping around the planet at whopping

767

00:33:29,750 --> 00:33:27,440

speeds those are the fastest winds in

768

00:33:31,830 --> 00:33:29,760

the solar system can't get faster than

769

00:33:32,789 --> 00:33:31,840

that

770

00:33:34,950 --> 00:33:32,799

but

771

00:33:37,430 --> 00:33:34,960

that's just our solar system that's a

772

00:33:39,509 --> 00:33:37,440

statistic of one

773

00:33:41,669 --> 00:33:39,519

we can't deal with that in astronomy we

774

00:33:43,590 --> 00:33:41,679

want lots of things we need to start

775

00:33:45,750 --> 00:33:43,600

looking at all of the other stars what

776

00:33:49,110 --> 00:33:45,760

else is out there what other kind of

777

00:33:50,870 --> 00:33:49,120

phenomena have we not discovered yet

778

00:33:53,350 --> 00:33:50,880

so

779

00:33:56,149 --> 00:33:53,360

how about that

780

00:33:57,350 --> 00:33:56,159

that's just a artist's impression of

781

00:33:59,430 --> 00:33:57,360

just a

782

00:34:02,389 --> 00:33:59,440

handful of the planets that have been

783

00:34:06,070 --> 00:34:02,399

discovered in the last two decades

784

00:34:07,830 --> 00:34:06,080

there are now over 4 000 planets that

785

00:34:10,550 --> 00:34:07,840

have been discovered outside of our

786

00:34:12,470 --> 00:34:10,560

solar system orbiting other stars if you

787

00:34:15,669 --> 00:34:12,480

look up in the night sky

788

00:34:18,149 --> 00:34:15,679

over 50 of them will have planets

789

00:34:20,869 --> 00:34:18,159

and those are just the ones we can see

790

00:34:24,230 --> 00:34:20,879

the stars that we can't see have planets

791

00:34:26,470 --> 00:34:24,240

that number in the billions more planets

792

00:34:27,990 --> 00:34:26,480

than there are stars and we're just

793

00:34:29,349 --> 00:34:28,000

trying to look for them and trying to

794

00:34:31,109 --> 00:34:29,359

understand them

795

00:34:33,349 --> 00:34:31,119

that really helps us try and understand

796

00:34:35,349 --> 00:34:33,359

our own solar system

797

00:34:37,589 --> 00:34:35,359

now there's very few graphs in this talk

798

00:34:39,510 --> 00:34:37,599

but allow me a couple

799

00:34:41,909 --> 00:34:39,520

this is telling you

800

00:34:43,829 --> 00:34:41,919

the planets that have been discovered

801
00:34:46,230 --> 00:34:43,839
at the bottom is their separation from

802
00:34:48,389 --> 00:34:46,240
their star so how far away they are they

803
00:34:50,149 --> 00:34:48,399
are from their star and up the side is

804
00:34:51,109 --> 00:34:50,159
the size of those planets the mass of

805
00:34:53,589 --> 00:34:51,119
them

806
00:34:55,909 --> 00:34:53,599
now to put this in context i dump the

807
00:34:57,430 --> 00:34:55,919
solar system on top of it for you

808
00:34:59,430 --> 00:34:57,440
so we've got jupiter up there and

809
00:35:01,589 --> 00:34:59,440
amongst those blue triangles

810
00:35:03,510 --> 00:35:01,599
we've got saturn uranus and neptune out

811
00:35:05,510 --> 00:35:03,520
there there's nothing really that we've

812
00:35:08,950 --> 00:35:05,520
discovered in that that space in the

813
00:35:10,630 --> 00:35:08,960

diagram and we've got earth down here

814

00:35:12,870 --> 00:35:10,640

now the reason why we haven't discovered

815

00:35:14,550 --> 00:35:12,880

anything in these portions is purely to

816

00:35:16,950 --> 00:35:14,560

do with the techniques that we use and

817

00:35:18,790 --> 00:35:16,960

the ability of our instruments it's not

818

00:35:21,109 --> 00:35:18,800

that they're not there it's that it's

819

00:35:22,390 --> 00:35:21,119

really difficult to find them

820

00:35:24,870 --> 00:35:22,400

and that's a little bit of a problem

821

00:35:26,630 --> 00:35:24,880

that we're trying to work out

822

00:35:28,230 --> 00:35:26,640

but what you're seeing here in red are

823

00:35:31,109 --> 00:35:28,240

these transits and if you've heard about

824

00:35:33,670 --> 00:35:31,119

the kepler mission kepler was

825

00:35:35,109 --> 00:35:33,680

a beauty it was so prolific at finding

826

00:35:37,030 --> 00:35:35,119

these planets we're still trying to work

827

00:35:39,910 --> 00:35:37,040

out if some of them were real it has in

828

00:35:41,990 --> 00:35:39,920

its catalogue thousands more candidate

829

00:35:44,069 --> 00:35:42,000

worlds that people on the ground are

830

00:35:46,710 --> 00:35:44,079

doing observations of right now trying

831

00:35:48,950 --> 00:35:46,720

to work out if those are real planets

832

00:35:50,630 --> 00:35:48,960

orbiting other stars so this number is

833

00:35:52,230 --> 00:35:50,640

just going to keep going up this isn't

834

00:35:54,870 --> 00:35:52,240

steady this isn't everything this is

835

00:35:56,470 --> 00:35:54,880

just a tiny fraction of what is out

836

00:35:58,550 --> 00:35:56,480

there

837

00:36:01,349 --> 00:35:58,560

but what i want you to focus on is this

838

00:36:04,230 --> 00:36:01,359

corner up here away from jupiter in a

839

00:36:06,870 --> 00:36:04,240

very strange parameter space

840

00:36:07,829 --> 00:36:06,880

in this corner of the diagram we are so

841

00:36:12,950 --> 00:36:07,839

close

842

00:36:15,349 --> 00:36:12,960

than the earth is to the sun

843

00:36:19,109 --> 00:36:15,359

that's even eight times closer to their

844

00:36:20,710 --> 00:36:19,119

stars than mercury is to our sun

845

00:36:24,230 --> 00:36:20,720

and we just said that the sun is

846

00:36:27,589 --> 00:36:24,240

bombarding mercury's surface with huge

847

00:36:31,109 --> 00:36:27,599

amounts of radiation and particles

848

00:36:33,589 --> 00:36:31,119

mercury sits inside the sun's atmosphere

849

00:36:36,390 --> 00:36:33,599

these are eight times closer to their

850

00:36:39,190 --> 00:36:36,400

star than mercury is

851
00:36:41,270 --> 00:36:39,200
but also the ones at the top here

852
00:36:43,670 --> 00:36:41,280
they're as big as jupiter

853
00:36:46,230 --> 00:36:43,680
take jupiter that 11 times the size of

854
00:36:47,510 --> 00:36:46,240
the earth planet and stick it right next

855
00:36:49,670 --> 00:36:47,520
to the sun

856
00:36:51,430 --> 00:36:49,680
that's what we're seeing here in this

857
00:36:54,870 --> 00:36:51,440
top corner this is showing us that there

858
00:36:56,870 --> 00:36:54,880
are these giant jupiter-sized worlds

859
00:36:57,829 --> 00:36:56,880
now to put that in context in something

860
00:36:59,829 --> 00:36:57,839
that

861
00:37:01,910 --> 00:36:59,839
you can go home and you can visualize

862
00:37:03,589 --> 00:37:01,920
and try and understand

863
00:37:06,870 --> 00:37:03,599

i want you to imagine that the earth was

864

00:37:11,670 --> 00:37:08,390

now on this scale

865

00:37:13,670 --> 00:37:11,680

if we had our nice jupiter 11 times that

866

00:37:16,470 --> 00:37:13,680

size it would be about the size of an

867

00:37:20,790 --> 00:37:18,630

some of these are bigger than jupiter

868

00:37:23,430 --> 00:37:20,800

you can see that they go all the way up

869

00:37:29,670 --> 00:37:23,440

here

870

00:37:32,150 --> 00:37:29,680

are the size of a large watermelon

871

00:37:33,910 --> 00:37:32,160

they're huge compared to what we have in

872

00:37:35,430 --> 00:37:33,920

our solar system now you'll be

873

00:37:38,069 --> 00:37:35,440

hard-pressed to find such a beautifully

874

00:37:41,030 --> 00:37:38,079

spherical watermelon but if you could

875

00:37:45,190 --> 00:37:43,270

it's a little bit crazy

876

00:37:47,270 --> 00:37:45,200

i find this is a very helpful i call it

877

00:37:49,430 --> 00:37:47,280

my fruit basket of planets

878

00:37:51,109 --> 00:37:49,440

the the neptune ones if you wanted to

879

00:37:53,750 --> 00:37:51,119

look for something this size that'd be

880

00:37:55,030 --> 00:37:53,760

about the size of a plum nice purple

881

00:37:58,150 --> 00:37:55,040

world

882

00:37:59,510 --> 00:37:58,160

and those are actually if you look here

883

00:38:01,510 --> 00:37:59,520

most of the planets that have been

884

00:38:03,910 --> 00:38:01,520

discovered are these neptune-sized

885

00:38:05,990 --> 00:38:03,920

worlds neptune is four times the size of

886

00:38:08,390 --> 00:38:06,000

the earth and most of the planets that

887

00:38:10,390 --> 00:38:08,400

have been discovered are neptune-sized

888

00:38:11,829 --> 00:38:10,400

worlds or something that is slightly

889

00:38:13,750 --> 00:38:11,839

smaller and something we don't have in

890

00:38:15,349 --> 00:38:13,760

our solar system to compare to so

891

00:38:18,630 --> 00:38:15,359

there's a lot out there that we really

892

00:38:19,670 --> 00:38:18,640

don't understand yet

893

00:38:21,190 --> 00:38:19,680

but

894

00:38:22,550 --> 00:38:21,200

how do we take this further this is just

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00:38:25,109 --> 00:38:22,560

telling us numbers this is just telling

896

00:38:26,630 --> 00:38:25,119

us there are other planets out there

897

00:38:29,030 --> 00:38:26,640

we want to look a little bit closer we

898

00:38:31,030 --> 00:38:29,040

want to try and understand those worlds

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00:38:32,390 --> 00:38:31,040

now what i'm showing you here is how we

900

00:38:34,550 --> 00:38:32,400

do that

901
00:38:38,470 --> 00:38:34,560

we look for the light

902
00:38:40,390 --> 00:38:38,480

that has come directly from that planet

903
00:38:41,990 --> 00:38:40,400

so we're seeing the emission from that

904
00:38:43,750 --> 00:38:42,000

planet itself

905
00:38:46,470 --> 00:38:43,760

ignoring the star

906
00:38:48,630 --> 00:38:46,480

or we're looking at the starlight

907
00:38:50,069 --> 00:38:48,640

that has shone through that atmosphere

908
00:38:51,829 --> 00:38:50,079

before reaching us and we get an

909
00:38:53,829 --> 00:38:51,839

absorption spectrum

910
00:38:55,750 --> 00:38:53,839

so if that starlight is shining through

911
00:38:57,910 --> 00:38:55,760

that planetary atmosphere anything in

912
00:38:58,710 --> 00:38:57,920

that atmosphere is going to block that

913
00:39:00,950 --> 00:38:58,720

light

914

00:39:03,190 --> 00:39:00,960

and every single molecule has its own

915

00:39:05,990 --> 00:39:03,200

little absorption spectrum its own

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00:39:07,270 --> 00:39:06,000

little pattern and we can look for those

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00:39:08,710 --> 00:39:07,280

it's the same in a mission they've got

918

00:39:09,910 --> 00:39:08,720

their own little patterns that we can

919

00:39:12,310 --> 00:39:09,920

look for

920

00:39:14,150 --> 00:39:12,320

but the amount of light that is put out

921

00:39:16,150 --> 00:39:14,160

by the planet alone is very small so

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00:39:17,750 --> 00:39:16,160

that's very difficult to do

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00:39:19,910 --> 00:39:17,760

this on the other hand

924

00:39:22,790 --> 00:39:19,920

if those that planet is passing directly

925

00:39:24,550 --> 00:39:22,800

in front of that star we can do this

926
00:39:27,349 --> 00:39:24,560
and we can do this by something called

927
00:39:30,069 --> 00:39:27,359
transmission spectroscopy so take

928
00:39:31,510 --> 00:39:30,079
absorption spectrum we are then shining

929
00:39:33,750 --> 00:39:31,520
the light through the atmosphere it

930
00:39:35,589 --> 00:39:33,760
absorbs and transmits the rest of it

931
00:39:37,510 --> 00:39:35,599
which is why it's called a transmission

932
00:39:38,550 --> 00:39:37,520
spectrum rather than the absorption

933
00:39:41,030 --> 00:39:38,560
spectrum

934
00:39:43,349 --> 00:39:41,040
just to confuse everyone

935
00:39:45,430 --> 00:39:43,359
it confuses everyone that isn't an

936
00:39:48,150 --> 00:39:45,440
exoplanet scientist i think we did it on

937
00:39:51,990 --> 00:39:50,230
so what we're doing is we're looking at

938
00:39:54,390 --> 00:39:52,000

that planet as it passes in front of its

939

00:39:56,790 --> 00:39:54,400

star as it as it does it blocks out a

940

00:39:58,630 --> 00:39:56,800

very small amount of that light

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00:40:00,950 --> 00:39:58,640

if we look at that in lots of different

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00:40:03,109 --> 00:40:00,960

wavelengths if we build up our colors we

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00:40:05,510 --> 00:40:03,119

look at it in say

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00:40:07,670 --> 00:40:05,520

i don't know red or blue

945

00:40:09,750 --> 00:40:07,680

we get a different amount of absorption

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00:40:11,910 --> 00:40:09,760

because the atmosphere is going to be

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00:40:14,150 --> 00:40:11,920

absorbing some of that light

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00:40:16,150 --> 00:40:14,160

and then we build up our colors we get

949

00:40:18,550 --> 00:40:16,160

our picture and we start putting it

950

00:40:20,870 --> 00:40:18,560

together and we get the change in the

951
00:40:22,390 --> 00:40:20,880
amount of light blocked by that planet

952
00:40:23,750 --> 00:40:22,400
over different wavelengths over

953
00:40:25,990 --> 00:40:23,760
different colors

954
00:40:27,750 --> 00:40:26,000
and then we can start using some of the

955
00:40:30,550 --> 00:40:27,760
physics that we understand we can use

956
00:40:33,190 --> 00:40:30,560
the spectra each element each molecule

957
00:40:35,349 --> 00:40:33,200
has its unique fingerprint if we piece

958
00:40:36,950 --> 00:40:35,359
that together and try to understand it

959
00:40:38,870 --> 00:40:36,960
we can put a model to that and try and

960
00:40:40,470 --> 00:40:38,880
work out what's in the atmosphere in

961
00:40:43,190 --> 00:40:40,480
this case what it's showing you is some

962
00:40:44,710 --> 00:40:43,200
sodium and potassium there

963
00:40:46,069 --> 00:40:44,720

what you're seeing over here is

964

00:40:48,390 --> 00:40:46,079

something that i recently did with the

965

00:40:50,550 --> 00:40:48,400

hubble space telescope and you're seeing

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00:40:52,630 --> 00:40:50,560

this slope here from hydrogen and helium

967

00:40:54,790 --> 00:40:52,640

in the atmosphere these are big gassy

968

00:40:56,950 --> 00:40:54,800

worlds mostly hydrogen and helium you're

969

00:40:59,109 --> 00:40:56,960

seeing this sodium absorption this

970

00:41:00,309 --> 00:40:59,119

potassium absorption and most

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00:41:02,230 --> 00:41:00,319

importantly

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00:41:03,990 --> 00:41:02,240

huge amounts of water vapor in the

973

00:41:05,990 --> 00:41:04,000

atmosphere

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00:41:07,829 --> 00:41:06,000

they're so close to their star they're

975

00:41:12,470 --> 00:41:07,839

incredibly hot

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00:41:14,470 --> 00:41:12,480

they're about 1 500 kelvin

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00:41:16,470 --> 00:41:14,480

they're very very hot everything's in

978

00:41:18,309 --> 00:41:16,480

the gas phase so what we found was

979

00:41:19,750 --> 00:41:18,319

there's lots of water none of it's

980

00:41:21,910 --> 00:41:19,760

liquid it's all

981

00:41:27,349 --> 00:41:21,920

happily floating around in the gas these

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00:41:30,950 --> 00:41:27,359

are these are boiling pots of material

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00:41:33,510 --> 00:41:30,960

so that's how we we do that

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00:41:35,910 --> 00:41:33,520

another way of showing this

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00:41:38,550 --> 00:41:35,920

showing this change in depth is showing

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00:41:40,630 --> 00:41:38,560

you how the planet appears to us

987

00:41:42,309 --> 00:41:40,640

what it's doing is it's changing its

988

00:41:43,829 --> 00:41:42,319

relative size it's changing the amount

989

00:41:45,750 --> 00:41:43,839

of light it's blocking out so if you've

990

00:41:47,349 --> 00:41:45,760

got our model and we watch this the

991

00:41:49,510 --> 00:41:47,359

planet looks like it gets bigger and

992

00:41:51,510 --> 00:41:49,520

smaller bigger and smaller as it's

993

00:41:52,790 --> 00:41:51,520

absorbing that light

994

00:41:55,109 --> 00:41:52,800

and that's what we're doing we're

995

00:41:57,190 --> 00:41:55,119

looking for this change in the size of

996

00:41:59,030 --> 00:41:57,200

that planet as you go through all of

997

00:42:00,550 --> 00:41:59,040

those colors

998

00:42:02,470 --> 00:42:00,560

i find that's a very helpful

999

00:42:04,309 --> 00:42:02,480

visualization i even have to go back to

1000

00:42:06,470 --> 00:42:04,319

it every now and again to remember what

1001
00:42:08,390 --> 00:42:06,480
it is we're doing

1002
00:42:10,790 --> 00:42:08,400
so taking all of that

1003
00:42:12,470 --> 00:42:10,800
the techniques that we use

1004
00:42:15,190 --> 00:42:12,480
how do we do that i've already hinted at

1005
00:42:17,270 --> 00:42:15,200
this but we need our eye on that storm

1006
00:42:19,109 --> 00:42:17,280
we need to be looking for this how are

1007
00:42:22,230 --> 00:42:19,119
we doing that

1008
00:42:24,470 --> 00:42:22,240
my favorite workhorse in astronomy the

1009
00:42:27,109 --> 00:42:24,480
hubble space telescope he gave me my phd

1010
00:42:29,109 --> 00:42:27,119
so i'm quite happy with it right now

1011
00:42:31,750 --> 00:42:29,119
the hubble space telescope has been an

1012
00:42:34,069 --> 00:42:31,760
amazing tour de force of looking at

1013
00:42:36,950 --> 00:42:34,079

these exoplanet atmospheres

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00:42:38,230 --> 00:42:36,960

and this is showing you ten different

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00:42:40,950 --> 00:42:38,240

planets

1016

00:42:43,030 --> 00:42:40,960

you can see them happily rotating there

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00:42:44,069 --> 00:42:43,040

these are ten different planets that we

1018

00:42:45,829 --> 00:42:44,079

looked at with the hubble space

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00:42:47,270 --> 00:42:45,839

telescope and we got that spectrum we

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00:42:48,790 --> 00:42:47,280

got those fingerprints from those

1021

00:42:51,270 --> 00:42:48,800

molecules

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00:42:53,109 --> 00:42:51,280

but what we found was that these

1023

00:42:54,230 --> 00:42:53,119

jupiter-sized planets

1024

00:42:58,710 --> 00:42:54,240

all of them

1025

00:43:01,190 --> 00:42:58,720

times closer to their star than we are

1026
00:43:02,950 --> 00:43:01,200
to the sun so we would expect them all

1027
00:43:04,710 --> 00:43:02,960
to be roughly the same

1028
00:43:08,870 --> 00:43:04,720
they're all different of course they are

1029
00:43:13,430 --> 00:43:11,589
we have no clue

1030
00:43:15,510 --> 00:43:13,440
they are all different and what we're

1031
00:43:17,750 --> 00:43:15,520
seeing here is that they go from very

1032
00:43:19,910 --> 00:43:17,760
clear atmospheres so what we would

1033
00:43:21,829 --> 00:43:19,920
expect to be finding all gas phase

1034
00:43:23,430 --> 00:43:21,839
everything's a gas it's so hot it should

1035
00:43:25,829 --> 00:43:23,440
be a gas

1036
00:43:28,230 --> 00:43:25,839
down to these ones which display

1037
00:43:29,829 --> 00:43:28,240
really flat spectra we don't know

1038
00:43:31,030 --> 00:43:29,839

there's something blocking that what is

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00:43:33,030 --> 00:43:31,040

blocking that

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00:43:34,550 --> 00:43:33,040

down to these ones which show these huge

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00:43:36,550 --> 00:43:34,560

slants

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00:43:40,309 --> 00:43:36,560

which shows that things are scattering

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00:43:42,550 --> 00:43:40,319

in the blue end and then in the red end

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00:43:44,630 --> 00:43:42,560

they're not

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00:43:46,470 --> 00:43:44,640

what is happening here what i love about

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00:43:48,390 --> 00:43:46,480

this little animation is that if you

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00:43:50,069 --> 00:43:48,400

watch it carefully you can see that

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00:43:52,230 --> 00:43:50,079

they're all rotating at a different

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00:43:53,990 --> 00:43:52,240

speed

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00:43:57,349 --> 00:43:54,000

and that's because they have different

1051
00:43:59,270 --> 00:43:57,359
orbital periods and their orbital period

1052
00:44:02,390 --> 00:43:59,280
matches

1053
00:44:04,470 --> 00:44:02,400
their their rotation speed

1054
00:44:05,510 --> 00:44:04,480
we have that phenomenon here

1055
00:44:15,109 --> 00:44:05,520
the moon

1056
00:44:17,430 --> 00:44:15,119
these are what is called tidally locked

1057
00:44:19,910 --> 00:44:17,440
to their star they have a permanent

1058
00:44:21,990 --> 00:44:19,920
dayside which is always facing the star

1059
00:44:24,470 --> 00:44:22,000
and a permanent night nightside which is

1060
00:44:27,030 --> 00:44:24,480
always facing away you have

1061
00:44:29,750 --> 00:44:27,040
heat from the star bombarding one side

1062
00:44:31,270 --> 00:44:29,760
and no light at all getting to the other

1063
00:44:33,670 --> 00:44:31,280

side of that planet

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00:44:35,430 --> 00:44:33,680

so that does some very strange things to

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00:44:36,710 --> 00:44:35,440

a planetary atmosphere

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00:44:38,870 --> 00:44:36,720

and i'm going to take you through some

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00:44:40,870 --> 00:44:38,880

of those later

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00:44:42,390 --> 00:44:40,880

but it's not just these 10 planets that

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00:44:43,990 --> 00:44:42,400

we've looked at

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00:44:45,990 --> 00:44:44,000

this is just a smattering of some of the

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00:44:48,150 --> 00:44:46,000

work that i've been doing

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00:44:50,069 --> 00:44:48,160

i've got more now where all of those

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00:44:52,230 --> 00:44:50,079

gaps are so i've got some work ahead of

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00:44:53,829 --> 00:44:52,240

me but what we're finding is that these

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00:44:55,829 --> 00:44:53,839

giant planets

1076
00:44:57,270 --> 00:44:55,839
eighty percent of them show evidence

1077
00:44:58,470 --> 00:44:57,280
that there is water vapor in their

1078
00:45:00,950 --> 00:44:58,480
atmosphere

1079
00:45:02,829 --> 00:45:00,960
we're seeing this fingerprint of water

1080
00:45:06,710 --> 00:45:02,839
gas in the atmosphere of these giant

1081
00:45:09,109 --> 00:45:06,720
planets water is the third most abundant

1082
00:45:11,589 --> 00:45:09,119
molecule in the entire universe it's

1083
00:45:13,270 --> 00:45:11,599
absolutely everywhere we look and we

1084
00:45:15,670 --> 00:45:13,280
need to really understand the balance of

1085
00:45:18,390 --> 00:45:15,680
water in these atmospheres to work out

1086
00:45:20,069 --> 00:45:18,400
where and how they formed

1087
00:45:22,630 --> 00:45:20,079
but unfortunately

1088
00:45:26,230 --> 00:45:22,640

we can't quite get there yet because we

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00:45:28,790 --> 00:45:26,240

can't constrain it a lot of these have

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00:45:30,790 --> 00:45:28,800

very large uncertainties on them

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00:45:33,589 --> 00:45:30,800

that means that we can't

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00:45:36,710 --> 00:45:33,599

precisely measure how much water there

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00:45:39,430 --> 00:45:36,720

is and only roughly five percent of them

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00:45:41,750 --> 00:45:39,440

have this nice precise measurement so

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00:45:44,470 --> 00:45:41,760

that we can work out perhaps where that

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00:45:47,109 --> 00:45:44,480

planet formed

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00:45:48,630 --> 00:45:47,119

enter the james webb space telescope and

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00:45:49,990 --> 00:45:48,640

for those of you who were here at the

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00:45:51,589 --> 00:45:50,000

last one we had a really nice

1100

00:45:52,710 --> 00:45:51,599

presentation on the james webb space

1101
00:45:55,030 --> 00:45:52,720
telescope

1102
00:45:56,230 --> 00:45:55,040
it's going to be launching in spring of

1103
00:45:59,829 --> 00:45:56,240
next year

1104
00:46:01,589 --> 00:45:59,839
and it is going to be a lot larger than

1105
00:46:03,349 --> 00:46:01,599
hubble it's going to be a lot further

1106
00:46:05,109 --> 00:46:03,359
away from the earth so we're not going

1107
00:46:05,990 --> 00:46:05,119
to have the earth's light getting in the

1108
00:46:08,150 --> 00:46:06,000
way

1109
00:46:10,710 --> 00:46:08,160
and it's going to be looking in the

1110
00:46:12,630 --> 00:46:10,720
infrared in a different wavelength

1111
00:46:14,790 --> 00:46:12,640
and what that allows us to do is look

1112
00:46:16,630 --> 00:46:14,800
for different molecules instead of just

1113
00:46:18,950 --> 00:46:16,640

looking at the water that we can see

1114

00:46:21,670 --> 00:46:18,960

here we're also looking for this carbon

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00:46:23,349 --> 00:46:21,680

dioxide in the atmosphere

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00:46:25,589 --> 00:46:23,359

and that's really important for us to

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00:46:27,109 --> 00:46:25,599

understand the balance between oxygen

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00:46:29,109 --> 00:46:27,119

and carbon

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00:46:30,470 --> 00:46:29,119

this is just a simulation that was done

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00:46:32,950 --> 00:46:30,480

by one of my colleagues natasha

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00:46:34,870 --> 00:46:32,960

battaglia and this is simulating the

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00:46:36,870 --> 00:46:34,880

atmosphere of one of those those planets

1123

00:46:40,710 --> 00:46:36,880

that i showed you before we're going to

1124

00:46:43,030 --> 00:46:40,720

get absolutely beautiful precision data

1125

00:46:45,270 --> 00:46:43,040

on these so that we can understand this

1126
00:46:47,349 --> 00:46:45,280
planet's atmosphere where did it come

1127
00:46:49,670 --> 00:46:47,359
from how did it get there what is it

1128
00:46:51,750 --> 00:46:49,680
made of

1129
00:46:53,030 --> 00:46:51,760
now that's not the only one there's

1130
00:46:55,750 --> 00:46:53,040
loads of them that we're going to be

1131
00:46:57,670 --> 00:46:55,760
looking at this is just one from a dd

1132
00:46:59,829 --> 00:46:57,680
director's discretionary early release

1133
00:47:02,069 --> 00:46:59,839
science time that has been awarded to

1134
00:47:03,510 --> 00:47:02,079
the exoplanet transiting community and

1135
00:47:07,670 --> 00:47:03,520
we're going to be getting observations

1136
00:47:09,109 --> 00:47:07,680
of this giant planet called wasp 79b

1137
00:47:12,069 --> 00:47:09,119
great name

1138
00:47:13,349 --> 00:47:12,079

was 79b uh from our observations with

1139

00:47:14,790 --> 00:47:13,359

hubble which are in gray in the

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00:47:16,630 --> 00:47:14,800

background there

1141

00:47:18,630 --> 00:47:16,640

this is what we predict we're going to

1142

00:47:19,990 --> 00:47:18,640

be observing with the james webb space

1143

00:47:23,750 --> 00:47:20,000

telescope

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00:47:26,950 --> 00:47:23,760

amazing precision there on this co and

1145

00:47:28,950 --> 00:47:26,960

co2 features and the water and what you

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00:47:31,190 --> 00:47:28,960

can see here in red is what we

1147

00:47:33,589 --> 00:47:31,200

understand based on hubble data alone

1148

00:47:34,870 --> 00:47:33,599

and then in blue how much better we

1149

00:47:36,069 --> 00:47:34,880

would understand this planet's

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00:47:38,069 --> 00:47:36,079

atmosphere

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00:47:40,150 --> 00:47:38,079

just from adding these observations with

1152

00:47:43,270 --> 00:47:40,160

the james webb space telescope

1153

00:47:45,190 --> 00:47:43,280

so we have a huge amount to learn about

1154

00:47:47,109 --> 00:47:45,200

these exoplanets and it's all going to

1155

00:47:49,589 --> 00:47:47,119

be coming in the next decade we're going

1156

00:47:51,030 --> 00:47:49,599

to know so much more about how planetary

1157

00:47:53,270 --> 00:47:51,040

systems form

1158

00:47:55,030 --> 00:47:53,280

and how a planetary system like our own

1159

00:47:58,230 --> 00:47:55,040

formed

1160

00:48:00,390 --> 00:47:58,240

so that's all to look forward to

1161

00:48:02,550 --> 00:48:00,400

but let's delve into the atmospheres of

1162

00:48:06,630 --> 00:48:02,560

some of these planets a little bit more

1163

00:48:09,190 --> 00:48:06,640

explore some alien worlds with me

1164

00:48:11,190 --> 00:48:09,200

i want you to watch this video

1165

00:48:16,150 --> 00:48:11,200

i want you to tell me

1166

00:48:33,109 --> 00:48:17,670

sunrise

1167

00:48:37,589 --> 00:48:34,470

what you'll notice

1168

00:48:39,510 --> 00:48:37,599

is the colors are remarkably similar

1169

00:48:40,710 --> 00:48:39,520

what i think is immediately apparent is

1170

00:48:42,790 --> 00:48:40,720

that it's a

1171

00:48:44,230 --> 00:48:42,800

bit larger than what we're seeing here

1172

00:48:47,750 --> 00:48:44,240

on the earth

1173

00:48:49,430 --> 00:48:47,760

that is an actual size scale image

1174

00:48:51,270 --> 00:48:49,440

compared to the earth of what the

1175

00:48:52,790 --> 00:48:51,280

sunrise would look like if you were in

1176

00:48:56,390 --> 00:48:52,800

the atmosphere of a planet called

1177

00:49:01,190 --> 00:48:59,030

telephone numbers

1178

00:49:03,430 --> 00:49:01,200

a lot of this audience remember having

1179

00:49:05,589 --> 00:49:03,440

to memorize telephone numbers

1180

00:49:08,710 --> 00:49:05,599

that's what we're doing still

1181

00:49:13,589 --> 00:49:10,870

much like the earth's atmosphere

1182

00:49:15,190 --> 00:49:13,599

scatters all of its light in the blue

1183

00:49:17,910 --> 00:49:15,200

end of the spectrum

1184

00:49:19,109 --> 00:49:17,920

it scatters that light away and if you

1185

00:49:21,349 --> 00:49:19,119

were sitting looking through the

1186

00:49:25,990 --> 00:49:21,359

atmosphere at its star you would see

1187

00:49:28,710 --> 00:49:26,000

this gorgeous red hue across the star

1188

00:49:30,710 --> 00:49:28,720

much like the earth sunset

1189

00:49:33,190 --> 00:49:30,720

you of course on this planet would be 20

1190

00:49:35,910 --> 00:49:33,200

times closer so the star in the sky

1191

00:49:38,230 --> 00:49:35,920

would look a lot bigger

1192

00:49:40,470 --> 00:49:38,240

and also because you're so much closer

1193

00:49:42,950 --> 00:49:40,480

to the star you'd see all of the arrays

1194

00:49:45,829 --> 00:49:42,960

of the colors of a sunset all at once

1195

00:49:48,710 --> 00:49:45,839

so it would be a beautiful spectacle

1196

00:49:49,910 --> 00:49:48,720

now of course another caveat to this

1197

00:49:51,910 --> 00:49:49,920

is that

1198

00:49:54,349 --> 00:49:51,920

you'd be sitting in an atmosphere that

1199

00:49:56,950 --> 00:49:54,359

was at the temperature of

1200

00:49:57,670 --> 00:49:56,960

1200 degrees

1201

00:50:00,309 --> 00:49:57,680

so

1202

00:50:03,349 --> 00:50:00,319

you wouldn't be very happy

1203

00:50:06,870 --> 00:50:03,359

uh you would also be sitting in an

1204

00:50:08,790 --> 00:50:06,880

atmosphere where it's tidally locked so

1205

00:50:11,349 --> 00:50:08,800

the only way you can see the sunset is

1206

00:50:12,870 --> 00:50:11,359

to be sitting specifically at a point on

1207

00:50:15,349 --> 00:50:12,880

the edge of that atmosphere between the

1208

00:50:17,910 --> 00:50:15,359

day and the night

1209

00:50:20,950 --> 00:50:17,920

the boundary between the bright

1210

00:50:23,270 --> 00:50:20,960

sun bombarded dayside and the cold

1211

00:50:25,510 --> 00:50:23,280

frigid lightless night side of this

1212

00:50:30,309 --> 00:50:25,520

planet you'd be looking out at that star

1213

00:50:34,309 --> 00:50:31,990

but that's kind of like the earth it

1214

00:50:37,430 --> 00:50:34,319

scatters it's a bit

1215

00:50:38,829 --> 00:50:37,440

boring sunset we've seen that one before

1216

00:50:40,390 --> 00:50:38,839

what about this

1217

00:50:42,549 --> 00:50:40,400

one

1218

00:50:47,630 --> 00:50:42,559

this is a simulation of a sunset on a

1219

00:50:53,829 --> 00:50:51,670

hd209458b has sodium in its atmosphere

1220

00:50:56,150 --> 00:50:53,839

and it doesn't scatter light like the

1221

00:50:59,109 --> 00:50:56,160

earth's atmosphere it doesn't scatter

1222

00:51:00,950 --> 00:50:59,119

all of this blue light

1223

00:51:03,270 --> 00:51:00,960

it's relatively flat

1224

00:51:04,069 --> 00:51:03,280

but then it's got sodium absorbing that

1225

00:51:06,549 --> 00:51:04,079

light

1226
00:51:09,109 --> 00:51:06,559
now sodium is a nice yellow color street

1227
00:51:10,630 --> 00:51:09,119
lamps are sodium lamps they shine a nice

1228
00:51:16,790 --> 00:51:10,640
orange

1229
00:51:18,549 --> 00:51:16,800
your spectrum

1230
00:51:20,710 --> 00:51:18,559
so it's being absorbed you're not seeing

1231
00:51:21,750 --> 00:51:20,720
that for your sunset so take out that

1232
00:51:23,430 --> 00:51:21,760
orange

1233
00:51:25,990 --> 00:51:23,440
and then see what the sun would look

1234
00:51:27,589 --> 00:51:26,000
like and it would look a nice alien

1235
00:51:30,230 --> 00:51:27,599
green blue

1236
00:51:32,870 --> 00:51:30,240
this is what the sun would look like oh

1237
00:51:35,349 --> 00:51:32,880
the star that hd well i'm going to say

1238
00:51:37,829 --> 00:51:35,359

it wrong hd209458

1239

00:51:38,990 --> 00:51:37,839

is the star the planet is the b

1240

00:51:41,270 --> 00:51:39,000

so this is what

1241

00:51:43,430 --> 00:51:41,280

hg209458 would look like from the

1242

00:51:45,750 --> 00:51:43,440

atmosphere of the planet

1243

00:51:49,190 --> 00:51:45,760

alien green and that's because there's

1244

00:51:51,430 --> 00:51:49,200

sodium in that atmosphere

1245

00:51:53,030 --> 00:51:51,440

absolutely brilliant

1246

00:51:55,430 --> 00:51:53,040

but i want to take you back to this

1247

00:51:56,950 --> 00:51:55,440

boring mundane sunset right now because

1248

00:51:59,670 --> 00:51:56,960

this planet's more interesting than it

1249

00:52:01,190 --> 00:51:59,680

lets it out to be

1250

00:52:03,750 --> 00:52:01,200

this planet

1251
00:52:06,109 --> 00:52:03,760
has shards in the wind

1252
00:52:09,230 --> 00:52:06,119
it is as i said

1253
00:52:15,190 --> 00:52:09,240
1200 degrees

1254
00:52:16,950 --> 00:52:15,200
it is also being bombarded by an active

1255
00:52:19,349 --> 00:52:16,960
star what you're going to see here in

1256
00:52:24,870 --> 00:52:19,359
this video is a flare go off on that

1257
00:52:29,670 --> 00:52:27,190
and this is a simulation that is done

1258
00:52:31,750 --> 00:52:29,680
based on the data down here

1259
00:52:33,349 --> 00:52:31,760
this is showing us that when a flare

1260
00:52:35,589 --> 00:52:33,359
goes off and this was measured with an

1261
00:52:37,589 --> 00:52:35,599
x-ray telescope the flare from the star

1262
00:52:39,589 --> 00:52:37,599
was measured and then the planet was

1263
00:52:42,710 --> 00:52:39,599

looked at during this time

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00:52:45,109 --> 00:52:42,720

using a uv telescope and what it saw was

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00:52:47,030 --> 00:52:45,119

a really big spike in the lyman alpha

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00:52:48,470 --> 00:52:47,040

and that's looking for hydrogen lyman

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00:52:51,270 --> 00:52:48,480

alpha lines are

1268

00:52:53,990 --> 00:52:51,280

created by hydrogen

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00:52:57,109 --> 00:52:54,000

and what we saw was this humongous tail

1270

00:52:59,829 --> 00:52:57,119

of material that had been blasted off of

1271

00:53:02,150 --> 00:52:59,839

this planet's atmosphere by this flare

1272

00:53:05,589 --> 00:53:02,160

from the star

1273

00:53:07,750 --> 00:53:05,599

that's a violent place to be

1274

00:53:09,430 --> 00:53:07,760

not only is it a violent place to be

1275

00:53:12,150 --> 00:53:09,440

because of the star

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00:53:15,750 --> 00:53:12,160

but the winds on this planet remember i

1277

00:53:18,790 --> 00:53:15,760

said neptune's winds 1200

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00:53:20,910 --> 00:53:18,800

miles per hour the winds on this planet

1279

00:53:24,790 --> 00:53:20,920

have been measured to be

1280

00:53:27,750 --> 00:53:24,800

5400 miles per hour

1281

00:53:30,069 --> 00:53:27,760

whipping around that planet's equator in

1282

00:53:32,309 --> 00:53:30,079

a huge band

1283

00:53:34,870 --> 00:53:32,319

speeds that are

1284

00:53:37,109 --> 00:53:34,880

absolutely insane you physically cannot

1285

00:53:39,190 --> 00:53:37,119

imagine them

1286

00:53:41,109 --> 00:53:39,200

but because of the temperature of this

1287

00:53:44,230 --> 00:53:41,119

planet's atmosphere there's another

1288

00:53:47,109 --> 00:53:44,240

issue god it's really a horrible place

1289

00:53:49,030 --> 00:53:47,119

the other issue is that there are clouds

1290

00:53:50,790 --> 00:53:49,040

in this planet's atmosphere

1291

00:53:53,670 --> 00:53:50,800

now the clouds here on earth are made of

1292

00:53:56,150 --> 00:53:53,680

water we like water it's a bit painful

1293

00:53:59,030 --> 00:53:56,160

when it's hitting you and it's hail or

1294

00:54:01,829 --> 00:53:59,040

it's a bit cold when it's snow

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00:54:04,710 --> 00:54:01,839

these clouds are made of magnesium

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00:54:06,950 --> 00:54:04,720

silicates they're made of sand

1297

00:54:07,829 --> 00:54:06,960

but they're not made of

1298

00:54:10,150 --> 00:54:07,839

nice

1299

00:54:11,670 --> 00:54:10,160

beach sand that kind of hurts when it

1300

00:54:15,190 --> 00:54:11,680

blows off the beach

1301

00:54:18,750 --> 00:54:15,200

these are made of molten glass

1302

00:54:23,109 --> 00:54:18,760

and that is flying into you at

1303

00:54:24,390 --> 00:54:23,119

5400 miles per hour horizontal winds of

1304

00:54:27,510 --> 00:54:24,400

molten glass

1305

00:54:28,950 --> 00:54:27,520

over a thousand degrees

1306

00:54:32,470 --> 00:54:28,960

and then every now and again you'll get

1307

00:54:36,710 --> 00:54:32,480

blasted by radiation from the star

1308

00:54:41,589 --> 00:54:39,990

that's just the start of the craziness

1309

00:54:43,190 --> 00:54:41,599

this planet has been studied the most

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00:54:44,950 --> 00:54:43,200

out of almost all of the exoplanets that

1311

00:54:46,150 --> 00:54:44,960

we've been observing so we know quite a

1312

00:54:48,790 --> 00:54:46,160

lot about it

1313

00:54:51,109 --> 00:54:48,800

but there are other really wacky worlds

1314

00:54:54,710 --> 00:54:51,119

out there that we're learning about

1315

00:54:55,790 --> 00:54:54,720

one of them is hg80606b

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00:55:00,470 --> 00:54:55,800

and

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00:55:02,150 --> 00:55:00,480

hd80606b is essentially a jupiter-sized

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00:55:04,470 --> 00:55:02,160

comet

1319

00:55:05,430 --> 00:55:04,480

this is its orbit compared to our solar

1320

00:55:08,230 --> 00:55:05,440

system

1321

00:55:10,790 --> 00:55:08,240

it comes in from up here

1322

00:55:12,390 --> 00:55:10,800

close to where the earth orbits

1323

00:55:14,950 --> 00:55:12,400

so it's

1324

00:55:17,510 --> 00:55:14,960

fairly decent quite nice out there and

1325

00:55:19,829 --> 00:55:17,520

then it whips right down close to its

1326

00:55:23,910 --> 00:55:19,839

star

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00:55:26,630 --> 00:55:23,920

actually goes much much closer

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00:55:28,630 --> 00:55:26,640

and then it slingshots out again and

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00:55:31,190 --> 00:55:28,640

then it comes back down

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00:55:34,390 --> 00:55:31,200

and then it slingshots out again this is

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00:55:37,430 --> 00:55:34,400

a cometary jupiter-sized world can you

1332

00:55:39,589 --> 00:55:37,440

imagine what that does to an atmosphere

1333

00:55:41,750 --> 00:55:39,599

we call this an engineering problem more

1334

00:55:43,109 --> 00:55:41,760

than anything in engineering you hit

1335

00:55:44,549 --> 00:55:43,119

something with a hammer and you wait to

1336

00:55:45,589 --> 00:55:44,559

see how long it takes to go back to

1337

00:55:48,789 --> 00:55:45,599

normal

1338

00:55:50,549 --> 00:55:48,799

the every time this planet orbits gets

1339

00:55:52,470 --> 00:55:50,559

hit by a hammer and we have to wait to

1340

00:55:54,069 --> 00:55:52,480

see how long it goes back to normal and

1341

00:55:56,950 --> 00:55:54,079

actually we've been making those

1342

00:55:59,349 --> 00:55:56,960

observations with the telescopes and we

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00:56:01,670 --> 00:55:59,359

can do that measurement

1344

00:56:04,630 --> 00:56:01,680

by looking at the planet over the course

1345

00:56:07,030 --> 00:56:04,640

of this orbit and looking at how that

1346

00:56:09,510 --> 00:56:07,040

atmosphere is reacting by measuring the

1347

00:56:13,349 --> 00:56:09,520

heat now i don't know if this video is

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00:56:18,150 --> 00:56:16,309

i think it is now and this is a actual

1349

00:56:20,789 --> 00:56:18,160

this is a model of what happens to this

1350

00:56:24,150 --> 00:56:20,799

planet's atmosphere as it comes close to

1351

00:56:27,030 --> 00:56:24,160

the star it starts to heat up it gets

1352

00:56:29,190 --> 00:56:27,040

smacked in the face and then over time

1353

00:56:31,510 --> 00:56:29,200

it settles back down again and if you

1354

00:56:34,710 --> 00:56:31,520

look towards the end there you can see

1355

00:56:37,109 --> 00:56:34,720

this bow shock coming around here just

1356

00:56:38,950 --> 00:56:37,119

shock waves going around and around the

1357

00:56:40,789 --> 00:56:38,960

planet as it tries to

1358

00:56:43,270 --> 00:56:40,799

calm down and get back to normal the

1359

00:56:45,190 --> 00:56:43,280

adrenaline rush is kind of coming down

1360

00:56:48,150 --> 00:56:45,200

we're sitting nice and happily back out

1361

00:56:50,710 --> 00:56:48,160

here and then roller coaster ride and

1362

00:56:53,430 --> 00:56:50,720

getting hit again this atmosphere goes

1363

00:56:56,589 --> 00:56:53,440

through extreme growing pains every time

1364

00:57:00,950 --> 00:56:56,599

it comes close to the star and it's on a

1365

00:57:02,069 --> 00:57:00,960

111 day orbit so it happens quite often

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00:57:04,710 --> 00:57:02,079

for it

1367

00:57:06,549 --> 00:57:04,720

and it's a great kind of

1368

00:57:09,190 --> 00:57:06,559

test tube for us understanding the

1369

00:57:13,990 --> 00:57:09,200

engineering of a planetary atmosphere

1370

00:57:17,589 --> 00:57:15,349

crazy planet

1371

00:57:20,950 --> 00:57:17,599

now the next one is one of my favorites

1372

00:57:25,109 --> 00:57:22,710

what's 12b

1373

00:57:26,789 --> 00:57:25,119

not only is it easier to remember

1374

00:57:29,829 --> 00:57:26,799

bonus

1375

00:57:32,789 --> 00:57:29,839

uh but what we saw when we measured this

1376
00:57:35,670 --> 00:57:32,799
atmosphere was this kind of slope again

1377
00:57:38,390 --> 00:57:35,680
like i showed you with that hd189733

1378
00:57:41,190 --> 00:57:38,400
we saw this scattering from the blue end

1379
00:57:43,190 --> 00:57:41,200
all the way down into the infrared

1380
00:57:44,549 --> 00:57:43,200
now the reason why this sunset's a

1381
00:57:45,910 --> 00:57:44,559
little duller

1382
00:57:48,549 --> 00:57:45,920
than we see

1383
00:57:51,109 --> 00:57:48,559
in 189 is because it's scattering

1384
00:57:53,270 --> 00:57:51,119
uniformly at all wavelengths

1385
00:57:56,150 --> 00:57:53,280
it's just scattering all that light and

1386
00:57:57,990 --> 00:57:56,160
it's a very film noir kind of sunset on

1387
00:58:00,390 --> 00:57:58,000
this one it's all very kind of

1388
00:58:03,910 --> 00:58:00,400

mysterious

1389

00:58:06,349 --> 00:58:03,920

but this planet's even hotter than hd189

1390

00:58:09,710 --> 00:58:06,359

this planet is

1391

00:58:11,990 --> 00:58:09,720

2500 degrees on its day side

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00:58:14,309 --> 00:58:12,000

2500 degrees that's hotter than sitting

1393

00:58:15,670 --> 00:58:14,319

under that falcon 9 as it was taking off

1394

00:58:17,829 --> 00:58:15,680

sitting right underneath that that

1395

00:58:19,750 --> 00:58:17,839

planet is sitting in that temperature

1396

00:58:22,309 --> 00:58:19,760

all the time

1397

00:58:23,750 --> 00:58:22,319

now what this scattering tells us is

1398

00:58:25,430 --> 00:58:23,760

that there's something in the atmosphere

1399

00:58:28,230 --> 00:58:25,440

there's liquid droplets in this

1400

00:58:30,870 --> 00:58:28,240

atmosphere it's not all gas at that

1401

00:58:33,030 --> 00:58:30,880

temperature everything we know of should

1402

00:58:35,750 --> 00:58:33,040

be in the gas phase there should not be

1403

00:58:37,589 --> 00:58:35,760

any liquid droplets of anything in this

1404

00:58:40,069 --> 00:58:37,599

atmosphere

1405

00:58:42,549 --> 00:58:40,079

so what this is telling us is that the

1406

00:58:43,630 --> 00:58:42,559

temperature change from that day side

1407

00:58:45,990 --> 00:58:43,640

about

1408

00:58:47,910 --> 00:58:46,000

2500 degrees

1409

00:58:50,549 --> 00:58:47,920

to the night side where we're looking at

1410

00:58:52,230 --> 00:58:50,559

this planet is huge

1411

00:58:57,190 --> 00:58:52,240

the night side where we're observing

1412

00:58:59,630 --> 00:58:57,200

this has to be around 18 1900 degrees

1413

00:59:02,870 --> 00:58:59,640

there is a temperature change of over

1414

00:59:04,549 --> 00:59:02,880

500 degrees from the day side to the

1415

00:59:07,910 --> 00:59:04,559

night side of this planet

1416

00:59:10,630 --> 00:59:07,920

that causes huge amounts of winds around

1417

00:59:12,150 --> 00:59:10,640

the planet's atmosphere

1418

00:59:14,150 --> 00:59:12,160

but that also tells us a little bit

1419

00:59:16,470 --> 00:59:14,160

about what these clouds might be made of

1420

00:59:18,470 --> 00:59:16,480

and there's only really one option left

1421

00:59:20,390 --> 00:59:18,480

in this temperature range for what these

1422

00:59:23,349 --> 00:59:20,400

clouds can be formed of

1423

00:59:24,309 --> 00:59:23,359

and it's a little thing called corundum

1424

00:59:32,470 --> 00:59:24,319

or

1425

00:59:35,589 --> 00:59:32,480

the clouds in this atmosphere are gems

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00:59:36,950 --> 00:59:35,599

and they are raining down in this

1427

00:59:39,510 --> 00:59:36,960

atmosphere

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00:59:41,510 --> 00:59:39,520

absolutely beautiful and the reason why

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00:59:43,670 --> 00:59:41,520

it's all of these colors and the reason

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00:59:46,230 --> 00:59:43,680

why rubies and sapphires are different

1431

00:59:48,069 --> 00:59:46,240

colors is because this corundum this

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00:59:50,390 --> 00:59:48,079

al₂o₃

1433

00:59:52,950 --> 00:59:50,400

nice small combination of elements if

1434

00:59:55,430 --> 00:59:52,960

you stick a random metal from a

1435

00:59:57,190 --> 00:59:55,440

different element it changes the color

1436

00:59:59,430 --> 00:59:57,200

so if you stick a different element in

1437

01:00:02,069 --> 00:59:59,440

it could be green or yellow and we find

1438

01:00:04,630 --> 01:00:02,079

all of the spectrum of colors in this

1439

01:00:06,870 --> 01:00:04,640

corundum here on the earth as beautiful

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01:00:10,390 --> 01:00:06,880

gems rubies and sapphires being the

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01:00:13,270 --> 01:00:10,400

easiest and nicest to make

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01:00:14,549 --> 01:00:13,280

so the atmosphere will be a rainbow of

1443

01:00:16,950 --> 01:00:14,559

gems

1444

01:00:21,589 --> 01:00:16,960

that's why it's my favorite it's just

1445

01:00:25,109 --> 01:00:23,750

so we've found some really strange

1446

01:00:26,630 --> 01:00:25,119

worlds and we've been able to look at

1447

01:00:28,549 --> 01:00:26,640

them with this technique and it's only

1448

01:00:30,789 --> 01:00:28,559

going to get better in the future as the

1449

01:00:32,870 --> 01:00:30,799

telescopes get bigger our understanding

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01:00:35,270 --> 01:00:32,880

gets better and more planets are found

1451

01:00:36,950 --> 01:00:35,280

that we can do these observations of

1452

01:00:38,950 --> 01:00:36,960

it's really exciting for me because i

1453

01:00:40,549 --> 01:00:38,960

get to just play around with all of this

1454

01:00:43,190 --> 01:00:40,559

stuff and try and understand it and try

1455

01:00:46,069 --> 01:00:43,200

and communicate to everybody here just

1456

01:00:46,870 --> 01:00:46,079

how amazing nature's imagination truly

1457

01:00:48,630 --> 01:00:46,880

is

1458

01:00:51,349 --> 01:00:48,640

so we want to go on an exploration

1459

01:00:53,829 --> 01:00:51,359

beyond our own solar system and we're

1460

01:00:54,789 --> 01:00:53,839

moving outwards we're moving past our

1461

01:00:57,349 --> 01:00:54,799

planets

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01:00:59,829 --> 01:00:57,359

we're moving to another bit of our

1463

01:01:02,470 --> 01:00:59,839

galaxy we've only explored a tiny

1464

01:01:04,150 --> 01:01:02,480

portion of where we are

1465

01:01:05,030 --> 01:01:04,160

this is just kind of going to take you

1466

01:01:08,470 --> 01:01:05,040

through

1467

01:01:11,270 --> 01:01:08,480

every bit that we've been exploring

1468

01:01:13,349 --> 01:01:11,280

out from the sun as it becomes a small

1469

01:01:16,549 --> 01:01:13,359

dot

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01:01:18,549 --> 01:01:16,559

out to our nearest stars

1471

01:01:20,710 --> 01:01:18,559

and every single one of the lines on

1472

01:01:25,750 --> 01:01:20,720

here shows you a line to the direction

1473

01:01:32,230 --> 01:01:29,910

as we move out to our galaxy

1474

01:01:33,750 --> 01:01:32,240

every single day more exoplanets are

1475

01:01:35,990 --> 01:01:33,760

being discovered

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01:01:38,470 --> 01:01:36,000

every single day we're learning more and

1477

01:01:40,470 --> 01:01:38,480

more about these alien worlds and in

1478

01:01:42,150 --> 01:01:40,480

turn learning more about our own solar

1479

01:01:44,069 --> 01:01:42,160

system

1480

01:01:46,870 --> 01:01:44,079

it's not the end there's going to be

1481

01:01:48,870 --> 01:01:46,880

more it's never the end

1482

01:01:50,789 --> 01:01:48,880

this is just the current look again so

1483

01:01:53,109 --> 01:01:50,799

this is the size of the planet versus

1484

01:01:55,109 --> 01:01:53,119

the temperature of that planet

1485

01:01:57,750 --> 01:01:55,119

this is what we currently have thanks to

1486

01:01:58,789 --> 01:01:57,760

kepler and everything else that was not

1487

01:02:01,109 --> 01:01:58,799

kepler

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01:02:02,950 --> 01:02:01,119

in the future so towards the end of this

1489

01:02:04,549 --> 01:02:02,960

year a satellite called tess is going to

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01:02:08,069 --> 01:02:04,559

be launched and tess is going to find

1491

01:02:12,390 --> 01:02:10,390

down in these smaller worlds much more

1492

01:02:14,230 --> 01:02:12,400

similar to the earth

1493

01:02:15,750 --> 01:02:14,240

down here so we're going to be moving

1494

01:02:17,190 --> 01:02:15,760

towards these smaller planets and trying

1495

01:02:19,270 --> 01:02:17,200

to understand what a smaller planet

1496

01:02:21,510 --> 01:02:19,280

maybe not a jupiter actually looks like

1497

01:02:22,789 --> 01:02:21,520

what its atmosphere is like

1498

01:02:24,630 --> 01:02:22,799

and we're going to be finding colder

1499

01:02:25,829 --> 01:02:24,640

planets colder planets are important

1500

01:02:27,430 --> 01:02:25,839

their atmospheres are going to be very

1501
01:02:28,870 --> 01:02:27,440
different from the ones that i've shown

1502
01:02:31,349 --> 01:02:28,880
you today they're going to have

1503
01:02:34,150 --> 01:02:31,359
atmospheres that are filled with

1504
01:02:36,470 --> 01:02:34,160
hydrocarbons like titan's atmosphere

1505
01:02:38,309 --> 01:02:36,480
filled with soots that are a bit of a

1506
01:02:41,190 --> 01:02:38,319
pain that are really interesting to

1507
01:02:43,670 --> 01:02:41,200
study in the labs they're going to be

1508
01:02:44,710 --> 01:02:43,680
something we don't have in our solar

1509
01:02:46,549 --> 01:02:44,720
system

1510
01:02:48,789 --> 01:02:46,559
and that makes it really exciting

1511
01:02:51,190 --> 01:02:48,799
because we don't have a test tube here

1512
01:02:52,870 --> 01:02:51,200
where we can throw something at it we

1513
01:02:56,789 --> 01:02:52,880

have to learn remotely we have to

1514

01:02:58,630 --> 01:02:56,799

collect every photon we can

1515

01:03:01,109 --> 01:02:58,640

so i'm really looking forward to the

1516

01:03:02,789 --> 01:03:01,119

future of exoplanets and i hope you all

1517

01:03:04,549 --> 01:03:02,799

keep an eye out for some of the most

1518

01:03:05,670 --> 01:03:04,559

exciting discoveries that are coming

1519

01:03:07,670 --> 01:03:05,680

because we're going to be learning so

1520

01:03:10,470 --> 01:03:07,680

much more and there's going to be a lot

1521

01:03:11,430 --> 01:03:10,480

more surprises along the way

1522

01:03:12,470 --> 01:03:11,440

if you

1523

01:03:14,950 --> 01:03:12,480

enjoyed

1524

01:03:17,430 --> 01:03:14,960

hearing me talk i talk

1525

01:03:19,510 --> 01:03:17,440

for about an hour once every month with

1526

01:03:21,270 --> 01:03:19,520

some of my friends um

1527

01:03:23,270 --> 01:03:21,280

as was mentioned before i do a podcast

1528

01:03:25,510 --> 01:03:23,280

called exocast

1529

01:03:27,109 --> 01:03:25,520

i have a colleague called hugh osborne

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01:03:28,630 --> 01:03:27,119

who does detections i do the

1531

01:03:29,910 --> 01:03:28,640

classification so i'm actually looking

1532

01:03:32,230 --> 01:03:29,920

at what these atmospheres might be like

1533

01:03:34,910 --> 01:03:32,240

he's finding the planets and then my

1534

01:03:37,029 --> 01:03:34,920

other colleague andrew rushby who does

1535

01:03:39,349 --> 01:03:37,039

astrobiology what

1536

01:03:41,589 --> 01:03:39,359

is life out there in the universe how

1537

01:03:42,870 --> 01:03:41,599

can we find it so the combination of us

1538

01:03:45,510 --> 01:03:42,880

arguing if you think that will be

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01:03:47,829 --> 01:03:45,520

entertaining is good i do warn you we're

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01:03:49,270 --> 01:03:47,839

all british so the accents might be a

1541

01:03:51,430 --> 01:03:49,280

bit of a pain

1542

01:03:53,910 --> 01:03:51,440

but we also will be getting transcripts

1543

01:03:55,990 --> 01:03:53,920

of all those episodes

1544

01:03:57,990 --> 01:03:56,000

but i just want to to leave you with

1545

01:04:00,069 --> 01:03:58,000

that predicted number of planets that

1546

01:04:03,270 --> 01:04:00,079

we're going to be discovering and just

1547

01:04:06,640 --> 01:04:03,280

the thought that anything is possible

1548

01:04:06,650 --> 01:04:19,990

[Applause]

1549

01:04:32,230 --> 01:04:22,150

okay we have some questions for our

1550

01:04:34,870 --> 01:04:33,589

i have to repeat the question for the

1551

01:04:36,950 --> 01:04:34,880

online audience

1552

01:04:38,230 --> 01:04:36,960

does is neptune tidally locked or does

1553

01:04:39,990 --> 01:04:38,240

it rotate

1554

01:04:41,910 --> 01:04:40,000

so all of the planets in our solar

1555

01:04:44,789 --> 01:04:41,920

system rotate

1556

01:04:47,430 --> 01:04:44,799

so the question then follows uh what

1557

01:04:49,910 --> 01:04:47,440

what then is the source of these 1300

1558

01:04:52,390 --> 01:04:49,920

mile an hour sustained winds all right

1559

01:04:55,029 --> 01:04:52,400

so so pressure variations

1560

01:04:56,710 --> 01:04:55,039

cause winds in our atmosphere on earth

1561

01:04:59,510 --> 01:04:56,720

what is causing these pressure

1562

01:05:00,870 --> 01:04:59,520

variations on neptune

1563

01:05:03,190 --> 01:05:00,880

all right i want to actually add to that

1564

01:05:06,630 --> 01:05:03,200

a question from the online audience um

1565

01:05:09,510 --> 01:05:06,640

so what causes those 300 mile per hour

1566

01:05:12,470 --> 01:05:09,520

winds on neptune and from the online

1567

01:05:14,069 --> 01:05:12,480

audience how are those winds measured on

1568

01:05:16,630 --> 01:05:14,079

neptune what is your reference point

1569

01:05:17,829 --> 01:05:16,640

since there's no hard surface

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01:05:19,670 --> 01:05:17,839

so

1571

01:05:21,589 --> 01:05:19,680

the answer's going to be unsatisfying

1572

01:05:22,789 --> 01:05:21,599

i'm not entirely certain

1573

01:05:24,470 --> 01:05:22,799

i imagine it's something to do with

1574

01:05:26,309 --> 01:05:24,480

temperature differences neptune has

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01:05:28,710 --> 01:05:26,319

internal heating that's going to be

1576

01:05:31,430 --> 01:05:28,720

causing some differences

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01:05:33,589 --> 01:05:31,440

that causes differences in the vertical

1578

01:05:35,589 --> 01:05:33,599

uplift of material so if you're

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01:05:37,670 --> 01:05:35,599

uplifting material it's cooling it's

1580

01:05:39,990 --> 01:05:37,680

condensing and then that's going to be

1581

01:05:42,390 --> 01:05:40,000

driving the fluid dynamics of the

1582

01:05:44,230 --> 01:05:42,400

atmosphere in terms of a reference point

1583

01:05:46,069 --> 01:05:44,240

those clouds are very very helpful

1584

01:05:48,230 --> 01:05:46,079

voyager is not the only image we have of

1585

01:05:50,309 --> 01:05:48,240

neptune the hubble space telescope has

1586

01:05:52,309 --> 01:05:50,319

taken some amazing images of neptune and

1587

01:05:53,589 --> 01:05:52,319

some of the ground-based telescopes also

1588

01:05:55,430 --> 01:05:53,599

in lots of different wavelengths have

1589

01:05:57,510 --> 01:05:55,440

been looking at neptune's atmosphere

1590

01:05:59,430 --> 01:05:57,520

trying to understand it one of the

1591

01:06:01,190 --> 01:05:59,440

really impressive things on neptune is

1592

01:06:03,510 --> 01:06:01,200

this dark spot i showed you the one on

1593

01:06:06,150 --> 01:06:03,520

jupiter which is bright red spot on

1594

01:06:08,309 --> 01:06:06,160

neptune there's this big dark cloud

1595

01:06:11,029 --> 01:06:08,319

region which is kind of confined to a

1596

01:06:13,029 --> 01:06:11,039

spot and looking at that rotation we

1597

01:06:14,390 --> 01:06:13,039

know the rotation of neptune and we can

1598

01:06:15,990 --> 01:06:14,400

see the rotation of these cloud

1599

01:06:18,630 --> 01:06:16,000

structures and it's different so we can

1600

01:06:21,270 --> 01:06:18,640

get this differential is what it is

1601
01:06:23,829 --> 01:06:21,280
between the rotation period of neptune

1602
01:06:26,710 --> 01:06:23,839
and the the material that we're seeing

1603
01:06:27,670 --> 01:06:26,720
able to detect in that atmosphere

1604
01:06:29,510 --> 01:06:27,680
okay

1605
01:06:30,710 --> 01:06:29,520
over there

1606
01:06:32,630 --> 01:06:30,720
these um

1607
01:06:34,230 --> 01:06:32,640
when i think of storms

1608
01:06:36,870 --> 01:06:34,240
earthwise to think of

1609
01:06:38,630 --> 01:06:36,880
precipitation does these actually these

1610
01:06:40,950 --> 01:06:38,640
storms in the

1611
01:06:43,430 --> 01:06:40,960
planets also precipitate

1612
01:06:44,789 --> 01:06:43,440
so on the these cre these crazy weather

1613
01:06:46,230 --> 01:06:44,799

that you're having is it actual real

1614

01:06:47,750 --> 01:06:46,240

precipitation falling down through the

1615

01:06:50,309 --> 01:06:47,760

atmosphere

1616

01:06:52,710 --> 01:06:50,319

so that's a really good question

1617

01:06:54,950 --> 01:06:52,720

from the models that we have these 3d

1618

01:06:56,870 --> 01:06:54,960

gcms they're all based on earth gcms

1619

01:06:58,549 --> 01:06:56,880

which is then be expanded and applied to

1620

01:07:00,630 --> 01:06:58,559

these giant planets and to the planets

1621

01:07:03,270 --> 01:07:00,640

in our solar system and what they're

1622

01:07:05,670 --> 01:07:03,280

showing us is that you get these big

1623

01:07:08,150 --> 01:07:05,680

this heat from the dayside causes these

1624

01:07:09,990 --> 01:07:08,160

very huge upwellings and then on the

1625

01:07:12,549 --> 01:07:10,000

night side of the planet at this kind of

1626
01:07:14,710 --> 01:07:12,559
terminator region you get these updrafts

1627
01:07:15,670 --> 01:07:14,720
and downdrafts these upwellings and down

1628
01:07:18,230 --> 01:07:15,680
wellings where you're getting this

1629
01:07:20,309 --> 01:07:18,240
precipitation and it's not only those

1630
01:07:22,309 --> 01:07:20,319
vertical motions that are doing it but

1631
01:07:25,029 --> 01:07:22,319
this temperature contrast from

1632
01:07:27,109 --> 01:07:25,039
the boiling day side around the night

1633
01:07:29,109 --> 01:07:27,119
side means that you could have something

1634
01:07:31,190 --> 01:07:29,119
that is heated to a high temperature

1635
01:07:33,430 --> 01:07:31,200
becomes a vapor on the day side and then

1636
01:07:36,549 --> 01:07:33,440
as it cools down as it goes around the

1637
01:07:37,510 --> 01:07:36,559
planet it cools it condenses it rains

1638
01:07:40,069 --> 01:07:37,520

out

1639

01:07:42,069 --> 01:07:40,079

sometimes it might even become a ice of

1640

01:07:44,470 --> 01:07:42,079

some kind it could be snowing rubies on

1641

01:07:46,950 --> 01:07:44,480

one of these planets and then as it goes

1642

01:07:49,349 --> 01:07:46,960

round as these winds carry it round as

1643

01:07:52,069 --> 01:07:49,359

these dynamics push it around into the

1644

01:07:53,829 --> 01:07:52,079

dayside heat again it heats up and it's

1645

01:07:56,150 --> 01:07:53,839

being pushed up in the atmosphere as a

1646

01:07:57,990 --> 01:07:56,160

gas and then you get this cycle again so

1647

01:07:59,910 --> 01:07:58,000

you see these big upwellings and down

1648

01:08:01,510 --> 01:07:59,920

wellings in the planetary atmosphere

1649

01:08:05,270 --> 01:08:01,520

where this material is just constantly

1650

01:08:08,549 --> 01:08:06,950

okay

1651
01:08:10,710 --> 01:08:08,559
other questions i thought there was one

1652
01:08:12,789 --> 01:08:10,720
over here here's one why is the moon

1653
01:08:14,789 --> 01:08:12,799
gravitationally locked with the earth

1654
01:08:16,789 --> 01:08:14,799
why is the moon gravitationally locked

1655
01:08:20,149 --> 01:08:16,799
to the earth so the gravitational

1656
01:08:22,470 --> 01:08:20,159
locking comes from just um conservation

1657
01:08:24,709 --> 01:08:22,480
of the angular momentum and when we're

1658
01:08:26,070 --> 01:08:24,719
looking at these hot jupiters what would

1659
01:08:28,789 --> 01:08:26,080
have happened they couldn't have formed

1660
01:08:30,709 --> 01:08:28,799
there so as after they formed and

1661
01:08:32,149 --> 01:08:30,719
they're spinning around the disk

1662
01:08:34,950 --> 01:08:32,159
of the star

1663
01:08:37,030 --> 01:08:34,960

as they move inwards as you spiral

1664

01:08:39,189 --> 01:08:37,040

inwards you've got to lose some of that

1665

01:08:41,510 --> 01:08:39,199

energy somehow and as you lose that

1666

01:08:43,590 --> 01:08:41,520

energy you reach this very stable state

1667

01:08:45,349 --> 01:08:43,600

where your orbital period matches your

1668

01:08:47,510 --> 01:08:45,359

rotation period it's an incredibly

1669

01:08:49,829 --> 01:08:47,520

stable position to be in

1670

01:08:50,630 --> 01:08:49,839

so the the earth the earth immune system

1671

01:08:52,470 --> 01:08:50,640

is a little different because the

1672

01:08:55,590 --> 01:08:52,480

earth's the the moon started

1673

01:08:58,070 --> 01:08:55,600

as the earth got bombarded broken off

1674

01:09:00,149 --> 01:08:58,080

formed in this spiral ring structure and

1675

01:09:02,070 --> 01:09:00,159

the most energy efficient way is to be

1676
01:09:04,149 --> 01:09:02,080
tightly locked however the moon's moving

1677
01:09:06,070 --> 01:09:04,159
further and further away from us every

1678
01:09:07,910 --> 01:09:06,080
single year so there might be a point in

1679
01:09:10,070 --> 01:09:07,920
the moon's future where it is no longer

1680
01:09:11,300 --> 01:09:10,080
tidally locked to the earth

1681
01:09:14,470 --> 01:09:11,310
i won't be around then

1682
01:09:16,950 --> 01:09:14,480
[Laughter]

1683
01:09:19,269 --> 01:09:16,960
all right over here question

1684
01:09:21,910 --> 01:09:19,279
you have these uh jupiter and

1685
01:09:23,590 --> 01:09:21,920
a larger size plane that's very close to

1686
01:09:25,269 --> 01:09:23,600
a star

1687
01:09:26,950 --> 01:09:25,279
is there a core that's holding them

1688
01:09:28,470 --> 01:09:26,960

together or are they just the

1689

01:09:30,950 --> 01:09:28,480

aggregations of

1690

01:09:32,870 --> 01:09:30,960

of gas that have accumulated

1691

01:09:34,550 --> 01:09:32,880

provides the stability because it seems

1692

01:09:37,349 --> 01:09:34,560

like the energy

1693

01:09:39,189 --> 01:09:37,359

being that close to the star

1694

01:09:41,430 --> 01:09:39,199

i'm going to summarize that in terms of

1695

01:09:43,749 --> 01:09:41,440

you got these hot jupiters these gas

1696

01:09:45,349 --> 01:09:43,759

giant planets in so close to the star

1697

01:09:46,870 --> 01:09:45,359

why don't they evaporate away what's

1698

01:09:48,709 --> 01:09:46,880

keeping together

1699

01:09:50,149 --> 01:09:48,719

that's a good question and it's mainly

1700

01:09:51,910 --> 01:09:50,159

the mass

1701

01:09:53,590 --> 01:09:51,920

there are actually some planets that

1702

01:09:56,149 --> 01:09:53,600

have been discovered where we think they

1703

01:09:57,830 --> 01:09:56,159

used to be these giant gassy worlds but

1704

01:09:59,830 --> 01:09:57,840

all of their atmosphere has got blown

1705

01:10:03,669 --> 01:09:59,840

away we see evidence of these very

1706

01:10:04,950 --> 01:10:03,679

condensed rocky cause of of planets

1707

01:10:07,270 --> 01:10:04,960

where they don't have an atmosphere and

1708

01:10:08,790 --> 01:10:07,280

they really should so we see evidence

1709

01:10:11,110 --> 01:10:08,800

that some of them have lost their

1710

01:10:13,030 --> 01:10:11,120

atmosphere entirely but as i said before

1711

01:10:15,430 --> 01:10:13,040

these planets did not form there you

1712

01:10:18,709 --> 01:10:15,440

cannot form a giant planet that close to

1713

01:10:21,030 --> 01:10:18,719

a star it had to have moved in from

1714

01:10:22,550 --> 01:10:21,040

earlier in this its system earlier in

1715

01:10:24,630 --> 01:10:22,560

the disc it had to have moved in from

1716

01:10:26,229 --> 01:10:24,640

further out now there's a number of

1717

01:10:27,830 --> 01:10:26,239

theories of planet formation but first

1718

01:10:29,830 --> 01:10:27,840

you need to stick together a load of

1719

01:10:31,669 --> 01:10:29,840

particles and as you stick together

1720

01:10:33,430 --> 01:10:31,679

those particles you accumulate gas

1721

01:10:35,830 --> 01:10:33,440

around you from the disc and it's this

1722

01:10:38,149 --> 01:10:35,840

runaway accumulation of that gas which

1723

01:10:39,510 --> 01:10:38,159

causes you to create a planet like

1724

01:10:42,229 --> 01:10:39,520

jupiter

1725

01:10:44,310 --> 01:10:42,239

now if that had been moved in towards

1726
01:10:46,310 --> 01:10:44,320
its star

1727
01:10:48,550 --> 01:10:46,320
in these positions where they are we've

1728
01:10:50,470 --> 01:10:48,560
seen evidence that the the atmosphere

1729
01:10:53,030 --> 01:10:50,480
gets blown off but we can measure how

1730
01:10:55,189 --> 01:10:53,040
much and it's very very little it's the

1731
01:10:57,270 --> 01:10:55,199
equivalent ratio of a cme coming off of

1732
01:10:58,390 --> 01:10:57,280
our sun it's losing a very small amount

1733
01:11:00,950 --> 01:10:58,400
of its mass

1734
01:11:03,470 --> 01:11:00,960
in any one time so it's not something

1735
01:11:05,910 --> 01:11:03,480
that's going to completely wipe out

1736
01:11:07,910 --> 01:11:05,920
hd18973b's atmosphere

1737
01:11:10,310 --> 01:11:07,920
based on the measurements that we have

1738
01:11:12,070 --> 01:11:10,320

so it's really the mass that's holding

1739

01:11:14,149 --> 01:11:12,080

this atmosphere on it's clinging to it

1740

01:11:15,910 --> 01:11:14,159

and every planet even our own planet has

1741

01:11:17,669 --> 01:11:15,920

something called a roche lobe which is a

1742

01:11:19,189 --> 01:11:17,679

gravitational distance away from that

1743

01:11:21,669 --> 01:11:19,199

planet where something is no longer

1744

01:11:24,149 --> 01:11:21,679

gravitationally bound if the gas was

1745

01:11:25,990 --> 01:11:24,159

energy energized enough so that it got

1746

01:11:27,590 --> 01:11:26,000

outside of this roche lobe it would

1747

01:11:29,590 --> 01:11:27,600

escape forever it wouldn't ever come

1748

01:11:31,590 --> 01:11:29,600

back if it was energized such that it

1749

01:11:34,070 --> 01:11:31,600

kind of escaped and then it fell back

1750

01:11:36,550 --> 01:11:34,080

inside this roche lobe then you wouldn't

1751

01:11:38,229 --> 01:11:36,560

ever lose that bit of the atmosphere

1752

01:11:41,590 --> 01:11:38,239

so there's there's a number of things

1753

01:11:43,110 --> 01:11:41,600

there that are kind of keeping it in

1754

01:11:44,470 --> 01:11:43,120

all right all the way in the far side of

1755

01:11:46,149 --> 01:11:44,480

the room there

1756

01:11:48,550 --> 01:11:46,159

you found any uh

1757

01:11:50,070 --> 01:11:48,560

extra planets with a binary star system

1758

01:11:53,110 --> 01:11:50,080

and how does that effect

1759

01:11:54,630 --> 01:11:53,120

how we found exoplanets in binary star

1760

01:11:56,630 --> 01:11:54,640

systems and how does the presence of the

1761

01:11:59,669 --> 01:11:56,640

binary affect the planet

1762

01:12:01,990 --> 01:11:59,679

we found planets in binary stars in

1763

01:12:04,070 --> 01:12:02,000

triple stars and in quadruple star

1764

01:12:06,790 --> 01:12:04,080

systems

1765

01:12:10,630 --> 01:12:06,800

so binary stars are the most common

1766

01:12:12,310 --> 01:12:10,640

in our galaxy and there's quite a few

1767

01:12:14,790 --> 01:12:12,320

planets that have been discovered around

1768

01:12:16,070 --> 01:12:14,800

binary systems wasp 12b the one i showed

1769

01:12:17,270 --> 01:12:16,080

you at the end is in a triple star

1770

01:12:19,910 --> 01:12:17,280

system

1771

01:12:22,709 --> 01:12:19,920

whilst 12 only orbits one of those stars

1772

01:12:25,030 --> 01:12:22,719

but also orbiting that one star is two

1773

01:12:27,110 --> 01:12:25,040

tiny little stars m stars that orbit

1774

01:12:29,110 --> 01:12:27,120

each other and orbit that star so it's

1775

01:12:31,350 --> 01:12:29,120

in a triple star system

1776

01:12:32,630 --> 01:12:31,360

brilliant world that's also a pain when

1777

01:12:33,910 --> 01:12:32,640

you're trying to do data analysis

1778

01:12:37,590 --> 01:12:33,920

because there's two other stars right

1779

01:12:40,790 --> 01:12:37,600

there um but yes we found planets and

1780

01:12:44,229 --> 01:12:40,800

multi-planet systems

1781

01:12:45,110 --> 01:12:44,239

around stars and that really tells us

1782

01:12:47,910 --> 01:12:45,120

about

1783

01:12:49,830 --> 01:12:47,920

our own solar system and how possible

1784

01:12:52,229 --> 01:12:49,840

that is and some of these have

1785

01:12:53,590 --> 01:12:52,239

interactions and some of them don't and

1786

01:12:55,350 --> 01:12:53,600

that's really important for us to try

1787

01:12:58,630 --> 01:12:55,360

and understand it's an area that we're

1788

01:13:03,590 --> 01:13:01,350

okay down here the difference between

1789

01:13:05,750 --> 01:13:03,600

day and night temperatures on some of

1790

01:13:07,510 --> 01:13:05,760

these what would that range be all right

1791

01:13:10,310 --> 01:13:07,520

so what is the range of day and night

1792

01:13:13,669 --> 01:13:10,320

temperatures on these really hot planets

1793

01:13:16,390 --> 01:13:13,679

so that really depends on your

1794

01:13:18,470 --> 01:13:16,400

dayside temperature the orbital period

1795

01:13:20,310 --> 01:13:18,480

of your planet because the orbital

1796

01:13:22,390 --> 01:13:20,320

period of your planet defines your

1797

01:13:24,390 --> 01:13:22,400

rotation period of your planet and the

1798

01:13:26,390 --> 01:13:24,400

rotation period of your planet defines

1799

01:13:27,189 --> 01:13:26,400

how dynamic the atmosphere is going to

1800

01:13:30,709 --> 01:13:27,199

be

1801

01:13:33,990 --> 01:13:30,719

atmosphere

1802

01:13:36,070 --> 01:13:34,000

so on some of the hottest ones we we

1803

01:13:39,510 --> 01:13:36,080

expect that day night contrast in

1804

01:13:41,910 --> 01:13:39,520

temperatures to be in the range of 500

1805

01:13:43,590 --> 01:13:41,920

plus degrees but on some of the cooler

1806

01:13:46,229 --> 01:13:43,600

ones and i say cooler because my

1807

01:13:49,590 --> 01:13:46,239

temperature scale is completely wacky

1808

01:13:52,390 --> 01:13:49,600

hd189 is a nice cool planet at 1 200

1809

01:13:53,750 --> 01:13:52,400

degrees and on that nice cool planet the

1810

01:13:55,910 --> 01:13:53,760

temperature difference between the day

1811

01:13:59,750 --> 01:13:55,920

and night is only about

1812

01:14:01,830 --> 01:13:59,760

50 to 200 degrees so it ranges based on

1813

01:14:03,990 --> 01:14:01,840

the orbital period of that planet and

1814

01:14:06,229 --> 01:14:04,000

the heat from the star so a bigger star

1815

01:14:08,470 --> 01:14:06,239

a hotter star will also be putting out

1816

01:14:10,310 --> 01:14:08,480

way more heat and therefore you get a

1817

01:14:11,669 --> 01:14:10,320

bigger contrast there and are those

1818

01:14:17,830 --> 01:14:11,679

temperatures we're talking about

1819

01:14:21,430 --> 01:14:19,110

degrees

1820

01:14:22,149 --> 01:14:21,440

almost it's very hot sorry i don't do

1821

01:14:23,830 --> 01:14:22,159

yes

1822

01:14:25,510 --> 01:14:23,840

astronomers i thought that's what was my

1823

01:14:26,310 --> 01:14:25,520

question too because i know astronomers

1824

01:14:29,750 --> 01:14:26,320

always

1825

01:14:32,709 --> 01:14:29,760

working kelvin and such celsius

1826

01:14:34,550 --> 01:14:32,719

i'm learning i'm really trying to

1827

01:14:36,870 --> 01:14:34,560

all right question there

1828

01:14:38,390 --> 01:14:36,880

i'm interested in the time scale of

1829

01:14:40,870 --> 01:14:38,400

variations

1830

01:14:43,350 --> 01:14:40,880

in the conditions on the planet you know

1831

01:14:45,030 --> 01:14:43,360

the earth has been roughly the same for

1832

01:14:48,229 --> 01:14:45,040

billions of years

1833

01:14:49,750 --> 01:14:48,239

and how can you tell anything about many

1834

01:14:51,350 --> 01:14:49,760

of the planets

1835

01:14:53,189 --> 01:14:51,360

uh how long

1836

01:14:56,149 --> 01:14:53,199

will their atmosphere last will the

1837

01:14:58,310 --> 01:14:56,159

temperatures stay the same and so on so

1838

01:15:00,390 --> 01:14:58,320

really he's asking

1839

01:15:02,310 --> 01:15:00,400

research questions

1840

01:15:03,750 --> 01:15:02,320

can we tell how long the atmospheres

1841

01:15:05,590 --> 01:15:03,760

will last on these planets and other

1842

01:15:07,669 --> 01:15:05,600

characteristics like that so these

1843

01:15:09,510 --> 01:15:07,679

planets are fairly old um they've been

1844

01:15:11,110 --> 01:15:09,520

like this for a really long time and as

1845

01:15:13,350 --> 01:15:11,120

i said they're not losing a huge amount

1846

01:15:15,590 --> 01:15:13,360

of mass from that atmosphere

1847

01:15:17,030 --> 01:15:15,600

the planets that we've observed where

1848

01:15:18,630 --> 01:15:17,040

they appear like they've lost all of

1849

01:15:20,550 --> 01:15:18,640

their atmosphere that clearly happened

1850

01:15:22,630 --> 01:15:20,560

very early on and very quickly so it's

1851

01:15:24,390 --> 01:15:22,640

not expected that these giant planets

1852

01:15:26,709 --> 01:15:24,400

will lose a humongous amount of their

1853

01:15:29,030 --> 01:15:26,719

atmosphere at all in the lifetime of us

1854

01:15:32,149 --> 01:15:29,040

looking at them the way that we are

1855

01:15:33,430 --> 01:15:32,159

in terms of intrinsic variations weather

1856

01:15:35,430 --> 01:15:33,440

patterns

1857

01:15:36,709 --> 01:15:35,440

that's a lot harder to do one of the

1858

01:15:38,630 --> 01:15:36,719

reasons we look at those really

1859

01:15:42,390 --> 01:15:38,640

eccentric planets that i showed you

1860

01:15:44,709 --> 01:15:42,400

before that comet planet hd80606b

1861

01:15:47,189 --> 01:15:44,719

is because we can look at this variation

1862

01:15:48,870 --> 01:15:47,199

over time of what an atmosphere does at

1863

01:15:50,630 --> 01:15:48,880

different distances from a star just

1864

01:15:52,390 --> 01:15:50,640

from having one system

1865

01:15:53,510 --> 01:15:52,400

these are fairly consistent from what we

1866

01:15:55,350 --> 01:15:53,520

have

1867

01:15:57,910 --> 01:15:55,360

the other problem with that is your

1868

01:15:59,910 --> 01:15:57,920

measurement has to be so precise

1869

01:16:02,229 --> 01:15:59,920

at every time you measure it

1870

01:16:03,990 --> 01:16:02,239

so if i measured it this year and i got

1871

01:16:05,590 --> 01:16:04,000

a really nice measurement and i measured

1872

01:16:07,030 --> 01:16:05,600

it next year and it was different and

1873

01:16:09,189 --> 01:16:07,040

then i measured it the year after and it

1874

01:16:11,350 --> 01:16:09,199

was different again i need to know that

1875

01:16:12,550 --> 01:16:11,360

it's not the way that i'm doing my data

1876

01:16:13,990 --> 01:16:12,560

analysis i need to know that it's not

1877

01:16:16,470 --> 01:16:14,000

something in the telescope i need to

1878

01:16:17,990 --> 01:16:16,480

know that it is actually something in

1879

01:16:19,750 --> 01:16:18,000

that planet's atmosphere that's causing

1880

01:16:21,430 --> 01:16:19,760

that rather than something that we as

1881

01:16:24,149 --> 01:16:21,440

scientists have done to look at that

1882

01:16:26,390 --> 01:16:24,159

data so it's really hard to say whether

1883

01:16:28,390 --> 01:16:26,400

we've got any kind of

1884

01:16:30,390 --> 01:16:28,400

small weather patterns one of the really

1885

01:16:31,990 --> 01:16:30,400

good examples of of looking for these

1886

01:16:35,270 --> 01:16:32,000

kinds of weather patterns is brown

1887

01:16:37,270 --> 01:16:35,280

dwarfs now brown dwarfs are much further

1888

01:16:38,870 --> 01:16:37,280

off this diagram

1889

01:16:40,870 --> 01:16:38,880

they are

1890

01:16:43,189 --> 01:16:40,880

roughly the size of jupiter

1891

01:16:45,669 --> 01:16:43,199

but they're much much more massive

1892

01:16:49,270 --> 01:16:45,679

they're over 15 times the mass of

1893

01:16:51,189 --> 01:16:49,280

jupiter and that is a lot

1894

01:16:52,630 --> 01:16:51,199

these brown dwarfs aren't quite stars

1895

01:16:55,830 --> 01:16:52,640

but they're not quite planets they're

1896

01:16:57,990 --> 01:16:55,840

actually burning at their core deuterium

1897

01:17:00,310 --> 01:16:58,000

and in these brown dwarfs there's this

1898

01:17:02,229 --> 01:17:00,320

transition between different masses and

1899

01:17:04,870 --> 01:17:02,239

ages of brown dwarfs where we see these

1900

01:17:07,590 --> 01:17:04,880

patchy clouds in the atmosphere

1901

01:17:11,030 --> 01:17:07,600

and the rotation of those clouds so you

1902

01:17:12,630 --> 01:17:11,040

can see and measure this weather pattern

1903

01:17:14,470 --> 01:17:12,640

in a brown dwarf atmosphere because

1904

01:17:15,750 --> 01:17:14,480

you're doing the opposite of what i was

1905

01:17:18,149 --> 01:17:15,760

explaining at the beginning you're doing

1906

01:17:20,070 --> 01:17:18,159

the emission spectrum directly from the

1907

01:17:21,350 --> 01:17:20,080

the brown dwarf rather than the

1908

01:17:23,189 --> 01:17:21,360

absorption spectrum through the

1909

01:17:24,550 --> 01:17:23,199

atmosphere so it's the different

1910

01:17:28,870 --> 01:17:24,560

techniques which allow you to kind of

1911

01:17:32,709 --> 01:17:31,510

okay um we had one question online that

1912

01:17:35,990 --> 01:17:32,719

wanted to know

1913

01:17:38,070 --> 01:17:36,000

uh what is the uh force responsible for

1914

01:17:40,470 --> 01:17:38,080

producing that beautiful hexagon pattern

1915

01:17:42,310 --> 01:17:40,480

on saturn they were speculating that it

1916

01:17:43,669 --> 01:17:42,320

was the moons and i was like no no it's

1917

01:17:45,669 --> 01:17:43,679

not the moons

1918

01:17:47,189 --> 01:17:45,679

is do we know the hydrodynamic forces

1919

01:17:49,750 --> 01:17:47,199

that produce that beautiful hexagon

1920

01:17:52,229 --> 01:17:49,760

pattern fluid dynamics can do it

1921

01:17:54,870 --> 01:17:52,239

we see that hexagon pattern appear in

1922

01:17:57,430 --> 01:17:54,880

multiple places on the earth

1923

01:17:59,750 --> 01:17:57,440

that hexagon pattern appears for a

1924

01:18:02,229 --> 01:17:59,760

number of different reasons it's a very

1925

01:18:04,790 --> 01:18:02,239

stable pattern it's a very strong

1926

01:18:06,870 --> 01:18:04,800

pattern the way in which fluid dynamics

1927

01:18:08,550 --> 01:18:06,880

works we really we really don't know

1928

01:18:10,709 --> 01:18:08,560

specifically for saturn what those

1929

01:18:12,950 --> 01:18:10,719

driving forces are but we see that

1930

01:18:15,350 --> 01:18:12,960

pattern here on the earth mathematically

1931

01:18:17,030 --> 01:18:15,360

it it comes out of a lot of solutions i

1932

01:18:20,390 --> 01:18:17,040

don't know if anyone knows the devil's

1933

01:18:22,709 --> 01:18:20,400

causeway in ireland it's the columns of

1934

01:18:24,950 --> 01:18:22,719

basalt for the volcanic material form

1935

01:18:27,110 --> 01:18:24,960

these hexagons and they form hexagons

1936

01:18:29,990 --> 01:18:27,120

because when you're cooling a material

1937

01:18:32,390 --> 01:18:30,000

down that is the most stably struct at

1938

01:18:33,990 --> 01:18:32,400

the structurally stable shape that

1939

01:18:35,510 --> 01:18:34,000

something comes into because of the

1940

01:18:37,270 --> 01:18:35,520

structure of the materials it's made out

1941

01:18:39,030 --> 01:18:37,280

of so there's a huge number of things

1942

01:18:40,950 --> 01:18:39,040

that make this hexagon pattern we're

1943

01:18:42,630 --> 01:18:40,960

still trying to work out exactly what's

1944

01:18:43,830 --> 01:18:42,640

going on because that is that is on a

1945

01:18:45,910 --> 01:18:43,840

scale that

1946

01:18:48,070 --> 01:18:45,920

we can't produce here on earth right

1947

01:18:50,149 --> 01:18:48,080

yeah yeah and i'd seen a laboratory

1948

01:18:52,950 --> 01:18:50,159

experiment that produced a hexagonal

1949

01:18:55,510 --> 01:18:52,960

pattern from residences but it wasn't

1950

01:18:56,870 --> 01:18:55,520

really a proper analog for it so yeah so

1951

01:18:58,070 --> 01:18:56,880

you have to when you're doing these

1952

01:18:59,430 --> 01:18:58,080

analogous you need to get the pressures

1953

01:19:00,550 --> 01:18:59,440

right you need to get the temperatures

1954

01:19:03,110 --> 01:19:00,560

right you need to get the materials

1955

01:19:06,470 --> 01:19:03,120

right the problem with saturn is is

1956

01:19:07,750 --> 01:19:06,480

hydrogen helium atmosphere

1957

01:19:09,669 --> 01:19:07,760

at

1958

01:19:10,630 --> 01:19:09,679

high and low pressures

1959

01:19:12,950 --> 01:19:10,640

and

1960

01:19:15,189 --> 01:19:12,960

you are not allowed or you will not be

1961

01:19:17,990 --> 01:19:15,199

funded to have a lab that will

1962

01:19:19,669 --> 01:19:18,000

almost certainly explode

1963

01:19:20,950 --> 01:19:19,679

so it's a little bit hard for us to

1964

01:19:22,470 --> 01:19:20,960

simulate so that's why we do it in

1965

01:19:24,470 --> 01:19:22,480

computers and that's the way we kind of

1966

01:19:25,910 --> 01:19:24,480

really explore these worlds all right so

1967

01:19:27,669 --> 01:19:25,920

i think there was one more question

1968

01:19:28,709 --> 01:19:27,679

right there okay last question for the

1969

01:19:31,030 --> 01:19:28,719

evening

1970

01:19:33,430 --> 01:19:31,040

in systems where there's multiple stars

1971

01:19:35,590 --> 01:19:33,440

is there any are there any planets that

1972

01:19:37,510 --> 01:19:35,600

would orbit one star for a while and

1973

01:19:40,070 --> 01:19:37,520

then switch over to the orbit of another

1974

01:19:42,709 --> 01:19:40,080

star so the question is in multiple star

1975

01:19:46,229 --> 01:19:42,719

systems can planets switch from orbiting

1976

01:19:51,110 --> 01:19:48,550

not that i know

1977

01:19:54,470 --> 01:19:51,120

there are three types of binary systems

1978

01:19:56,950 --> 01:19:54,480

uh that i can explain to you there is

1979

01:19:58,470 --> 01:19:56,960

imagine your two stars here you can have

1980

01:20:01,270 --> 01:19:58,480

a binary system where you've got a

1981

01:20:03,030 --> 01:20:01,280

planet orbiting just one of those stars

1982

01:20:04,790 --> 01:20:03,040

you can have a planet orbiting both of

1983

01:20:07,430 --> 01:20:04,800

those stars

1984

01:20:09,110 --> 01:20:07,440

and you can have technically

1985

01:20:11,830 --> 01:20:09,120

we haven't found one yet technically a

1986

01:20:13,510 --> 01:20:11,840

stable orbit where it does this

1987

01:20:15,430 --> 01:20:13,520

so you get this smiley face you can have

1988

01:20:17,510 --> 01:20:15,440

it here you can have it here you can

1989

01:20:20,630 --> 01:20:17,520

have it here or you can have it here the

1990

01:20:23,990 --> 01:20:20,640

smiley face of binary systems

1991

01:20:26,149 --> 01:20:24,000

i don't know about this one

1992

01:20:28,149 --> 01:20:26,159

you'd have to play that what's that game

1993

01:20:30,470 --> 01:20:28,159

called that simulator for gravity

1994

01:20:32,390 --> 01:20:30,480

simulator that would be fun but it just

1995

01:20:33,910 --> 01:20:32,400

it it really strikes me that the

1996

01:20:36,310 --> 01:20:33,920

dynamics really

1997

01:20:37,669 --> 01:20:36,320

you it'd go chaotic and it wouldn't be

1998

01:20:38,790 --> 01:20:37,679

stable

1999

01:20:41,030 --> 01:20:38,800

yeah

2000

01:20:43,350 --> 01:20:41,040

early in like the history of these

2001

01:20:45,430 --> 01:20:43,360

binary systems and different planetary

2002

01:20:47,270 --> 01:20:45,440

systems we know that stars kind of come

2003

01:20:49,430 --> 01:20:47,280

by we know we have evidence that stars

2004

01:20:50,550 --> 01:20:49,440

have passed our solar system pretty

2005

01:20:52,550 --> 01:20:50,560

close

2006

01:20:54,229 --> 01:20:52,560

stars are pretty evil they will grab

2007

01:20:55,270 --> 01:20:54,239

your planetary children and take them

2008

01:20:57,590 --> 01:20:55,280

with them

2009

01:20:59,189 --> 01:20:57,600

um so we have evidence that some of

2010

01:21:01,430 --> 01:20:59,199

these planets that we're looking at have

2011

01:21:02,950 --> 01:21:01,440

been grabbed from somewhere else they've

2012

01:21:04,470 --> 01:21:02,960

been they've been nicked from their

2013

01:21:06,229 --> 01:21:04,480

parent star

2014

01:21:07,750 --> 01:21:06,239

um so

2015

01:21:09,510 --> 01:21:07,760

there's lots of different ways in which

2016

01:21:11,830 --> 01:21:09,520

you can get these configurations but we

2017

01:21:13,110 --> 01:21:11,840

know that the the formation of planets

2018

01:21:14,950 --> 01:21:13,120

we know the formation of stars and we

2019

01:21:17,750 --> 01:21:14,960

know that the dynamics of our galaxy is

2020

01:21:19,430 --> 01:21:17,760

very very chaotic and dynamic so there's

2021

01:21:20,709 --> 01:21:19,440

a lot of things that can happen

2022

01:21:22,630 --> 01:21:20,719

all right so

2023

01:21:23,750 --> 01:21:22,640

lesson for you hold on to your planets

2024

01:21:27,189 --> 01:21:23,760

okay

2025

01:21:28,950 --> 01:21:27,199

all right so next month on march

2026

01:21:30,870 --> 01:21:28,960

mia boval will be talking about mapping

2027

01:21:33,669 --> 01:21:30,880

the united federation of planets and

2028

01:21:35,510 --> 01:21:33,679

astronomers guide to the galaxy and let