

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

**Unveiling the Cosmos: Key Inventions
behind the Modern Telescope**

Featuring Guest Speaker :
Sarah Kendrew



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00:00:04,940 --> 00:00:01,969
ooh welcome to the Space Telescope

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00:00:06,710 --> 00:00:04,950
public lecture series I'm dr. Frank

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00:00:08,780 --> 00:00:06,720
summers in the office of public outreach

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00:00:11,930 --> 00:00:08,790
and it's my pleasure to be your host

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00:00:15,049 --> 00:00:11,940
tonight if you did not get one on the

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00:00:17,390 --> 00:00:15,059
way in we are giving away our wonderful

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00:00:20,170 --> 00:00:17,400
lithographs and the lithograph tonight

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00:00:22,429 --> 00:00:20,180
is called a horse of a different color

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00:00:25,130 --> 00:00:22,439
it's such a different color that you

10
00:00:28,250 --> 00:00:25,140
can't even see this color it is infrared

11
00:00:30,800 --> 00:00:28,260
this is a horse head nebula seen in

12
00:00:32,900 --> 00:00:30,810
infrared light and if you want to know

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00:00:35,360 --> 00:00:32,910

all about what that means turn over to

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00:00:36,709 --> 00:00:35,370

the back and we've got about 300 words

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00:00:38,360 --> 00:00:36,719

to talk about it

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00:00:42,979 --> 00:00:38,370

it didn't get one on the way in please

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00:00:43,280 --> 00:00:42,989

grab one on the way out ah so oh I'm

18

00:00:45,650 --> 00:00:43,290

sorry

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00:00:46,940 --> 00:00:45,660

here is the lithograph right there all

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00:00:49,610 --> 00:00:46,950

right

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00:00:52,729 --> 00:00:49,620

I always forget that I have this year

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00:00:53,689 --> 00:00:52,739

all right if you want the PDF version of

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00:00:56,869 --> 00:00:53,699

it you don't want to actually take

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00:00:59,569 --> 00:00:56,879

physical copies home this web address

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00:01:03,470 --> 00:00:59,579

down here tells you where you can get it

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00:01:05,420 --> 00:01:03,480

on our amazing space web site okay it's

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00:01:07,460 --> 00:01:05,430

actually resource number 29 so it's one

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00:01:11,990 --> 00:01:07,470

of the first ones we added to amazing

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00:01:15,590 --> 00:01:12,000

space long long ago all right uh we did

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00:01:18,080 --> 00:01:15,600

the Electronics nag tonight unveiling

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00:01:21,620 --> 00:01:18,090

the cosmos key inventions behind the

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00:01:23,179 --> 00:01:21,630

modern telescope by Sarah Kendrew and

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00:01:24,620 --> 00:01:23,189

I'm really excited to have her here

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00:01:27,999 --> 00:01:24,630

tonight because she's a wonderful

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00:01:31,789 --> 00:01:28,009

speaker and she will wow you tonight

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00:01:34,219 --> 00:01:31,799

coming up on December 3rd serge Dietrich

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00:01:36,710 --> 00:01:34,229

and red and brown dwarfs understanding

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00:01:40,219 --> 00:01:36,720

our smallest and closest substellar

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00:01:43,929 --> 00:01:40,229

neighbors we had a talk here for our

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00:01:47,050 --> 00:01:43,939

colloquium just a week or so ago it said

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00:01:48,740 --> 00:01:47,060

74% of the stars in the universe

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00:01:52,760 --> 00:01:48,750

three-quarters of the stars in the

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00:01:55,700 --> 00:01:52,770

universe are red dwarfs ok the meek have

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00:01:58,399 --> 00:01:55,710

inherited the universe all right this is

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00:02:01,520 --> 00:01:58,409

going to go even not only red dwarfs but

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00:02:04,999 --> 00:02:01,530

do brown dwarfs okay all the small stuff

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00:02:07,249 --> 00:02:05,009

okay of the universe in January we will

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00:02:08,900 --> 00:02:07,259

not be doing January 7th because that is

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00:02:11,059 --> 00:02:08,910

during the SS meeting the American

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00:02:13,130 --> 00:02:11,069

Astronomical Society meeting I will

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00:02:13,740 --> 00:02:13,140
actually be at the SS meeting so we

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00:02:17,220 --> 00:02:13,750
can't do it

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00:02:19,200 --> 00:02:17,230
and and we have our infamous TBA we also

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00:02:21,180 --> 00:02:19,210
have our infamous TBA repeating their

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00:02:23,670 --> 00:02:21,190
talk on February 4th

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00:02:26,280 --> 00:02:23,680
now you may all look at this and go okay

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00:02:28,170 --> 00:02:26,290
Frank has just been lazy this fall he

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00:02:32,630 --> 00:02:28,180
hasn't gotten any speakers and that's

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00:02:36,150 --> 00:02:32,640
only partially true okay we have a

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00:02:37,590 --> 00:02:36,160
something coming up we have building

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00:02:39,500 --> 00:02:37,600
construction coming up here in this

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00:02:42,240 --> 00:02:39,510
Space Telescope Science Institute okay

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00:02:43,830 --> 00:02:42,250

they're doing a complete redesign of the

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00:02:45,240 --> 00:02:43,840

lobby they're tearing it all apart and

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00:02:47,400 --> 00:02:45,250

rebuilding at all putting it all back

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00:02:50,790 --> 00:02:47,410

together and that will affect the

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00:02:52,380 --> 00:02:50,800

January February and March 2020 public

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00:02:54,210 --> 00:02:52,390

lectures okay

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00:02:56,610 --> 00:02:54,220

such to a point that I wasn't sure we

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00:02:58,699 --> 00:02:56,620

were going to be able to have them I was

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00:03:01,560 --> 00:02:58,709

confirmed yesterday and today that

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00:03:04,170 --> 00:03:01,570

absolutely 100% we will be able to have

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00:03:05,940 --> 00:03:04,180

these public lectures okay so I sort of

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00:03:08,340 --> 00:03:05,950

was lazy and not scheduling speakers

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00:03:11,310 --> 00:03:08,350

because hey if I didn't have to have

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00:03:13,260 --> 00:03:11,320

scheduled them all right I didn't we

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00:03:15,390 --> 00:03:13,270

will for these three lectures probably

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00:03:19,140 --> 00:03:15,400

be using an alternate entrance to the

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00:03:22,770 --> 00:03:19,150

building okay so pay attention to the

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00:03:25,500 --> 00:03:22,780

signs when you get here and wheelchair

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00:03:27,090 --> 00:03:25,510

access could also be affected okay the

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00:03:29,160 --> 00:03:27,100

point is is that these entrance over

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00:03:30,600 --> 00:03:29,170

here and this entrance over here go

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00:03:32,490 --> 00:03:30,610

directly into the lobby that will be a

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00:03:34,680 --> 00:03:32,500

construction zone and these these

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00:03:37,110 --> 00:03:34,690

entrances may not be open all right and

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00:03:39,780 --> 00:03:37,120

this is where a wheelchair ramp is all

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00:03:41,580 --> 00:03:39,790

right so I will have more information

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00:03:44,340 --> 00:03:41,590

next month but I just want to put this

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00:03:46,410 --> 00:03:44,350

seed in your head that building

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00:03:49,110 --> 00:03:46,420

construction January February March will

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00:03:51,870 --> 00:03:49,120

be affected okay all right but I will

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00:03:56,069 --> 00:03:51,880

have speakers for you okay I always do

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00:03:57,870 --> 00:03:56,079

okay great let's see our website where

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00:04:00,960 --> 00:03:57,880

we will have all the information about

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00:04:04,319 --> 00:04:00,970

said speakers when I get them if you

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00:04:06,449 --> 00:04:04,329

would like to watch the webcasts you can

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00:04:11,130 --> 00:04:06,459

see right here our YouTube playlist as

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00:04:13,380 --> 00:04:11,140

well as our STScl webcast archive email

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00:04:16,560 --> 00:04:13,390

you can sign up for the lecture

101
00:04:18,840 --> 00:04:16,570
announcements down here just enter your

102
00:04:21,630 --> 00:04:18,850
email address and hit that subscribe and

103
00:04:25,020 --> 00:04:21,640
you'll get our once a month update of

104
00:04:27,240 --> 00:04:25,030
what's coming up also on the website we

105
00:04:31,140 --> 00:04:27,250
have the upcoming lectures

106
00:04:33,690 --> 00:04:31,150
as well as for each lecture we have that

107
00:04:37,500 --> 00:04:33,700
has gone we have both the STScl webcast

108
00:04:39,960 --> 00:04:37,510
as well as our YouTube of recording of

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00:04:41,430 --> 00:04:39,970
the lectures so lots and lots of ways to

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00:04:44,990 --> 00:04:41,440
watch lectures we've been doing and

111
00:04:48,600 --> 00:04:45,000
recording these lectures since 2005 okay

112
00:04:50,370 --> 00:04:48,610
it's a 14 years worth of lectures you

113
00:04:52,200 --> 00:04:50,380

can binge watch it'll take you more than

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00:04:56,160 --> 00:04:52,210

a weekend to binge watch these okay

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00:04:57,930 --> 00:04:56,170

alright so I know that that binge

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00:04:59,580 --> 00:04:57,940

watching is just ever so popular these

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00:05:02,280 --> 00:04:59,590

days

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00:05:05,280 --> 00:05:02,290

email announcements through sign up the

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00:05:07,410 --> 00:05:05,290

website if you can't handle digital

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00:05:09,360 --> 00:05:07,420

technology why are you using email

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00:05:11,010 --> 00:05:09,370

anyways but you could always write it

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00:05:13,800 --> 00:05:11,020

down on a piece of paper and hand it to

123

00:05:16,560 --> 00:05:13,810

me and I will give it to you if you have

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00:05:21,270 --> 00:05:16,570

comments or questions send them to

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00:05:23,070 --> 00:05:21,280

public lecture at STScl dot edu social

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00:05:26,100 --> 00:05:23,080

media we are on Facebook we're on

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00:05:28,680 --> 00:05:26,110

Twitter or on YouTube we're on Instagram

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00:05:31,470 --> 00:05:28,690

I don't think we're on snapchat but you

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00:05:34,230 --> 00:05:31,480

know or you know one of the or tik-tok

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00:05:35,760 --> 00:05:34,240

or whatever those things are right we

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00:05:37,950 --> 00:05:35,770

have all of these channels for if you

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00:05:40,230 --> 00:05:37,960

would like to follow us I myself do a

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00:05:44,700 --> 00:05:40,240

tiny bit on Facebook and Twitter every

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00:05:46,620 --> 00:05:44,710

now and then after the lecture tonight

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00:05:49,110 --> 00:05:46,630

the Maryland Space Grant Observatory

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00:05:52,080 --> 00:05:49,120

tells me it is clear enough out that

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00:05:54,330 --> 00:05:52,090

they will be doing observing although we

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00:05:56,850 --> 00:05:54,340

got a large audience tonight Sarah you

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00:05:59,760 --> 00:05:56,860

drew them in I mean this is a this is a

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00:06:01,890 --> 00:05:59,770

big audience okay and they can only take

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00:06:05,310 --> 00:06:01,900

a certain number of people if you have

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00:06:07,230 --> 00:06:05,320

already gone to the observatory recently

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00:06:10,890 --> 00:06:07,240

they ask that you let others who haven't

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00:06:13,080 --> 00:06:10,900

gone to the observatory go but basically

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00:06:16,050 --> 00:06:13,090

uh everyone who wants to go collects

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00:06:18,930 --> 00:06:16,060

down here at the end of the lecture if I

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00:06:22,560 --> 00:06:18,940

forget somebody remind me okay

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00:06:24,990 --> 00:06:22,570

if you cannot go tonight they have their

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00:06:29,550 --> 00:06:25,000

open houses on Friday evenings if you go

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00:06:32,040 --> 00:06:29,560

to MD that's MD dot space grant o RG

151
00:06:33,960 --> 00:06:32,050
you'll find this webpage with their

152
00:06:37,260 --> 00:06:33,970
about their open houses and this

153
00:06:39,930 --> 00:06:37,270
Observatory status bar right there tell

154
00:06:41,040 --> 00:06:39,940
will be filled in by the evening on

155
00:06:44,119 --> 00:06:41,050
Friday and tell you

156
00:06:47,460 --> 00:06:44,129
not the reopen on Friday evenings okay

157
00:06:50,969 --> 00:06:47,470
all right now my segment the news from

158
00:06:55,850 --> 00:06:50,979
the universe for November 2019

159
00:07:00,809 --> 00:06:55,860
our first story it came from outer space

160
00:07:04,320 --> 00:07:00,819
part 2 the sequel the dive-bombing comet

161
00:07:06,629 --> 00:07:04,330
alright so the people remember the first

162
00:07:08,490 --> 00:07:06,639
movie right all right well let's go back

163
00:07:13,379 --> 00:07:08,500

over the first movie the first movie was

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00:07:17,369 --> 00:07:13,389

about this object one-eye 2017 you won

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00:07:19,439 --> 00:07:17,379

Oh mwah yes that's actually the name

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00:07:21,930 --> 00:07:19,449

that they came up with all right and

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00:07:27,209 --> 00:07:21,940

that one eyes says it is the first

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00:07:29,999 --> 00:07:27,219

interstellar object okay and this is an

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00:07:32,010 --> 00:07:30,009

artist's impression of it around about

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00:07:35,029 --> 00:07:32,020

the time that Hubble took an image of it

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00:07:37,980 --> 00:07:35,039

way back when and Hubble got you know

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00:07:41,040 --> 00:07:37,990

not great data on it okay matter of fact

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00:07:45,029 --> 00:07:41,050

the data on Oh moon will all sort of

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00:07:48,420 --> 00:07:45,039

look like this yeah

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00:07:50,580 --> 00:07:48,430

the problem with oh mama was that it was

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00:07:53,730 --> 00:07:50,590

not discovered until it was already

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00:07:56,070 --> 00:07:53,740

leaving the solar system okay it came in

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00:07:58,589 --> 00:07:56,080

made a nice tight loop past the Sun and

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00:08:01,950 --> 00:07:58,599

it was discovered and we really didn't

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00:08:04,379 --> 00:08:01,960

get great observations of it this was

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00:08:07,860 --> 00:08:04,389

it's its orbit it actually came

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00:08:09,629 --> 00:08:07,870

inside the orbit of mercury and it was

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00:08:12,149 --> 00:08:09,639

discovered and it was on its way out and

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00:08:14,640 --> 00:08:12,159

we really didn't get great observations

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00:08:18,209 --> 00:08:14,650

of omamo we weren't able to truly

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00:08:20,909 --> 00:08:18,219

characterize it much all right so while

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00:08:23,249 --> 00:08:20,919

it was an exception it was the first

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00:08:26,100 --> 00:08:23,259

interstellar object and it was that was

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00:08:28,619 --> 00:08:26,110

exciting it wasn't exciting enough for

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00:08:30,300 --> 00:08:28,629

us geeks because we didn't get details

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00:08:32,730 --> 00:08:30,310

of what it's really like all's we got

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00:08:34,649 --> 00:08:32,740

was that it's probably very elongated

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00:08:37,980 --> 00:08:34,659

and had an interesting spin cycle to it

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00:08:39,329 --> 00:08:37,990

and everything all right and so you know

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00:08:41,870 --> 00:08:39,339

we knew that there could be other things

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00:08:44,430 --> 00:08:41,880

coming through so once you've got one

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00:08:46,590 --> 00:08:44,440

object that you know it's possible to

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00:08:48,060 --> 00:08:46,600

find inter-cell objects what are we

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00:08:51,810 --> 00:08:48,070

gonna do we're gonna keep our eyes open

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00:08:53,940 --> 00:08:51,820

all right and this year we did find

201

00:08:59,550 --> 00:08:53,950

another one okay this

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00:09:03,660 --> 00:08:59,560

is C 2019 q4 Borissov and again you can

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00:09:09,120 --> 00:09:03,670

see yeah it's just this tiny little dot

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00:09:13,230 --> 00:09:09,130

okay but Borissov was discovered on its

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00:09:15,329 --> 00:09:13,240

way into the solar system okay and at

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first we were like oh it looks like it

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00:09:19,829 --> 00:09:18,040

could be an inner cell or object it was

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discovered in August and they had to

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look through it and and they kept

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00:09:25,410 --> 00:09:23,320

following in September and October and

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00:09:29,550 --> 00:09:25,420

they finally were able to conclude that

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00:09:31,460 --> 00:09:29,560

yes it is a hyperbolic orbit it is not

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00:09:34,650 --> 00:09:31,470

from this solar system it is not

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00:09:39,300 --> 00:09:34,660

gravitationally bound to the Sun okay

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00:09:41,900 --> 00:09:39,310

and whereas Omonia had this orbit that

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00:09:44,759 --> 00:09:41,910

came in and went back out really sharply

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00:09:47,759 --> 00:09:44,769

Borissov I call it a dive-bombing comet

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00:09:49,860 --> 00:09:47,769

because it came up and down it's coming

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00:09:53,639 --> 00:09:49,870

down through the plane of the solar

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00:09:55,800 --> 00:09:53,649

system on a much long elongated orbit so

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00:10:00,000 --> 00:09:55,810

catching it as it's coming down were

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00:10:02,519 --> 00:10:00,010

able to watch it going through and as we

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00:10:05,600 --> 00:10:02,529

studied it further and further we saw

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00:10:10,050 --> 00:10:05,610

that it's not just a dot but it's a dot

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00:10:13,319 --> 00:10:10,060

with some fuzz around it okay it's it

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00:10:18,689 --> 00:10:13,329

looks like a comet all right so this is

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00:10:21,290 --> 00:10:18,699

the first confirmed interstellar comet

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00:10:23,850 --> 00:10:21,300

all right we could not confirm what Oh

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00:10:26,280 --> 00:10:23,860

Momo was it's more considered to be more

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00:10:29,189 --> 00:10:26,290

asteroid like than comet like this is

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00:10:31,650 --> 00:10:29,199

confirmed to be comet like so what's

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00:10:35,220 --> 00:10:31,660

going to happen every telescope that can

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00:10:35,939 --> 00:10:35,230

is going to study Borissov who you gonna

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00:10:41,550 --> 00:10:35,949

call

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00:10:46,050 --> 00:10:41,560

took a look at it to try and get a look

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00:10:49,860 --> 00:10:46,060

at it and so Hubble got a very very

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00:10:53,009 --> 00:10:49,870

clear picture of a very very fuzzy

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00:10:55,319 --> 00:10:53,019

object this is Hubble's image of

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00:10:58,410 --> 00:10:55,329

Borissov now it's much more at much

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00:10:59,850 --> 00:10:58,420

higher resolution but you know as as we

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00:11:01,590 --> 00:10:59,860

as we predicted we're sending in the

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00:11:03,360 --> 00:11:01,600

news meeting like yeah it's gonna be a

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00:11:06,150 --> 00:11:03,370

really high resolution picture of

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00:11:07,190 --> 00:11:06,160

something that's just a fuzz ball and it

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00:11:09,950 --> 00:11:07,200

is and that's

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00:11:12,800 --> 00:11:09,960

comets are because the comet nucleus is

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00:11:15,620 --> 00:11:12,810

actually hidden deep down inside the

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00:11:17,960 --> 00:11:15,630

coma of the comet the gases that escape

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00:11:20,270 --> 00:11:17,970

from the comet hide the shape of the

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00:11:21,530 --> 00:11:20,280

comet inside it you actually have to fly

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00:11:23,750 --> 00:11:21,540
up to it

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00:11:25,190 --> 00:11:23,760
which of course is not possible for

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00:11:27,530 --> 00:11:25,200
something traveling at the kind of speed

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00:11:29,360 --> 00:11:27,540
and interstellar comet as as flying at

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00:11:31,220 --> 00:11:29,370
we can't catch up to this we would have

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00:11:34,790 --> 00:11:31,230
had to started planning about five years

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00:11:35,900 --> 00:11:34,800
ago in order to be able to catch up to

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00:11:38,450 --> 00:11:35,910
something like this and see what it

259
00:11:42,560 --> 00:11:38,460
really looks like however this is still

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00:11:44,660 --> 00:11:42,570
on its way inward okay so our coming

261
00:11:48,710 --> 00:11:44,670
attractions are that it reaches

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00:11:50,600 --> 00:11:48,720
perihelion on December 7th 2019 at that

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00:11:52,790 --> 00:11:50,610

time it'll be about 300 million

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00:11:55,310 --> 00:11:52,800

kilometers about two astronomical units

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00:11:58,340 --> 00:11:55,320

from the Sun as well as about the same

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00:12:00,110 --> 00:11:58,350

two au from Earth okay so we will get a

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00:12:02,300 --> 00:12:00,120

reasonably good view of this all right

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00:12:04,730 --> 00:12:02,310

as it passes through it will be a blur

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00:12:06,650 --> 00:12:04,740

servable through late 2020 one of the

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00:12:07,970 --> 00:12:06,660

predictions I saw said through September

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00:12:10,180 --> 00:12:07,980

of next year

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00:12:12,380 --> 00:12:10,190

we'll be able to follow it all right and

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00:12:13,850 --> 00:12:12,390

we're gonna look at it and try and see

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00:12:16,700 --> 00:12:13,860

what if we can figure out its actual

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00:12:18,080 --> 00:12:16,710

size underneath all that fuzz whether or

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00:12:19,970 --> 00:12:18,090

not there's shape because you can get

277

00:12:22,460 --> 00:12:19,980

the light curve of the road if it's

278

00:12:23,750 --> 00:12:22,470

rotating and such but more importantly

279

00:12:27,380 --> 00:12:23,760

what I think is most important is the

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00:12:29,500 --> 00:12:27,390

composition our other solar systems

281

00:12:31,880 --> 00:12:29,510

where this comet would have formed

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00:12:33,620 --> 00:12:31,890

formed out of the same types of

283

00:12:36,110 --> 00:12:33,630

materials that form in our solar system

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00:12:38,690 --> 00:12:36,120

we look at the gases we can get the

285

00:12:41,360 --> 00:12:38,700

composition of that Comet and compare it

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00:12:44,000 --> 00:12:41,370

to the gases of comets that we see in

287

00:12:45,350 --> 00:12:44,010

our own solar system that to me is going

288

00:12:49,010 --> 00:12:45,360

to be the coolest thing we're gonna find

289

00:12:52,250 --> 00:12:49,020

out so stay tuned it will be at least be

290

00:12:54,230 --> 00:12:52,260

a trilogy if not even more in terms of

291

00:12:57,860 --> 00:12:54,240

the number of sequels that we'll have

292

00:12:59,930 --> 00:12:57,870

about the comet Borissov but wait till

293

00:13:01,480 --> 00:12:59,940

after December when we go to repair

294

00:13:03,340 --> 00:13:01,490

healing we'll have some good

295

00:13:05,510 --> 00:13:03,350

observations okay

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00:13:09,050 --> 00:13:05,520

another thing happening in our solar

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00:13:12,260 --> 00:13:09,060

system that you will hear about is the

298

00:13:17,689 --> 00:13:12,270

transit of mercury on November 11th 2019

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00:13:19,220 --> 00:13:17,699

which is what next Monday right okay

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00:13:22,340 --> 00:13:19,230

do y'all remember that we had a transit

301

00:13:24,109 --> 00:13:22,350

of Venus in 2012 yeah this was my

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00:13:28,249 --> 00:13:24,119

favorite picture of the transit of Venus

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00:13:29,659 --> 00:13:28,259

I think this is that Metro Center she

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00:13:31,759 --> 00:13:29,669

was transferring from the orange line to

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00:13:34,159 --> 00:13:31,769

the blue line oh and such

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00:13:37,789 --> 00:13:34,169

now the transit of Venus actually is

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00:13:40,909 --> 00:13:37,799

about when the planet Venus passes in

308

00:13:43,970 --> 00:13:40,919

front of the Sun all right and here you

309

00:13:46,699 --> 00:13:43,980

see this black spot right here that is

310

00:13:48,559 --> 00:13:46,709

the shadow of Venus on the surface of

311

00:13:51,289 --> 00:13:48,569

the Sun and transits of Venus are

312

00:13:52,970 --> 00:13:51,299

extremely rare you get to eight years

313

00:13:55,280 --> 00:13:52,980

apart and then there's another hundred

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00:13:59,329 --> 00:13:55,290

years or so before you get another one

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00:14:01,549 --> 00:13:59,339

all right and we had our - in 2004 2012

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00:14:04,549 --> 00:14:01,559

and we will not have another one in our

317

00:14:06,259 --> 00:14:04,559

lifetimes okay it'll be 21 something or

318

00:14:08,269 --> 00:14:06,269

other before there's another transit of

319

00:14:10,549 --> 00:14:08,279

Venus so you are not going to see

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00:14:12,169 --> 00:14:10,559

another transit Venus unless you're

321

00:14:14,479 --> 00:14:12,179

cryogenically frozen and somehow

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00:14:17,720 --> 00:14:14,489

survived for another hundred years I

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00:14:20,809 --> 00:14:17,730

don't really plan on that transits of

324

00:14:23,199 --> 00:14:20,819

mercury however are not so uncommon they

325

00:14:26,529 --> 00:14:23,209

occur about six times every century okay

326

00:14:28,759 --> 00:14:26,539

and so there is the transit of Venus and

327

00:14:34,189 --> 00:14:28,769

see if you can find the transit of

328

00:14:35,900 --> 00:14:34,199

mercury here yeah I'm sure some of you

329

00:14:39,679 --> 00:14:35,910

can but just in case you can't it's

330

00:14:41,449 --> 00:14:39,689

right there all right it looks like a

331

00:14:43,759 --> 00:14:41,459

another sunspot except for it's a

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00:14:46,759 --> 00:14:43,769

perfectly circular small sunspot all

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00:14:50,960 --> 00:14:46,769

right so the transit of mercury is a lot

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00:14:51,829 --> 00:14:50,970

harder to see okay and so it occurs on

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00:14:55,819 --> 00:14:51,839

November 11th

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00:14:58,400 --> 00:14:55,829

it starts at 7:35 a.m. Eastern Standard

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00:14:59,929 --> 00:14:58,410

Time finishes around 1:00 p.m. Eastern

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00:15:02,090 --> 00:14:59,939

Standard Time

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00:15:05,179 --> 00:15:02,100

and you know I have to warn you if you

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00:15:07,639 --> 00:15:05,189

try to look at it never look directly at

341

00:15:09,169 --> 00:15:07,649

the Sun we always that's a part of our

342

00:15:11,059 --> 00:15:09,179

astronomers creed that we have to say

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00:15:12,769 --> 00:15:11,069

that every single time you need to use

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00:15:15,439 --> 00:15:12,779

things like solar safe filters remember

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00:15:16,849 --> 00:15:15,449

these Eclipse glasses from the 2017

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00:15:19,609 --> 00:15:16,859

eclipse I hope you save them for the

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00:15:21,579 --> 00:15:19,619

2024 Eclipse you can use them to look at

348

00:15:25,879 --> 00:15:21,589

the Sun for the transit of mercury and

349

00:15:28,999 --> 00:15:25,889

you will not see it it's just too small

350

00:15:30,350 --> 00:15:29,009

okay the human eye tried today I was

351

00:15:30,990 --> 00:15:30,360

like staring at the Sun going could I

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00:15:32,970 --> 00:15:31,000

possibly

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00:15:36,240 --> 00:15:32,980

see the transit of mercury not now it's

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00:15:37,860 --> 00:15:36,250

to Smiley's my old eyes could not would

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00:15:39,540 --> 00:15:37,870

never be able to do without an

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00:15:41,880 --> 00:15:39,550

assistance see the transit of mercury

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00:15:44,370 --> 00:15:41,890

alright so if you're if people who are

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00:15:47,040 --> 00:15:44,380

going to kind of see it will want to use

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00:15:48,840 --> 00:15:47,050

telescopes and if you're going to do it

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00:15:51,510 --> 00:15:48,850

with a telescope you'll want to go to a

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00:15:54,840 --> 00:15:51,520

place like eclipse wise comm where Fred

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00:15:57,390 --> 00:15:54,850

Aspen act guru of Clips Asst has

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00:15:59,400 --> 00:15:57,400

diagrams like this to show you where in

364

00:16:01,710 --> 00:15:59,410

the world it is going to be visible and

365

00:16:04,830 --> 00:16:01,720

if you do look at it with the telescope

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00:16:08,760 --> 00:16:04,840

what path you can expect mercury to take

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00:16:10,260 --> 00:16:08,770

across the face so you're not going to

368

00:16:12,600 --> 00:16:10,270

be able to see the transit of mercury

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00:16:15,450 --> 00:16:12,610

but this is sort of a good excuse for me

370

00:16:17,940 --> 00:16:15,460

to show what you can see with a small

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00:16:20,280 --> 00:16:17,950

telescope okay because this was posted

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00:16:22,740 --> 00:16:20,290

on Facebook by the Harford County a

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00:16:27,980 --> 00:16:22,750

strong Astronomical Society just a few

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00:16:30,600 --> 00:16:27,990

weeks ago this transit is the

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00:16:32,820 --> 00:16:30,610

International Space Station transiting

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00:16:36,870 --> 00:16:32,830

across the Sun okay

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00:16:38,520 --> 00:16:36,880

it takes one point six seconds for the

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00:16:41,370 --> 00:16:38,530

International Space Station to transit

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00:16:44,340 --> 00:16:41,380

across the Sun and they got the pic okay

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00:16:48,630 --> 00:16:44,350

Richard fence got the pic not only did

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00:16:50,540 --> 00:16:48,640

he get this pic he got fifty pictures of

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00:16:53,280 --> 00:16:50,550

the International Space Station

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00:16:55,920 --> 00:16:53,290

transiting across the Sun in that one

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00:16:58,140 --> 00:16:55,930

point six seconds right and this is a

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00:17:00,990 --> 00:16:58,150

small telescope up in Harford County

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00:17:02,730 --> 00:17:01,000

okay and they just was an amazing sight

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00:17:04,380 --> 00:17:02,740

thing I saw it on Facebook I immediately

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00:17:06,300 --> 00:17:04,390

wrote to him said please let me use this

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00:17:08,670 --> 00:17:06,310

in my public talks because that's just a

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00:17:10,679 --> 00:17:08,680

really cool pic of the International

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00:17:12,960 --> 00:17:10,689

Space Station transiting so transits

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00:17:15,689 --> 00:17:12,970

they're kind of cool alright alright

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00:17:19,110 --> 00:17:15,699

finally one last thing let's talk about

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00:17:21,980 --> 00:17:19,120

galaxies Goulash and some of you may

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00:17:24,870 --> 00:17:21,990

think I'm misspelling here but I am NOT

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00:17:27,390 --> 00:17:24,880

because we all know about Goulash right

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00:17:29,760 --> 00:17:27,400

Hungarian Goulash okay it's a mixture of

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00:17:31,560 --> 00:17:29,770

meat and vegetables and a good hearty

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00:17:34,500 --> 00:17:31,570

stew great for these these fall days

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00:17:36,930 --> 00:17:34,510

like this and so we have this goulash

401
00:17:39,240 --> 00:17:36,940
but there can be considered galaxies

402
00:17:40,770 --> 00:17:39,250
goulash okay and what would we consider

403
00:17:42,750 --> 00:17:40,780
galaxies goulash well that would be a

404
00:17:44,409 --> 00:17:42,760
big mixture of all these galaxies all

405
00:17:46,479 --> 00:17:44,419
mixed up together

406
00:17:48,700 --> 00:17:46,489
sort of like what we did for Hubble's

407
00:17:50,710 --> 00:17:48,710
18th anniversary released all these

408
00:17:52,509 --> 00:17:50,720
images of galaxy collisions and galaxies

409
00:17:56,529 --> 00:17:52,519
interactions and the galaxies are all

410
00:17:58,090 --> 00:17:56,539
mixed up and together so where do we get

411
00:18:02,200 --> 00:17:58,100
the name galaxy

412
00:18:05,560 --> 00:18:02,210
goo-losh all right well it's win one of

413
00:18:10,539 --> 00:18:05,570

these galaxy collisions and fir has a

414

00:18:12,399 --> 00:18:10,549

really spooky look to it where you've

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00:18:15,009 --> 00:18:12,409

got the cores of the galaxies forming

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00:18:17,049 --> 00:18:15,019

the eyes and all of the tidal tails and

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00:18:20,070 --> 00:18:17,059

all that bright star formation forming

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00:18:24,310 --> 00:18:20,080

the head of as the press release said

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00:18:26,919 --> 00:18:24,320

interesting of looking ghoul although I

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00:18:29,229 --> 00:18:26,929

gotta say when I looked at it it didn't

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00:18:31,840 --> 00:18:29,239

really look like a ghoul to me or spooky

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00:18:39,519 --> 00:18:31,850

its kind of remember resembled something

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00:18:44,590 --> 00:18:39,529

from Star Trek Star Wars

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00:18:54,239 --> 00:18:44,600

I saw c-3po in it okay so I had to

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00:18:56,919 --> 00:18:54,249

create this animated gif so that was our

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00:18:59,200 --> 00:18:56,929

Halloween release of these these

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00:19:01,269 --> 00:18:59,210

ghoulish galaxies that work together

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00:19:03,759 --> 00:19:01,279

forming making a sort of a ghoulish head

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00:19:05,440 --> 00:19:03,769

out of the galaxy configuration all

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00:19:08,979 --> 00:19:05,450

right and that's our news for the

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00:19:11,889 --> 00:19:08,989

universe for November let's go on to our

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00:19:14,680 --> 00:19:11,899

featured speaker our speaker tonight is

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00:19:17,830 --> 00:19:14,690

dr. Sarah Kendra she is from the

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00:19:20,349 --> 00:19:17,840

European Space Agency but she is here at

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00:19:22,539 --> 00:19:20,359

the Space Telescope Science Institute we

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00:19:26,859 --> 00:19:22,549

have how many ISA employees do we have

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00:19:27,970 --> 00:19:26,869

in the building about 15 okay so there's

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00:19:29,979 --> 00:19:27,980

a you know the we talk about

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00:19:31,330 --> 00:19:29,989

collaborations between NASA and ISA and

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00:19:33,039 --> 00:19:31,340

you think if we're here and they're

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00:19:35,830 --> 00:19:33,049

there no no we got people you know

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00:19:37,720 --> 00:19:35,840

working together and she works on the

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00:19:41,099 --> 00:19:37,730

James Webb Space Telescope the

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00:19:45,609 --> 00:19:41,109

mid-infrared instrument called Miri and

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00:19:49,389 --> 00:19:45,619

she's also one of the amazing people who

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00:19:51,700 --> 00:19:49,399

works on the dot Astro conference which

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00:19:53,680 --> 00:19:51,710

is a conference that tries to reinvent

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00:19:54,669 --> 00:19:53,690

how we do astronomy so she's very

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00:19:57,710 --> 00:19:54,679

forward-thinking

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00:19:58,820 --> 00:19:57,720

and how she approaches astronomy

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00:20:01,820 --> 00:19:58,830

and she's been working on

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00:20:04,580 --> 00:20:01,830

instrumentation her entire career she

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00:20:07,310 --> 00:20:04,590

got her PhD at University College London

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00:20:08,930 --> 00:20:07,320

and I can't remember the various

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00:20:11,119 --> 00:20:08,940

postdocs she did but she did a lot of

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00:20:13,279 --> 00:20:11,129

very prestigious things she's an amazing

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00:20:14,390 --> 00:20:13,289

person ladies and gentlemen dr. Sarah

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00:20:29,680 --> 00:20:14,400

Kendra

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00:20:38,680 --> 00:20:35,890

all right so I was going to start with

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00:20:46,810 --> 00:20:38,690

introducing myself but Frank has done

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00:20:56,950 --> 00:20:46,820

that very well you're on one aren't you

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00:20:56,960 --> 00:21:01,520

all right

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00:21:06,290 --> 00:21:03,500

so thank you all very much for coming

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00:21:08,180 --> 00:21:06,300

tonight and I'm very pleased to be here

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00:21:11,720 --> 00:21:08,190

and I get to talk about my my pet

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00:21:13,910 --> 00:21:11,730

subject so as Frank said I work for the

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00:21:15,830 --> 00:21:13,920

European Space Agency but based here

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00:21:18,560 --> 00:21:15,840

working on one of the James Webb Space

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00:21:20,540 --> 00:21:18,570

Telescope instruments I've been here for

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00:21:25,070 --> 00:21:20,550

about three and a half about three and a

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00:21:27,470 --> 00:21:25,080

half years yeah so as you know here from

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00:21:30,080 --> 00:21:27,480

the building we are responsible for

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00:21:33,980 --> 00:21:30,090

their scientific operations of the

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00:21:37,250 --> 00:21:33,990

Hubble Space Telescope which has been in

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00:21:39,590 --> 00:21:37,260

space doing amazing science gathering

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00:21:41,480 --> 00:21:39,600

amazing data for the for the world's

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00:21:45,560 --> 00:21:41,490

astronomy community for almost 30 years

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00:21:47,930 --> 00:21:45,570

now and in a few years time it will be

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00:21:49,940 --> 00:21:47,940

joined by its successor the James Webb

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00:21:52,220 --> 00:21:49,950

Space Telescope this is a very recent

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00:21:55,280 --> 00:21:52,230

picture of James Webb in the cleanroom

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00:21:57,590 --> 00:21:55,290

at Northrop Grumman in California the

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observatory is fully assembled you can

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00:22:02,510 --> 00:21:59,670

see the mirror and the Sun the Sun

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00:22:06,050 --> 00:22:02,520

shields and the instruments are also all

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00:22:09,830 --> 00:22:06,060

fully assembled now but of course our

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00:22:13,070 --> 00:22:09,840

telescopes are not all in space we have

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00:22:15,590 --> 00:22:13,080

numerous large large and small

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00:22:17,540 --> 00:22:15,600

telescopes all over the world many of

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00:22:21,110 --> 00:22:17,550

them are in these beautiful remote

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00:22:23,420 --> 00:22:21,120

locations or very high mountain tops we

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00:22:25,460 --> 00:22:23,430

have telescopes that every night now

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00:22:28,940 --> 00:22:25,470

shoot lasers into the sky which is just

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00:22:31,400 --> 00:22:28,950

amazing so I've worked my whole career

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00:22:33,500 --> 00:22:31,410

on basically developing instruments and

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00:22:37,520 --> 00:22:33,510

technology for telescopes both on the

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00:22:40,100 --> 00:22:37,530

ground and in space and for me the role

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00:22:42,890 --> 00:22:40,110

of Technology in in Australia me and how

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00:22:47,120 --> 00:22:42,900

it drives astronomy is like a really

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00:22:49,580 --> 00:22:47,130

fascinating subject so with the aid of

501
00:22:52,340 --> 00:22:49,590
all these telescopes we have been able

502
00:22:55,010 --> 00:22:52,350
to build up an amazing picture of the

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00:22:57,740 --> 00:22:55,020
entire universe so we know the universe

504
00:22:59,650 --> 00:22:57,750
came into being in this big cataclysmic

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00:23:03,200 --> 00:22:59,660
event that we call the Big Bang around

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00:23:04,820 --> 00:23:03,210
13.7 billion years ago and you know

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00:23:07,580 --> 00:23:04,830
after after this period of rapid

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00:23:09,620 --> 00:23:07,590
expansion that we call inflation the

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00:23:12,710 --> 00:23:09,630
kind of hot soup of the universe cooled

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00:23:13,810 --> 00:23:12,720
into atoms forming the first stars and

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00:23:18,759 --> 00:23:13,820
galaxies that Alou

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00:23:21,219 --> 00:23:18,769
and ionized the universe today we know

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00:23:23,979 --> 00:23:21,229

that the universe is expanding all

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00:23:26,919 --> 00:23:23,989

around us and even more we actually know

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00:23:29,080 --> 00:23:26,929

this expansion is accelerating under the

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00:23:30,969 --> 00:23:29,090

influence of this very bizarre force

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00:23:32,680 --> 00:23:30,979

that we call dark energy that we have

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00:23:36,489 --> 00:23:32,690

absolutely no idea what it actually is

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00:23:39,580 --> 00:23:36,499

so we've got this huge picture but lots

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of open questions as well one of my

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00:23:46,659 --> 00:23:43,850

favorite amazing discoveries is the the

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00:23:48,789 --> 00:23:46,669

fact the the discovery that we have a

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00:23:51,219 --> 00:23:48,799

supermassive black hole at the heart of

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00:23:53,109 --> 00:23:51,229

our Milky Way galaxy and the way we know

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00:23:56,649 --> 00:23:53,119

that is that we've been able to trace

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00:23:59,589 --> 00:23:56,659

the motions of stars right at the heart

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00:24:01,690 --> 00:23:59,599

of the galaxy basically whizzing around

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00:24:03,909 --> 00:24:01,700

this central point which is basically

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00:24:06,879 --> 00:24:03,919

the heart of the galaxy the center of

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00:24:09,399 --> 00:24:06,889

the galaxy and by tracking these stars

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00:24:11,649 --> 00:24:09,409

over over about more than 20 years now

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00:24:13,899 --> 00:24:11,659

we're able to basically measure the mass

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00:24:15,719 --> 00:24:13,909

of this central object and deduce that

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00:24:18,129 --> 00:24:15,729

this is in supermassive black hole

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00:24:23,799 --> 00:24:18,139

weighing as much as about four million

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00:24:27,489 --> 00:24:23,809

Suns we have discovered an amazing

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00:24:30,639 --> 00:24:27,499

wealth of planetary systems outside of

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00:24:33,219 --> 00:24:30,649

our own so just you know the first ever

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00:24:38,229 --> 00:24:33,229

exoplanet around a normal sun like star

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00:24:40,330 --> 00:24:38,239

was only discovered just in 1995 so

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00:24:42,759 --> 00:24:40,340

fairly recently but this is a field that

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00:24:45,519 --> 00:24:42,769

has absolutely exploded and we now know

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00:24:48,519 --> 00:24:45,529

that our solar system isn't unique and

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00:24:50,619 --> 00:24:48,529

that planetary systems are probably just

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00:24:53,169 --> 00:24:50,629

natural byproducts of the formation of

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00:24:55,119 --> 00:24:53,179

stars and so you just see here this is

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00:24:57,940 --> 00:24:55,129

an actual representation of known

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00:25:00,969 --> 00:24:57,950

exoplanet systems in our solar

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00:25:05,289 --> 00:25:00,979

neighborhood so you can see we are very

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00:25:07,029 --> 00:25:05,299

much not alone so those are some of them

551
00:25:08,379 --> 00:25:07,039
that's kind of like that some of the

552
00:25:11,859 --> 00:25:08,389
really exciting things that we've

553
00:25:14,859 --> 00:25:11,869
learned in in you know our type in

554
00:25:16,769 --> 00:25:14,869
modern astronomy but you know astronomy

555
00:25:19,629 --> 00:25:16,779
is is actually like one of the most

556
00:25:22,570 --> 00:25:19,639
ancient natural sciences probably the

557
00:25:25,160 --> 00:25:22,580
most ancient natural science so there's

558
00:25:27,710 --> 00:25:25,170
evidence going back thousands of years

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00:25:31,160 --> 00:25:27,720
not even tens of thousands of years that

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00:25:33,590 --> 00:25:31,170
early humans and civilizations were

561
00:25:35,450 --> 00:25:33,600
actively watching the night sky and

562
00:25:38,150 --> 00:25:35,460
watching celestial objects and tracking

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00:25:41,060 --> 00:25:38,160

their motions and it's very normal

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00:25:43,130 --> 00:25:41,070

because they were basically this was the

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00:25:45,910 --> 00:25:43,140

way that they kept time it was the first

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00:25:49,310 --> 00:25:45,920

kind of timekeeping timekeeping system

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00:25:51,680 --> 00:25:49,320

and it will tell those humans you know

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00:25:54,620 --> 00:25:51,690

about changes in the seasons and in the

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00:25:56,830 --> 00:25:54,630

weather which were kind of heralds you

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00:26:01,850 --> 00:25:56,840

know changes in the availability of food

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00:26:03,560 --> 00:26:01,860

so really this you know as had a kind of

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00:26:05,000 --> 00:26:03,570

really outsized influence on their day

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00:26:06,950 --> 00:26:05,010

to day life so this is you know

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00:26:10,010 --> 00:26:06,960

stargazing is you know as old as

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00:26:13,010 --> 00:26:10,020

humanity itself really and because of

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00:26:15,040 --> 00:26:13,020

this made this huge influence of the

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00:26:17,720 --> 00:26:15,050

night sky and celestial objects on

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00:26:20,180 --> 00:26:17,730

people's day-to-day lives also means it

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00:26:23,330 --> 00:26:20,190

was very closely tied into their belief

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00:26:25,070 --> 00:26:23,340

systems and gods and and worship and

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00:26:26,390 --> 00:26:25,080

this is actually something I've always

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00:26:28,490 --> 00:26:26,400

really liked astronomy and that it

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00:26:31,940 --> 00:26:28,500

really kind of ties together science and

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00:26:35,840 --> 00:26:31,950

discovery with traditions and culture in

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00:26:38,000 --> 00:26:35,850

that way so in in that context

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00:26:42,620 --> 00:26:38,010

telescopes are incredibly recent

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00:26:44,570 --> 00:26:42,630

invention in astronomy telescopes were

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00:26:46,520 --> 00:26:44,580

not even the first ever instruments that

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00:26:49,250 --> 00:26:46,530

people started using for looking at this

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00:26:50,510 --> 00:26:49,260

looking at stars or at the night sky so

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00:26:52,940 --> 00:26:50,520

there's a whole range of early

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00:26:59,090 --> 00:26:52,950

instruments from you know sextant to

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00:27:00,950 --> 00:26:59,100

Astro labs to blanking on the name of

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00:27:05,630 --> 00:27:00,960

the thing at the end of time is fear

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00:27:08,060 --> 00:27:05,640

Tannis fear this beautiful astronomical

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00:27:10,130 --> 00:27:08,070

clocks a lot of all of these particular

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00:27:12,410 --> 00:27:10,140

instruments predates the invention of

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00:27:16,010 --> 00:27:12,420

the first telescope so these were used

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00:27:18,350 --> 00:27:16,020

to predict their locations of stars in

600

00:27:20,510 --> 00:27:18,360

the sky or to measure the positions of

601
00:27:23,300 --> 00:27:20,520
stars in the sky or certain angular

602
00:27:25,940 --> 00:27:23,310
distances and it's it's actually really

603
00:27:28,130 --> 00:27:25,950
when whenever I read about this it's

604
00:27:30,440 --> 00:27:28,140
really fascinating how much knowledge we

605
00:27:32,030 --> 00:27:30,450
had actually already gathered before the

606
00:27:37,110 --> 00:27:32,040
first telescopes were even you know

607
00:27:39,850 --> 00:27:37,120
invented we had had

608
00:27:41,279 --> 00:27:39,860
catalogs have stars huge catalogs of

609
00:27:45,909 --> 00:27:41,289
stars and their positions already

610
00:27:47,710 --> 00:27:45,919
charted things like you know the planets

611
00:27:49,960 --> 00:27:47,720
and motions of the planets had been

612
00:27:52,450 --> 00:27:49,970
traced in huge amount of detail the

613
00:27:56,019 --> 00:27:52,460

actual laws of planetary motion were

614

00:27:57,730 --> 00:27:56,029

derived from naked eye observations and

615

00:27:59,379 --> 00:27:57,740

so there was actually a huge amount of

616

00:28:02,440 --> 00:27:59,389

knowledge already gathered before the

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00:28:04,360 --> 00:28:02,450

telescope even arrived so that's kind of

618

00:28:08,320 --> 00:28:04,370

setting the scene for what I want to

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00:28:10,450 --> 00:28:08,330

talk about here telescopes have really

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00:28:11,649 --> 00:28:10,460

kind of supercharged discovery in

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00:28:13,649 --> 00:28:11,659

astronomy but we shouldn't forget

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00:28:16,269 --> 00:28:13,659

everything that became before either

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00:28:18,700 --> 00:28:16,279

so astronomy is a kind of an

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00:28:21,669 --> 00:28:18,710

experimental science is very unique in

625

00:28:23,529 --> 00:28:21,679

that we can't perform experiments on our

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00:28:27,249 --> 00:28:23,539

subjects in the same way that other

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00:28:29,919 --> 00:28:27,259

sciences do so we can't grow things in a

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00:28:32,129 --> 00:28:29,929

petri dish or we can't put galaxies in

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00:28:35,080 --> 00:28:32,139

MRI scanners or anything like that and

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00:28:38,799 --> 00:28:35,090

we we have to just make do with what we

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00:28:40,419 --> 00:28:38,809

see we have just one laboratory but our

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00:28:43,960 --> 00:28:40,429

laboratory is the size of the entire

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00:28:46,539 --> 00:28:43,970

universe so our job really is to kind of

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00:28:50,019 --> 00:28:46,549

just gather as much information as we

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00:28:51,669 --> 00:28:50,029

possibly can with as many different

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00:28:53,950 --> 00:28:51,679

methods as we thought as we can and then

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00:28:56,080 --> 00:28:53,960

try to kind of build up this story of

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00:28:58,119 --> 00:28:56,090

this picture of the past and the present

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00:29:01,590 --> 00:28:58,129

and the future to try and like piece

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00:29:04,419 --> 00:29:01,600

everything together in the simplest form

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00:29:06,279 --> 00:29:04,429

observational astronomy is you know

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00:29:08,950 --> 00:29:06,289

catching photons from space

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00:29:12,090 --> 00:29:08,960

so photons are the carrier particles for

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00:29:15,340 --> 00:29:12,100

electromagnetic magnetic radiation

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00:29:17,799 --> 00:29:15,350

photons can come in a huge range of

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00:29:19,720 --> 00:29:17,809

different energies and these different

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00:29:21,610 --> 00:29:19,730

energies we call by different names you

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00:29:24,190 --> 00:29:21,620

know from the lowest energy which we

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00:29:27,249 --> 00:29:24,200

call radio waves through to microwaves

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00:29:29,230 --> 00:29:27,259

infrared visible lights to the very

651
00:29:31,659 --> 00:29:29,240
highest energies which are x-rays and

652
00:29:34,480 --> 00:29:31,669
gamma rays and so we want all of these

653
00:29:38,110 --> 00:29:34,490
photons in astronomy basically because

654
00:29:40,029 --> 00:29:38,120
all these different energies in the

655
00:29:42,159 --> 00:29:40,039
radiation kind of tell a different part

656
00:29:44,019 --> 00:29:42,169
of the story and we have observatories

657
00:29:46,210 --> 00:29:44,029
to detect all these different types of

658
00:29:47,860 --> 00:29:46,220
radiation and each of them use you know

659
00:29:50,390 --> 00:29:47,870
I could give this talk for each of these

660
00:29:52,220 --> 00:29:50,400
different parts of the electromagnetic

661
00:29:54,230 --> 00:29:52,230
spectrum because each of these you know

662
00:29:56,390 --> 00:29:54,240
uses very different technologies and

663
00:29:58,820 --> 00:29:56,400

have have their own history that is

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00:30:00,950 --> 00:29:58,830

really interesting but so for this talk

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00:30:05,420 --> 00:30:00,960

I am going to focus on the kind of

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00:30:09,020 --> 00:30:05,430

visible and near-infrared range so you

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00:30:11,960 --> 00:30:09,030

know just visible light astronomy just

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00:30:14,770 --> 00:30:11,970

to caveat for my caching photons from

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00:30:17,420 --> 00:30:14,780

space this is not fully true so we also

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00:30:20,150 --> 00:30:17,430

have telescopes that detect high-energy

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00:30:23,180 --> 00:30:20,160

cosmic rays coming from Astrophysical

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00:30:26,180 --> 00:30:23,190

sources and since very recently which is

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00:30:29,480 --> 00:30:26,190

very exciting we can also detect

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00:30:31,880 --> 00:30:29,490

gravitational waves from from

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00:30:33,680 --> 00:30:31,890

Astrophysical sources and this is a

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00:30:37,160 --> 00:30:33,690

whole new area of science these were

677

00:30:39,020 --> 00:30:37,170

only first detected a few years ago so

678

00:30:42,130 --> 00:30:39,030

that's very exciting but will not be

679

00:30:45,290 --> 00:30:42,140

talking about that today very much a

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00:30:47,570 --> 00:30:45,300

basic principle of a telescope visible

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00:30:50,870 --> 00:30:47,580

light telescope it's just a big bucket

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00:30:53,150 --> 00:30:50,880

for light for collecting light the

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00:30:55,250 --> 00:30:53,160

telescope itself just collects the light

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00:30:57,530 --> 00:30:55,260

and then brings it to a focus in a

685

00:30:59,870 --> 00:30:57,540

convenient location so that can be to an

686

00:31:02,200 --> 00:30:59,880

eyepiece or it can be to a camera or

687

00:31:04,880 --> 00:31:02,210

another different kind of instrument I'm

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00:31:06,770 --> 00:31:04,890

the bigger the telescope the bigger the

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00:31:09,860 --> 00:31:06,780

bucket is the more light it can collect

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00:31:11,870 --> 00:31:09,870

so a larger telescope can in principle

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00:31:14,450 --> 00:31:11,880

detect fainter sources because it can

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00:31:17,480 --> 00:31:14,460

collect more photons and a larger

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00:31:19,280 --> 00:31:17,490

telescope can also achieve a higher

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00:31:21,560 --> 00:31:19,290

resolution and what that means is that

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00:31:24,860 --> 00:31:21,570

you see here that the diagram is that

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00:31:27,250 --> 00:31:24,870

you can see finer detail with them so

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00:31:29,330 --> 00:31:27,260

that is basically a reason why you know

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00:31:31,160 --> 00:31:29,340

as soon as we understood these

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00:31:32,810 --> 00:31:31,170

principles you know we just wanted to

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00:31:34,370 --> 00:31:32,820

keep building bigger telescopes and that

701
00:31:38,170 --> 00:31:34,380
has really was driven a lot of

702
00:31:41,660 --> 00:31:38,180
technological development so the first

703
00:31:45,860 --> 00:31:41,670
kind of aspect of technology I want to

704
00:31:49,610 --> 00:31:45,870
talk about is the is is how to build

705
00:31:53,540 --> 00:31:49,620
large mirrors so see here a nice graphic

706
00:31:57,260 --> 00:31:53,550
of you know Galileo performing his first

707
00:32:00,500 --> 00:31:57,270
astronomical observations that was in

708
00:32:02,490 --> 00:32:00,510
1609 so that was that's the date often

709
00:32:04,710 --> 00:32:02,500
quoted as you know the

710
00:32:06,120 --> 00:32:04,720
the telescope the invention of the

711
00:32:07,740 --> 00:32:06,130
telescope is actually like a really

712
00:32:09,720 --> 00:32:07,750
fascinating story there's all these

713
00:32:13,170 --> 00:32:09,730

theories about who knew what and when

714

00:32:14,670 --> 00:32:13,180

and who told what to whom and if you

715

00:32:18,540 --> 00:32:14,680

really kind of dig into the history of

716

00:32:22,890 --> 00:32:18,550

it it's actually really fun but we'll

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00:32:25,530 --> 00:32:22,900

stick with 1609 here and so this first

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00:32:28,050 --> 00:32:25,540

telescope that Galileo built immediately

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00:32:30,660 --> 00:32:28,060

was used for a person really cool

720

00:32:33,930 --> 00:32:30,670

discoveries like the the moon - for big

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00:32:35,700 --> 00:32:33,940

moons of Jupiter so it was immediately

722

00:32:39,510 --> 00:32:35,710

put to very good use and so this

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00:32:41,730 --> 00:32:39,520

telescope was made with lenses but very

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00:32:44,340 --> 00:32:41,740

quickly after these first models and

725

00:32:48,450 --> 00:32:44,350

telescopes started also getting built

726

00:32:51,270 --> 00:32:48,460

with mirrors mirrors have some distinct

727

00:32:54,960 --> 00:32:51,280

advantages they're a little easier to to

728

00:33:00,390 --> 00:32:54,970

manufacture and they're not not quite as

729

00:33:02,640 --> 00:33:00,400

cumbersome as lenses but both refractors

730

00:33:04,410 --> 00:33:02,650

using lenses and reflectors using

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00:33:07,620 --> 00:33:04,420

mirrors were kind of used in parallel

732

00:33:09,930 --> 00:33:07,630

for quite a long time the astronomer who

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00:33:13,680 --> 00:33:09,940

really perfected the art of making large

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00:33:15,750 --> 00:33:13,690

mirrors was William Herschel who was a

735

00:33:18,510 --> 00:33:15,760

German astronomer they were working in

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00:33:21,120 --> 00:33:18,520

the South of England and he was very

737

00:33:25,290 --> 00:33:21,130

good at making telescope mirrors and he

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00:33:28,920 --> 00:33:25,300

had a number of telescopes in his own

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00:33:32,460 --> 00:33:28,930

private Observatory which he and his

740

00:33:34,230 --> 00:33:32,470

sister Caroline used to you know watch

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00:33:36,330 --> 00:33:34,240

the skies night after night and they

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00:33:39,560 --> 00:33:36,340

made some absolutely amazing discoveries

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00:33:41,930 --> 00:33:39,570

they were both incredibly accomplished

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00:33:45,500 --> 00:33:41,940

but this was the combination of

745

00:33:49,080 --> 00:33:45,510

Herschel's kind of telescope building

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00:33:53,160 --> 00:33:49,090

career this was Herschel's grand 40-foot

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00:33:55,590 --> 00:33:53,170

telescope so the 40 40-foot refers to

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00:33:58,490 --> 00:33:55,600

the length of the tube the size of the

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00:34:01,830 --> 00:33:58,500

mirror was about 48 inches in diameter

750

00:34:03,690 --> 00:34:01,840

this was kind of a tourist attraction it

751
00:34:05,670 --> 00:34:03,700
was actually marked on the map so people

752
00:34:08,310 --> 00:34:05,680
who travel like far and wide to come see

753
00:34:12,750 --> 00:34:08,320
this telescope the only problem was is

754
00:34:14,750 --> 00:34:12,760
that it just wasn't very good and so and

755
00:34:16,310 --> 00:34:14,760
it's quite funny because Herschel

756
00:34:18,710 --> 00:34:16,320
go to give all these presentations about

757
00:34:20,149 --> 00:34:18,720
his observations but he would kind of

758
00:34:21,620 --> 00:34:20,159
gloss over the fact that they were done

759
00:34:23,480 --> 00:34:21,630
with the other telescopes not with this

760
00:34:27,020 --> 00:34:23,490
one because he didn't really want to

761
00:34:29,810 --> 00:34:27,030
admit this but he really hit on the

762
00:34:31,820 --> 00:34:29,820
difficulty of you know building very

763
00:34:34,550 --> 00:34:31,830

large mirrors and very large telescopes

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00:34:36,440 --> 00:34:34,560

you can see this is an amazingly complex

765

00:34:38,840 --> 00:34:36,450

contraption

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00:34:40,909 --> 00:34:38,850

it was incredibly heavy it was

767

00:34:44,090 --> 00:34:40,919

completely impractical to actually move

768

00:34:45,680 --> 00:34:44,100

around the sky and so often he could

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00:34:47,659 --> 00:34:45,690

only observe things for a very short

770

00:34:49,010 --> 00:34:47,669

period of time as they drifted out of

771

00:34:51,620 --> 00:34:49,020

the field because it was far too

772

00:34:58,760 --> 00:34:51,630

difficult to actually move the telescope

773

00:35:01,010 --> 00:34:58,770

around also the the mirror as you make a

774

00:35:03,200 --> 00:35:01,020

mirror bigger it becomes a lot heavier

775

00:35:04,370 --> 00:35:03,210

and it becomes a lot bulkier as well and

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00:35:08,570 --> 00:35:04,380

so this is where you start getting

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00:35:11,480 --> 00:35:08,580

problems so if you want to make a mirror

778

00:35:14,090 --> 00:35:11,490

twice as big you also for it for it to

779

00:35:17,330 --> 00:35:14,100

keep its shape and not sort of sag or

780

00:35:20,720 --> 00:35:17,340

flop under gravity you have to make it

781

00:35:22,970 --> 00:35:20,730

four times as thick so you can see as

782

00:35:25,370 --> 00:35:22,980

you scale up in size you're going to end

783

00:35:31,640 --> 00:35:25,380

up with these huge you know bulk sand

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00:35:33,140 --> 00:35:31,650

material and as your your bulk of your

785

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

primary mirror gets bigger and bigger

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00:35:36,830 --> 00:35:35,340

your the whole support structure also

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00:35:38,840 --> 00:35:36,840

has to become a lot you know it's

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00:35:40,700 --> 00:35:38,850

different stronger to actually support

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00:35:42,350 --> 00:35:40,710

that weight and the whole thing is just

790

00:35:44,960 --> 00:35:42,360

going to very quickly going to become

791

00:35:49,460 --> 00:35:44,970

very cumbersome to use what's more as

792

00:35:51,500 --> 00:35:49,470

well so as you go and this is still an

793

00:35:53,060 --> 00:35:51,510

issue today with mirrors as you go from

794

00:35:55,760 --> 00:35:53,070

day to night there's usually a very

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00:35:57,890 --> 00:35:55,770

strong drop in temperature and so a

796

00:35:59,720 --> 00:35:57,900

telescope mirror has two kind of thermal

797

00:36:03,640 --> 00:35:59,730

eyes it has its temperature has to

798

00:36:06,050 --> 00:36:03,650

adjust to to the ambient temperature and

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00:36:07,880 --> 00:36:06,060

that can take a while that settling can

800

00:36:09,950 --> 00:36:07,890

take a while and if you have a mirror

801
00:36:11,540 --> 00:36:09,960
that this is huge bulk of material that

802
00:36:14,120 --> 00:36:11,550
basically could take a very long time

803
00:36:16,160 --> 00:36:14,130
and so Herschel would constantly get

804
00:36:17,930 --> 00:36:16,170
condensation on his mirror which would

805
00:36:21,130 --> 00:36:17,940
then freeze so you'd he'd have like a

806
00:36:24,370 --> 00:36:21,140
layer of frost on it and it wasn't

807
00:36:26,500 --> 00:36:24,380
so Herschel in his you know telescope

808
00:36:31,000 --> 00:36:26,510
building adventures basically came up

809
00:36:33,160 --> 00:36:31,010
against this big problem where you know

810
00:36:34,750 --> 00:36:33,170
this the the primary mirror is you know

811
00:36:36,820 --> 00:36:34,760
kind of the heart of the telescope and

812
00:36:40,060 --> 00:36:36,830
it really drives the costs of other

813
00:36:41,620 --> 00:36:40,070

telescope and it is a very big

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00:36:43,900 --> 00:36:41,630

engineering challenge how to increase

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00:36:47,320 --> 00:36:43,910

the size of a telescope without running

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00:36:49,750 --> 00:36:47,330

into these issues and this continued to

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00:36:54,550 --> 00:36:49,760

be an issue until you know well into the

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00:36:57,430 --> 00:36:54,560

nineteenth early twentieth century so a

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00:37:01,270 --> 00:36:57,440

couple of solutions were this were found

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00:37:05,470 --> 00:37:01,280

for this so the first is was pioneered

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00:37:07,690 --> 00:37:05,480

here in the 1940s with the 5-metre Hale

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00:37:10,420 --> 00:37:07,700

telescope at Mount Palomar Observatory

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00:37:13,060 --> 00:37:10,430

which is still in operation today and is

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00:37:16,420 --> 00:37:13,070

actually like an amazing achievement for

825

00:37:19,360 --> 00:37:16,430

its time so this 5 meter mirror was a

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00:37:23,530 --> 00:37:19,370

huge step up in size from the previous

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00:37:25,810 --> 00:37:23,540

kind of largest telescope and but it was

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00:37:28,720 --> 00:37:25,820

clear that too if they had to increase

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00:37:30,310 --> 00:37:28,730

the thickness of the mirror and to scale

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00:37:33,760 --> 00:37:30,320

with the diameter that this would be

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00:37:35,890 --> 00:37:33,770

completely impossible I think even in

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00:37:37,860 --> 00:37:35,900

the manufacturing process in when the

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00:37:40,780 --> 00:37:37,870

the glass would come out of the oven

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00:37:42,490 --> 00:37:40,790

they have to control the cooling because

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00:37:44,380 --> 00:37:42,500

otherwise the mirror can crack if it

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00:37:46,180 --> 00:37:44,390

cools too quickly and I think it was

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00:37:48,370 --> 00:37:46,190

going to have to cool for something like

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00:37:51,130 --> 00:37:48,380

I don't know it was like many many years

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00:37:53,440 --> 00:37:51,140

decades basically so this was you know

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00:37:57,550 --> 00:37:53,450

not going to work so they developed this

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00:38:01,480 --> 00:37:57,560

technique whereby the glass the molten

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00:38:03,220 --> 00:38:01,490

glass was kind of poured over this over

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00:38:06,700 --> 00:38:03,230

over a mold that had this kind of

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00:38:09,610 --> 00:38:06,710

removable backing structure so that they

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00:38:12,390 --> 00:38:09,620

could actually remove a huge portion of

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00:38:15,730 --> 00:38:12,400

the material but keeping these tips ribs

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00:38:17,380 --> 00:38:15,740

- and that kind of maintained the the

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00:38:20,410 --> 00:38:17,390

stiffness and the support of the mirror

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00:38:23,500 --> 00:38:20,420

surface and so by doing this they were

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00:38:27,640 --> 00:38:23,510

able to cut down the weight of the

851
00:38:29,440 --> 00:38:27,650
mirror by I think to about 65% of the

852
00:38:32,170 --> 00:38:29,450
mass that if it had been you know a

853
00:38:34,030 --> 00:38:32,180
solid block and so this made you know

854
00:38:35,980 --> 00:38:34,040
was kind of key to making this telescope

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00:38:38,109 --> 00:38:35,990
a success and like I said this is the

856
00:38:40,900 --> 00:38:38,119
telescope is still in operation today

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00:38:44,410 --> 00:38:40,910
so it's a quiet it was an amazing piece

858
00:38:47,980 --> 00:38:44,420
of engineering a little bit later in the

859
00:38:51,160 --> 00:38:47,990
1980s a technique was developed in

860
00:38:54,790 --> 00:38:51,170
Europe to call kind of active support

861
00:38:58,270 --> 00:38:54,800
active optics so in this technology

862
00:38:59,980 --> 00:38:58,280
rather than you know trying any sort of

863
00:39:03,640 --> 00:38:59,990

clever manufacturing techniques like

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00:39:07,000 --> 00:39:03,650

this the idea was to not even try to

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00:39:09,130 --> 00:39:07,010

have the mirror hold its own shape just

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00:39:11,440 --> 00:39:09,140

create a very thin mirror but fix

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00:39:13,540 --> 00:39:11,450

actuators on the back that can be you

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00:39:15,970 --> 00:39:13,550

know electrically controlled that can

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00:39:18,280 --> 00:39:15,980

basically as the mirror moves around on

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00:39:20,280 --> 00:39:18,290

the sky and sags under gravity couldn't

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00:39:23,109 --> 00:39:20,290

just nudge it back into shape

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00:39:25,180 --> 00:39:23,119

and so this was first demonstrated in

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00:39:27,970 --> 00:39:25,190

the late 1980s on the three point six

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00:39:31,630 --> 00:39:27,980

meter new technology telescope this is a

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00:39:33,160 --> 00:39:31,640

telescope operated by the European

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00:39:37,140 --> 00:39:33,170

Southern Observatory which is a large

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00:39:40,000 --> 00:39:37,150

European consortium operating

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00:39:41,950 --> 00:39:40,010

astronomical telescopes in Chile so this

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00:39:44,309 --> 00:39:41,960

telescope is still in operation today as

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00:39:48,460 --> 00:39:44,319

well and this technique is used on many

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00:39:50,349 --> 00:39:48,470

many large telescopes today so it's

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00:39:52,930 --> 00:39:50,359

really ingenious and that you can kind

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00:39:55,750 --> 00:39:52,940

of you know constantly monitor the shape

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00:39:59,770 --> 00:39:55,760

of the mirror and kind of just nudge it

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00:40:04,030 --> 00:39:59,780

back into shape as needed the next step

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00:40:06,760 --> 00:40:04,040

in this was to actually and this is a

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00:40:10,420 --> 00:40:06,770

technique pioneered on the 10 metre Keck

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00:40:12,430 --> 00:40:10,430

telescopes in the early 90s is to not

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00:40:15,460 --> 00:40:12,440

even try to build the mirror as a single

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00:40:17,700 --> 00:40:15,470

piece but to actually build up the

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00:40:20,230 --> 00:40:17,710

mirror out of tiles of smaller mirrors

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00:40:21,789 --> 00:40:20,240

so here you actually see an example this

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00:40:24,099 --> 00:40:21,799

is actually the southern African Large

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00:40:27,490 --> 00:40:24,109

Telescope in South Africa which uses

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00:40:29,859 --> 00:40:27,500

this the same technology so you can see

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00:40:33,039 --> 00:40:29,869

this is just kind of like lots of

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00:40:36,670 --> 00:40:33,049

different hexagonal tiles of mirrors and

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00:40:38,319 --> 00:40:36,680

this is a kind of a drawing of what the

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00:40:40,599 --> 00:40:38,329

back of one of these segments looks like

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00:40:43,070 --> 00:40:40,609

so it has these support structures on

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00:40:45,740 --> 00:40:43,080
the back so that every single

902
00:40:47,600 --> 00:40:45,750
can be adjusted in tip and tilt sorting

903
00:40:49,760 --> 00:40:47,610
and to keep them aligned with their

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00:40:53,210 --> 00:40:49,770
neighbors so that you can maintain a

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00:40:55,790 --> 00:40:53,220
beautiful shape for the mirror and as

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00:40:58,160 --> 00:40:55,800
you may know the James Webb Space

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00:40:59,810 --> 00:40:58,170
Telescope will marks the first time that

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00:41:02,840 --> 00:40:59,820
we will launch one of these segmented

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00:41:05,060 --> 00:41:02,850
mirrors into space and indeed we

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00:41:07,250 --> 00:41:05,070
wouldn't be able to launch such a large

911
00:41:09,590 --> 00:41:07,260
mirror into space without segmenting it

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00:41:11,870 --> 00:41:09,600
because it's that technology that lets

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00:41:14,660 --> 00:41:11,880

us fold it up so that it fits into the

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00:41:17,750 --> 00:41:14,670

launch vehicle and to then kind of be

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00:41:24,230 --> 00:41:17,760

deployed and and kind of folded back

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00:41:27,760 --> 00:41:24,240

into into its full shape after launch so

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00:41:34,190 --> 00:41:31,520

towards the future this segmentation is

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00:41:37,370 --> 00:41:34,200

really kind of the path to a huge

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00:41:39,920 --> 00:41:37,380

scaling up in size of telescopes so here

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00:41:42,020 --> 00:41:39,930

you see an abused impression of a

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00:41:45,740 --> 00:41:42,030

next-generation European ground this

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00:41:49,640 --> 00:41:45,750

telescope called the European extremely

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00:41:51,260 --> 00:41:49,650

large telescope we do not waste any

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00:41:56,300 --> 00:41:51,270

money on coming up with good names for

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00:41:59,210 --> 00:41:56,310

our telescopes and so this the diameter

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00:42:01,520 --> 00:41:59,220
of this mirror is 39

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00:42:04,280 --> 00:42:01,530
you can see here these are like these

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00:42:08,270 --> 00:42:04,290
these tiny specks down here are big

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00:42:10,310 --> 00:42:08,280
trucks so you can see the size of this

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00:42:13,520 --> 00:42:10,320
this mirror will have around 800

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00:42:16,640 --> 00:42:13,530
individual segments that will all have

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00:42:21,560 --> 00:42:16,650
to be tiled and may and its shape

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00:42:23,450 --> 00:42:21,570
maintained throughout observations so

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00:42:25,070 --> 00:42:23,460
the the scenery here this telescope is

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00:42:28,010 --> 00:42:25,080
under construction in the Atacama Desert

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00:42:30,880 --> 00:42:28,020
in northern Chile so it is it does it

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00:42:34,430 --> 00:42:30,890
does actually look like Mars there and

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00:42:37,910 --> 00:42:34,440

the second kind of technology I wanted

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00:42:40,310 --> 00:42:37,920

to talk about was the ability to capture

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00:42:43,910 --> 00:42:40,320

images which led to the birth of

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00:42:47,540 --> 00:42:43,920

astrophysics and the also the birth of

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00:42:49,300 --> 00:42:47,550

kind of surveys in astronomy so I put

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00:42:51,350 --> 00:42:49,310

here a picture of Frederick Douglass

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00:42:54,230 --> 00:42:51,360

photography was not invented for

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00:42:55,460 --> 00:42:54,240

astronomy of course it was but

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00:42:57,880 --> 00:42:55,470

astronomers were very

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00:43:01,670 --> 00:42:57,890

quick to cut none so the first kind of

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00:43:06,349 --> 00:43:01,680

photographic technologies were developed

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00:43:07,880 --> 00:43:06,359

in the kind of 1820s 1830s and these are

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00:43:10,130 --> 00:43:07,890

some of the very first pictures that

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00:43:13,430 --> 00:43:10,140
astronomers took with this new you know

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00:43:16,640 --> 00:43:13,440
with these new techniques there were

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00:43:18,589 --> 00:43:16,650
lots of really exciting first so in 1840

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00:43:21,320 --> 00:43:18,599
here astronomer called Draper took

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00:43:23,330 --> 00:43:21,330
picture this picture of the moon the

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00:43:26,720 --> 00:43:23,340
first picture of a solar eclipse by

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00:43:29,510 --> 00:43:26,730
Bukovsky Lewis this was taken in a

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00:43:31,339 --> 00:43:29,520
European observatory this is from 1851

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00:43:34,339 --> 00:43:31,349
and so this showed us for the very first

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00:43:36,260 --> 00:43:34,349
time these and the kind of the solar

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00:43:39,020 --> 00:43:36,270
picture of the solar corona and these

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00:43:43,010 --> 00:43:39,030
you know little prominences on the limb

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00:43:47,180 --> 00:43:43,020

and really importantly as well the first

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00:43:49,660 --> 00:43:47,190

recorded spectra of stars so here these

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00:43:53,990 --> 00:43:49,670

are spectra so it's starlight dispersed

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00:43:55,550 --> 00:43:54,000

we astronomers knew before you know

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00:43:58,370 --> 00:43:55,560

technically before photography came

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00:44:00,349 --> 00:43:58,380

along had been able to see these spectra

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00:44:03,380 --> 00:44:00,359

but a lot of these features are kind of

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00:44:05,240 --> 00:44:03,390

very faint and you know were very

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00:44:08,990 --> 00:44:05,250

difficult to study without actually

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00:44:12,260 --> 00:44:09,000

being able to record them properly so by

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00:44:14,000 --> 00:44:12,270

with the advent of photography these

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00:44:18,770 --> 00:44:14,010

could for the first time kind of really

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00:44:21,010 --> 00:44:18,780

kind of compared and studied and and

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00:44:23,210 --> 00:44:21,020

this really kind of gave rise to

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00:44:25,040 --> 00:44:23,220

astrophysics as a science where people

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00:44:30,470 --> 00:44:25,050

could really study like what the physics

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00:44:32,480 --> 00:44:30,480

of what was happening inside stars it

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00:44:34,849 --> 00:44:32,490

was kind of quite a big this is a really

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00:44:37,550 --> 00:44:34,859

interesting period in in in history of

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00:44:39,530 --> 00:44:37,560

science this was kind of there was a lot

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00:44:42,560 --> 00:44:39,540

of enthusiasm about invention and

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00:44:45,800 --> 00:44:42,570

innovation in Europe as well as in North

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00:44:47,510 --> 00:44:45,810

America around this time and the fact

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00:44:50,030 --> 00:44:47,520

also that now these images could be

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00:44:52,099 --> 00:44:50,040

reproduced and printed meant that they

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00:44:53,930 --> 00:44:52,109

were you know you did was like the first

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00:44:55,430 --> 00:44:53,940

time that sort of astronomical images

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00:44:57,650 --> 00:44:55,440

would appear in in the media in

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00:45:00,060 --> 00:44:57,660

newspapers and it generated a huge

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00:45:04,620 --> 00:45:00,070

amount of enthusiasm for astronomy and

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00:45:07,260 --> 00:45:04,630

in society in general from a scientific

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00:45:09,420 --> 00:45:07,270

point of view it was also there was this

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00:45:10,829 --> 00:45:09,430

real feeling that it was the first time

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00:45:14,880 --> 00:45:10,839

they could really have objective

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00:45:16,950 --> 00:45:14,890

recordings of what was happening in in

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00:45:21,030 --> 00:45:16,960

the sky previously it would always

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00:45:22,800 --> 00:45:21,040

relied on notes and sketches that were

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00:45:24,690 --> 00:45:22,810

taken by astronomers which are obviously

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00:45:29,250 --> 00:45:24,700

a lot more kind of individual and

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00:45:31,680 --> 00:45:29,260

subjective for me this is only a really

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00:45:34,880 --> 00:45:31,690

amazing image so this is was taken a

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00:45:37,290 --> 00:45:34,890

photograph taken of the Orion Nebula by

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00:45:40,859 --> 00:45:37,300

someone called Andrew Inslee common in

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00:45:44,730 --> 00:45:40,869

1883 and this was one of the first

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00:45:46,829 --> 00:45:44,740

images photographs that showed very

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00:45:48,540 --> 00:45:46,839

faint stars that couldn't that work

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00:45:51,060 --> 00:45:48,550

couldn't be seen with the naked eye so

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00:45:53,550 --> 00:45:51,070

it was kind of the first time that you

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00:45:56,069 --> 00:45:53,560

know you could sort of expose for longer

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00:45:58,440 --> 00:45:56,079

and then when the photographs were

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00:46:01,020 --> 00:45:58,450

processed and it would reveal kind of

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00:46:02,460 --> 00:46:01,030

new stars in there that people hadn't

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00:46:05,190 --> 00:46:02,470

been able to see before

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00:46:07,170 --> 00:46:05,200

so this was kind of really kind of a you

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00:46:08,819 --> 00:46:07,180

know must have been a really amazing

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00:46:11,520 --> 00:46:08,829

experience you see for the first time

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00:46:14,579 --> 00:46:11,530

these things which have been hidden from

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00:46:17,309 --> 00:46:14,589

the eye for before and I think

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00:46:19,920 --> 00:46:17,319

astronomers were very quick to to

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00:46:21,660 --> 00:46:19,930

realize the potential and and the the

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00:46:23,760 --> 00:46:21,670

kind of paradigm shift that this

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00:46:26,220 --> 00:46:23,770

technology was bringing so here's a

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00:46:27,930 --> 00:46:26,230

quote from Charles Pritchard who was the

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civilian professor of astronomy at

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Oxford in the late 1918 80s it's a

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little bit long-winded

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but basically he says oh this is with

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00:46:42,750 --> 00:46:40,450

photography we can actually now always

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00:46:45,089 --> 00:46:42,760

compare back to you know we have like

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00:46:47,400 --> 00:46:45,099

points of comparison like just to be

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00:46:48,660 --> 00:46:47,410

able to see if things have changed you

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00:46:50,790 --> 00:46:48,670

know because we have that absolute

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00:46:53,460 --> 00:46:50,800

recording of what something looked like

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00:46:54,930 --> 00:46:53,470

at a particular time so we don't always

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00:46:56,430 --> 00:46:54,940

have to like draw sketches and things

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00:46:59,069 --> 00:46:56,440

like that it's like very easy to now

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00:47:00,660 --> 00:46:59,079

compare and this is still kind of what

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00:47:02,430 --> 00:47:00,670

we do you know when we look for for

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00:47:05,310 --> 00:47:02,440

things that change in the sky we just

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00:47:08,890 --> 00:47:05,320

compare different images

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um photography also kind of paved the

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00:47:14,770 --> 00:47:12,380

way for doing astronomy by surveys so

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00:47:16,660 --> 00:47:14,780

rather than look surveys is when rather

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00:47:19,270 --> 00:47:16,670

than look at a particular object you

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00:47:21,700 --> 00:47:19,280

just kind of map the sky into huge parts

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00:47:23,770 --> 00:47:21,710

of the sky in one go and then you can

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00:47:25,960 --> 00:47:23,780

use those photographs you know to kind

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00:47:28,210 --> 00:47:25,970

of pour over them and study what's there

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00:47:32,530 --> 00:47:28,220

and catalog all the objects that are

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00:47:34,060 --> 00:47:32,540

visible this is something and this is a

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very interesting kind of sociological

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period in astronomy as well because the

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this this work of poring over these

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giant images with you know that

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00:47:47,680 --> 00:47:45,830

contained you know thousands of stars or

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00:47:49,780 --> 00:47:47,690

lots and lots of stellar spectra was

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considered kind of dull and rote work

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and something that even women could do

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and also you didn't have to pay women as

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much as men to do it and so around this

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era kind of those this entire generation

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00:48:06,820 --> 00:48:04,370

of incredibly smart women who did this

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00:48:09,610 --> 00:48:06,830

work and who made these incredible

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00:48:12,220 --> 00:48:09,620

discoveries basically based on their

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00:48:15,130 --> 00:48:12,230

work with these these large-scale

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00:48:16,570 --> 00:48:15,140

surveys so here's just a picture of two

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00:48:19,480 --> 00:48:16,580

of the you know the best known names

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from that period have Annie jump cannon

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00:48:25,540 --> 00:48:24,020

who just classified who looked at three

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00:48:30,070 --> 00:48:25,550

hundred and fifty thousand stellar

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spectra by eye and base of stars and

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00:48:35,410 --> 00:48:32,300

basically came up with a classification

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00:48:36,970 --> 00:48:35,420

scheme based on chemistry and that is

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00:48:39,430 --> 00:48:36,980

still the classification scheme we use

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00:48:41,640 --> 00:48:39,440

today so that's you know really

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00:48:44,410 --> 00:48:41,650

transformative work that she did

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Henrietta Swan Leavitt and similarly

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they both worked at Harvard College

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Observatory just from looking at lots

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and lots of images of stars derived a

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relationship between the period and the

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00:49:00,310 --> 00:48:58,490

luminosity of a particular type of

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variable star which we call the Cepheid

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variables which was later used by Hubble

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00:49:10,330 --> 00:49:07,310

to derive distances to galaxies and

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00:49:13,360 --> 00:49:10,340

which allowed him to discover the you

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00:49:15,100 --> 00:49:13,370

know expansion of the universe and again

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00:49:16,720 --> 00:49:15,110

this is a relationship we still use

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00:49:18,490 --> 00:49:16,730

today we still use these

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00:49:21,390 --> 00:49:18,500

variable stars to measure distances to

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00:49:25,000 --> 00:49:21,400

things so this is kind of a an amazing

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00:49:26,830 --> 00:49:25,010

kind of period this photography and the

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00:49:29,680 --> 00:49:26,840

you know these wide field photographic

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00:49:33,190 --> 00:49:29,690

surveys were a really amazing period in

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00:49:35,740 --> 00:49:33,200

astronomy photography kind of was the

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00:49:40,510 --> 00:49:35,750

lay of the land in imaging and well into

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00:49:43,450 --> 00:49:40,520

the 20th century the most famous of the

1100

00:49:45,640 --> 00:49:43,460

photographic surveys is probably the

1101
00:49:47,410 --> 00:49:45,650
Palomar optical Sky Survey there was a

1102
00:49:50,080 --> 00:49:47,420
series of these this is an image from

1103
00:49:53,470 --> 00:49:50,090
post one from the first one which was

1104
00:49:56,020 --> 00:49:53,480
executed over a period of a decade so it

1105
00:49:59,350 --> 00:49:56,030
was very long you know over a very long

1106
00:50:01,900 --> 00:49:59,360
period of time and created this an

1107
00:50:04,080 --> 00:50:01,910
absolutely amazing dataset that led to

1108
00:50:06,310 --> 00:50:04,090
the discovery of clusters of galaxies

1109
00:50:08,410 --> 00:50:06,320
thousands of new star clusters in the

1110
00:50:10,390 --> 00:50:08,420
Milky Way galaxy and lots and lots of

1111
00:50:13,600 --> 00:50:10,400
new other interesting objects like

1112
00:50:16,870 --> 00:50:13,610
planetary nebulae but photographic

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00:50:18,010 --> 00:50:16,880

plates had had their problems they were

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00:50:23,860 --> 00:50:18,020

not you know there were a lot of

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00:50:26,620 --> 00:50:23,870

problems with it of using them so there

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00:50:27,580 --> 00:50:26,630

were these large glass plates and so you

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00:50:29,770 --> 00:50:27,590

know particularly when you're doing

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00:50:33,520 --> 00:50:29,780

these huge large-scale surveys you were

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00:50:35,730 --> 00:50:33,530

generating a lot of plates and so stuck

1120

00:50:38,230 --> 00:50:35,740

they were kind of cumbersome to store

1121

00:50:42,330 --> 00:50:38,240

you couldn't reuse them so you always

1122

00:50:45,790 --> 00:50:42,340

had you know to get new ones also the

1123

00:50:47,920 --> 00:50:45,800

efficiency with which the photography is

1124

00:50:50,290 --> 00:50:47,930

kind of a chemical process so do you

1125

00:50:53,080 --> 00:50:50,300

have a kind of a photosensitive emulsion

1126
00:50:57,130 --> 00:50:53,090
that goes on this glass plate and then

1127
00:50:58,930 --> 00:50:57,140
reacts to the incoming light but the

1128
00:51:03,820 --> 00:50:58,940
efficiency with which that conversion

1129
00:51:05,110 --> 00:51:03,830
happens is not not very high and it

1130
00:51:07,120 --> 00:51:05,120
could be quite different between

1131
00:51:10,990 --> 00:51:07,130
different parts of the plate or between

1132
00:51:12,700 --> 00:51:11,000
in different plates and the response was

1133
00:51:15,910 --> 00:51:12,710
also not very linear so it was quite

1134
00:51:17,800 --> 00:51:15,920
hard to use the brightness you measure

1135
00:51:19,960 --> 00:51:17,810
in a photograph to really accurately

1136
00:51:22,150 --> 00:51:19,970
measure the actual intrinsic brightness

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00:51:26,680 --> 00:51:22,160
of the star so these were kind of you

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00:51:28,359 --> 00:51:26,690

know niggly problems that did you know

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00:51:30,130 --> 00:51:28,369

really being able to do precision

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00:51:34,620 --> 00:51:30,140

science kind of called for a different

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00:51:39,040 --> 00:51:34,630

solution um that came in the form of

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00:51:42,339 --> 00:51:39,050

electronic imaging using C CDs or

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00:51:45,309 --> 00:51:42,349

charge-coupled devices umm what these

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00:51:48,400 --> 00:51:45,319

devices do or the the basis of this type

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00:51:51,819 --> 00:51:48,410

of energy imaging is to harness what was

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00:51:54,160 --> 00:51:51,829

called the photoelectric effect which is

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00:51:55,870 --> 00:51:54,170

actually Einstein came up with this

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00:51:59,060 --> 00:51:55,880

theory for what happens in the

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00:52:01,470 --> 00:51:59,070

photoelectric effect in the early 1900s

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00:52:08,790 --> 00:52:01,480

so before that it had been known for

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00:52:11,280 --> 00:52:08,800

quite some time that if you if you if

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00:52:13,380 --> 00:52:11,290

you irradiate certain materials their

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00:52:18,570 --> 00:52:13,390

electrical properties would change so

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00:52:20,280 --> 00:52:18,580

which is kind of weird so so then the

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00:52:22,440 --> 00:52:20,290

theory behind the photoelectric effect

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00:52:25,590 --> 00:52:22,450

that Einstein you know very cleverly

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00:52:27,720 --> 00:52:25,600

kind of derived is that the energy of

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00:52:31,590 --> 00:52:27,730

the incoming light so when you would

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00:52:34,500 --> 00:52:31,600

radiation hits and material releases

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00:52:39,600 --> 00:52:34,510

electrons in the kind of substrate of

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00:52:40,950 --> 00:52:39,610

the material at the time when Einstein

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00:52:42,840 --> 00:52:40,960

came up with the theory we didn't know

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00:52:46,140 --> 00:52:42,850

yet what photons were so he framed it

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00:52:47,340 --> 00:52:46,150

slightly differently but basically what

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00:52:49,470 --> 00:52:47,350

happens is that you know you have

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00:52:54,300 --> 00:52:49,480

photons coming in carrying energy and

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00:52:57,720 --> 00:52:54,310

they interact with the they're kind of

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00:53:00,060 --> 00:52:57,730

with the material of releasing electrons

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00:53:01,440 --> 00:53:00,070

and as it turns out this is for a given

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00:53:04,980 --> 00:53:01,450

material this is a very predictable

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00:53:08,010 --> 00:53:04,990

response and it's it's immediate and

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00:53:10,730 --> 00:53:08,020

it's repeatable as well so this

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00:53:15,540 --> 00:53:10,740

basically gives a really clever way of

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00:53:17,490 --> 00:53:15,550

of using an electrical current to learn

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00:53:19,260 --> 00:53:17,500

about the properties of the radiation

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00:53:23,370 --> 00:53:19,270

that's coming that's hitting the

1177

00:53:24,930 --> 00:53:23,380

material so so that was you know the

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00:53:28,800 --> 00:53:24,940

photoelectric effect was kind of in the

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00:53:33,090 --> 00:53:28,810

early 20th century the real breakthrough

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00:53:35,790 --> 00:53:33,100

for imaging came when these sutures

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00:53:38,180 --> 00:53:35,800

woman here and Smith and Boyle here at

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00:53:42,120 --> 00:53:38,190

stirring up their Nobel Prize ceremonies

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00:53:44,490 --> 00:53:42,130

they worked at AT&T Bell Labs when they

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00:53:48,060 --> 00:53:44,500

figured out a way of sort of

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00:53:50,849 --> 00:53:48,070

transferring a charge sort of between

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00:53:53,099 --> 00:53:50,859

this is kind of a little book mmm excuse

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00:53:57,359 --> 00:53:53,109

me sort of bucket analogy they figured

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00:53:59,630 --> 00:53:57,369

out a way of if you had that every

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00:54:02,490 --> 00:53:59,640

little element was sort of

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00:54:03,870 --> 00:54:02,500

photosensitive element little bit on

1191

00:54:06,240 --> 00:54:03,880

here and then you would collect the

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00:54:09,000 --> 00:54:06,250

charge and they figured out how to then

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00:54:11,200 --> 00:54:09,010

transfer the charge along kind of row so

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00:54:15,460 --> 00:54:11,210

that you could then

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00:54:17,980 --> 00:54:15,470

you know I get the signal from the from

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00:54:20,490 --> 00:54:17,990

the material and reconstruct a

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00:54:23,260 --> 00:54:20,500

2-dimensional image sorry that was clear

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00:54:25,210 --> 00:54:23,270

so so basically that you have you know

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00:54:27,910 --> 00:54:25,220

this whole array this is what a CCD

1200

00:54:29,620 --> 00:54:27,920

looks like a charge coupled device it's

1201

00:54:34,690 --> 00:54:29,630

got all these little squares which we

1202

00:54:37,630 --> 00:54:34,700

call pixels and and at every one of

1203

00:54:39,280 --> 00:54:37,640

these pixels if you have incident

1204

00:54:42,010 --> 00:54:39,290

radiation it will generate that

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00:54:44,710 --> 00:54:42,020

particular charge and then using this

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00:54:46,750 --> 00:54:44,720

charge coupling mechanism you can

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00:54:48,760 --> 00:54:46,760

actually read that out and reconstruct

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00:54:51,850 --> 00:54:48,770

what the image looked like so being able

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00:54:53,830 --> 00:54:51,860

to create use this technology and use

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00:54:56,050 --> 00:54:53,840

this effects and harness it to produce a

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00:54:57,970 --> 00:54:56,060

2-dimensional image that was really kind

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00:55:00,730 --> 00:54:57,980

of the key breakthrough for track these

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00:55:03,280 --> 00:55:00,740

charged couple devices it Masek the

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00:55:05,650 --> 00:55:03,290

great thing about it is that again it's

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00:55:09,970 --> 00:55:05,660

very it's a very linear response over a

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00:55:12,370 --> 00:55:09,980

very long range of energies and it's

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00:55:17,430 --> 00:55:12,380

it's it's very predictable so you can

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00:55:20,320 --> 00:55:17,440

basically calibrate it very well and

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00:55:22,000 --> 00:55:20,330

then and they have quite high quantum

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00:55:24,370 --> 00:55:22,010

efficiency so a very high fraction of

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00:55:27,220 --> 00:55:24,380

incident photons will generate that

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00:55:29,470 --> 00:55:27,230

current and what's also great is that

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00:55:33,700 --> 00:55:29,480

you can actually just mosaic them so and

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00:55:36,070 --> 00:55:33,710

one particular CCD devices is quite

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00:55:38,530 --> 00:55:36,080

small and can cover only a small portion

1226
00:55:40,180 --> 00:55:38,540
of sky but if you can tile them together

1227
00:55:43,130 --> 00:55:40,190
you can actually get like very wide

1228
00:55:49,260 --> 00:55:47,430
and so firm around so that these were

1229
00:55:52,920 --> 00:55:49,270
these devices were invented sort of in

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00:55:54,270 --> 00:55:52,930
them I think in the late 1960s but it

1231
00:55:55,980 --> 00:55:54,280
took quite a while there was a lot of

1232
00:55:57,600 --> 00:55:55,990
early development that needed to happen

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00:55:59,340 --> 00:55:57,610
for these to become really useful for

1234
00:56:03,120 --> 00:55:59,350
astronomy but from sort of around the

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00:56:05,580 --> 00:56:03,130
1980s see CDs have really been sort of

1236
00:56:12,900 --> 00:56:05,590
the the key technology for imaging in

1237
00:56:14,670 --> 00:56:12,910
visible wavelengths I knew as soon as I

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00:56:20,040 --> 00:56:14,680

said it I so I thought I don't know how

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00:56:22,350 --> 00:56:20,050

big this is but they can be a few

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00:56:27,420 --> 00:56:22,360

centimeters yeah like something like

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00:56:31,840 --> 00:56:30,100

what's what's been great as well as that

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00:56:33,750 --> 00:56:31,850

theme so a lot of these technologies

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00:56:36,850 --> 00:56:33,760

kind of like impact each other as well

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00:56:39,280 --> 00:56:36,860

so see CDs have been really critical for

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00:56:44,920 --> 00:56:39,290

other types of technological advances

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00:56:47,410 --> 00:56:44,930

for manufacturing mirrors for example by

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00:56:49,360 --> 00:56:47,420

being able to do electronic imaging we

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00:56:51,700 --> 00:56:49,370

were able to develop new measurement

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00:56:53,770 --> 00:56:51,710

techniques for optics so to be able to

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00:56:55,060 --> 00:56:53,780

actually measure the shapes of mirrors

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00:56:58,510 --> 00:56:55,070
better in the lab while we're

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00:56:59,860 --> 00:56:58,520
manufacturing them for telescopes so we

1253
00:57:02,620 --> 00:56:59,870
would not be able to build this mirror

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00:57:05,910 --> 00:57:02,630
these types of mirrors into that level

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00:57:08,560 --> 00:57:05,920
of accuracy without CCD technology

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00:57:10,660 --> 00:57:08,570
similarly space astronomy would never

1257
00:57:12,910 --> 00:57:10,670
have been able to flourish to the extent

1258
00:57:15,070 --> 00:57:12,920
that it has without the ability to you

1259
00:57:17,020 --> 00:57:15,080
know record and digitize image record

1260
00:57:18,880 --> 00:57:17,030
images electronically and then digitize

1261
00:57:22,000 --> 00:57:18,890
them so that they could be transmitted

1262
00:57:23,560 --> 00:57:22,010
back to earth and the final technology

1263
00:57:26,410 --> 00:57:23,570

that I'm going to talk about for

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00:57:31,930 --> 00:57:26,420

adaptive optics also relies very heavily

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00:57:37,040 --> 00:57:35,540

so in the future to kind of highlight

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00:57:41,000 --> 00:57:37,050

what's happening with this in the future

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00:57:44,210 --> 00:57:41,010

I put an image here of this future

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00:57:46,100 --> 00:57:44,220

telescope called the LSST the large

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00:57:48,080 --> 00:57:46,110

synoptic survey telescope which is

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00:57:52,960 --> 00:57:48,090

basically the biggest digital camera

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00:57:57,170 --> 00:57:52,970

that's ever built you can see here the

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00:57:59,270 --> 00:57:57,180

what the CCD focal plane looks like for

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00:58:00,920 --> 00:57:59,280

this camera so you see here the full

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00:58:04,090 --> 00:58:00,930

moon this is the actual size of the full

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00:58:08,060 --> 00:58:04,100

moon just for scale then this whole

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00:58:10,190 --> 00:58:08,070

mosaic of CCDs has 3.2 billion pixels

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00:58:12,800 --> 00:58:10,200

and it covers three and a half square

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00:58:14,150 --> 00:58:12,810

degrees field of view so again compare

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00:58:17,450 --> 00:58:14,160

that to the you know the size of the

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00:58:21,470 --> 00:58:17,460

full moon and it's a mosaic of 189

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00:58:23,870 --> 00:58:21,480

individual CCD sensors and this whole

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00:58:26,000 --> 00:58:23,880

camera that this is kind of at the heart

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00:58:28,880 --> 00:58:26,010

of is like the size of a small car it

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00:58:31,460 --> 00:58:28,890

weighs over 6,000 pounds and so this

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00:58:34,250 --> 00:58:31,470

telescope is going to absolutely blow

1286

00:58:36,020 --> 00:58:34,260

every other survey out of the water when

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00:58:38,660 --> 00:58:36,030

it comes into operation in a few years

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00:58:41,660 --> 00:58:38,670

time it's currently under construction

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00:58:43,580 --> 00:58:41,670

in Chile and it's going to be able to

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00:58:47,990 --> 00:58:43,590

map the sky with that field of view

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00:58:49,160 --> 00:58:48,000

whether with at a huge speed so that

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00:58:50,720 --> 00:58:49,170

it's going to be able to repeat

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00:58:53,750 --> 00:58:50,730

measurements very quickly and measure

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00:58:55,160 --> 00:58:53,760

and find things that change I think the

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00:58:58,420 --> 00:58:55,170

estimate is that it will discover

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00:59:06,650 --> 00:58:58,430

several million supernovae every night

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00:59:08,480 --> 00:59:06,660

yeah okay telescopes in space I'm not

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00:59:11,930 --> 00:59:08,490

going to talk about this for too long

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00:59:13,580 --> 00:59:11,940

but I couldn't really give this talk

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00:59:15,920 --> 00:59:13,590

here without talking about telescopes

1301
00:59:18,620 --> 00:59:15,930
going into space this has obviously been

1302
00:59:22,640 --> 00:59:18,630
one of the biggest transformations in

1303
00:59:25,460 --> 00:59:22,650
modern astronomy so why do we want our

1304
00:59:28,670 --> 00:59:25,470
telescopes to go to space well the

1305
00:59:30,760 --> 00:59:28,680
Earth's atmosphere is great for us life

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00:59:33,170 --> 00:59:30,770
would as we know it would not be

1307
00:59:35,390 --> 00:59:33,180
sustainable on earth without the

1308
00:59:37,580 --> 00:59:35,400
atmosphere protecting us from harmful

1309
00:59:40,310 --> 00:59:37,590
radiation the kind of maintaining of

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00:59:43,010 --> 00:59:40,320
thermal balance kind of balancing out

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00:59:44,810 --> 00:59:43,020
the energy that we get from the Sun but

1312
00:59:47,300 --> 00:59:44,820
it's terrible for astronomy and

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00:59:49,970 --> 00:59:47,310

this is I think that the thing that

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00:59:51,710 --> 00:59:49,980

unifies modern astronomers to those from

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00:59:53,420 --> 00:59:51,720

you know 10,000 years ago is that we

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00:59:56,900 --> 00:59:53,430

just complain about the weather all the

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00:59:58,490 --> 00:59:56,910

time about the clouds this is a very

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01:00:00,200 --> 00:59:58,500

kind of crude little sketch of what

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01:00:02,780 --> 01:00:00,210

happens when starlight comes through the

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01:00:06,910 --> 01:00:02,790

atmosphere the atmosphere is basically

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01:00:08,840 --> 01:00:06,920

this layer of thick churning gas

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01:00:11,930 --> 01:00:08,850

starlighter's and that pequeños is

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01:00:13,630 --> 01:00:11,940

traveling through space and basically

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01:00:15,650 --> 01:00:13,640

doesn't really encounter many obstacles

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01:00:18,680 --> 01:00:15,660

but then when it hits the atmosphere

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01:00:20,930 --> 01:00:18,690

which is this kind of like just gassy

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01:00:23,900 --> 01:00:20,940

mess that's you know constantly turning

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01:00:25,730 --> 01:00:23,910

constantly changing the light kind of

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01:00:27,440 --> 01:00:25,740

gets distorted and then it creates this

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01:00:29,870 --> 01:00:27,450

kind of instead of a nice image it

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01:00:32,630 --> 01:00:29,880

creates this fuzzy blob and this is

1332

01:00:36,200 --> 01:00:32,640

actually a recording of what you know

1333

01:00:38,600 --> 01:00:36,210

the image of a star looks like you know

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01:00:41,330 --> 01:00:38,610

as you you know on a on a CCD chip as

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01:00:43,520 --> 01:00:41,340

you see it through the atmosphere so

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01:00:47,090 --> 01:00:43,530

instead of like a nice point source like

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01:00:48,650 --> 01:00:47,100

a nice point light image you see this

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01:00:50,480 --> 01:00:48,660

fuzzy mess here of all these like

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01:00:53,410 --> 01:00:50,490

different speckles that are constantly

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01:00:55,640 --> 01:00:53,420

moving around and changing in brightness

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01:00:57,230 --> 01:00:55,650

so that's kind of what happens when you

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01:00:59,720 --> 01:00:57,240

observe you know when you take an image

1343

01:01:02,000 --> 01:00:59,730

of a star through the atmosphere as you

1344

01:01:03,320 --> 01:01:02,010

expose this over time it will just kind

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01:01:05,930 --> 01:01:03,330

of build up and it would just be this

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01:01:11,300 --> 01:01:05,940

big blurry mess so even the best

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01:01:13,010 --> 01:01:11,310

telescopes don't don't ever get to

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01:01:15,110 --> 01:01:13,020

achieve what they're theoretically

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01:01:17,630 --> 01:01:15,120

capable of because the quality of the

1350

01:01:21,500 --> 01:01:17,640

images is limited by what the atmosphere

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01:01:23,270 --> 01:01:21,510

does to them what's more is that some

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01:01:25,760 --> 01:01:23,280

light doesn't even get through the

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01:01:28,160 --> 01:01:25,770

atmosphere so there's huge parts of this

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01:01:30,350 --> 01:01:28,170

electromagnetic spectrum that is

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01:01:32,980 --> 01:01:30,360

actually absorbed when the radiation is

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01:01:35,630 --> 01:01:32,990

absorbed by molecules in the atmosphere

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01:01:38,870 --> 01:01:35,640

we I've just been talking here about

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01:01:40,760 --> 01:01:38,880

this visible near infrared portion of

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01:01:43,340 --> 01:01:40,770

the spectrum but you see here in the

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01:01:45,740 --> 01:01:43,350

infrareds there this is basically this

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01:01:48,380 --> 01:01:45,750

is 100% means this the light is

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01:01:51,320 --> 01:01:48,390

completely blocked zero is everything

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01:01:54,500 --> 01:01:51,330

gets true so you see here in the

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01:01:56,210 --> 01:01:54,510

infrared if we want to observe at

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01:01:57,529 --> 01:01:56,220

infrared wavelengths from the ground we

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01:01:59,539 --> 01:01:57,539

have to do it in these window

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01:02:02,779 --> 01:01:59,549

where the atmosphere is actually letting

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01:02:04,699 --> 01:02:02,789

it through if we want to be able to

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01:02:06,979 --> 01:02:04,709

observe really continuously over this

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01:02:11,419 --> 01:02:06,989

whole kind of range we have to go into

1371

01:02:16,009 --> 01:02:11,429

space so the history of space astronomy

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01:02:17,899 --> 01:02:16,019

in the space space program in general is

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01:02:20,659 --> 01:02:17,909

is obviously a huge subject and has an

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01:02:23,899 --> 01:02:20,669

incredibly rich history that I wasn't

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01:02:25,519 --> 01:02:23,909

who wasn't really able to do justice but

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01:02:27,969 --> 01:02:25,529

just um you know the Hubble Space

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01:02:30,889 --> 01:02:27,979

Telescope is the first kind of major

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01:02:32,839 --> 01:02:30,899

Observatory that was launched into space

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01:02:35,929 --> 01:02:32,849

and has had you know a huge

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01:02:38,870 --> 01:02:35,939

transformative impact on astronomy but

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01:02:40,399 --> 01:02:38,880

also kind of beyond I think so I just

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01:02:43,069 --> 01:02:40,409

wanted to highlight two people who were

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01:02:48,789 --> 01:02:43,079

like really seminal in the the Hubble

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01:02:51,679 --> 01:02:48,799

Space Telescope coming to being and by

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01:02:53,839 --> 01:02:51,689

and as a consequence also like all other

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01:02:57,649 --> 01:02:53,849

space telescopes we have a huge range of

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01:02:59,479 --> 01:02:57,659

space telescopes in operation today

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01:03:01,069 --> 01:02:59,489

the first is Lyman Spitzer who was

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01:03:03,199 --> 01:03:01,079

actually the first person to really

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01:03:06,409 --> 01:03:03,209

reform early report on the potential of

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01:03:08,839 --> 01:03:06,419

a large space-based observatory really

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01:03:11,499 --> 01:03:08,849

far back already and this is eventually

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01:03:13,849 --> 01:03:11,509

what became the Hubble Space Telescope

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01:03:17,749 --> 01:03:13,859

the second person I kind of wanted to

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01:03:19,549 --> 01:03:17,759

highlight was Nancy Roman who worked for

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01:03:22,489 --> 01:03:19,559

NASA and who played a really critical

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01:03:24,379 --> 01:03:22,499

role in kind of rallying the

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01:03:26,359 --> 01:03:24,389

astronomical community and organizing

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01:03:28,039 --> 01:03:26,369

the astronomical community to maximum

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01:03:31,399 --> 01:03:28,049

impact to really kind of be able to

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01:03:36,859 --> 01:03:31,409

advocate for this project and to kind of

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01:03:39,109 --> 01:03:36,869

make it into reality and so yeah the

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01:03:43,159 --> 01:03:39,119

impact of Hubble and of its its fellow

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01:03:46,039 --> 01:03:43,169

space telescopes has been completely you

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01:03:47,509 --> 01:03:46,049

know transformative as I said this image

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01:03:51,289 --> 01:03:47,519

alone which is the Hubble Ultra Deep

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01:03:53,629 --> 01:03:51,299

Field kind of has you know completely

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01:03:55,879 --> 01:03:53,639

changed astronomy and that's it showed

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01:03:57,829 --> 01:03:55,889

so this is the Ultra Deep Field which is

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01:04:00,919 --> 01:03:57,839

not the very first generation of this

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01:04:07,479 --> 01:04:00,929

image but the very first Hubble Deep

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01:04:09,319 --> 01:04:07,489

Field showed so many more galaxies than

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01:04:11,029 --> 01:04:09,329

anyone had expected

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01:04:15,289 --> 01:04:11,039

really and in so many more different

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01:04:17,180 --> 01:04:15,299

shapes and sizes and colors that it kind

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01:04:18,709 --> 01:04:17,190

of creates that the whole almost

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01:04:21,469 --> 01:04:18,719

instantly created a whole new field of

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01:04:22,789 --> 01:04:21,479

galaxy evolution studies and an high

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01:04:24,680 --> 01:04:22,799

redshift you know high redshift

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01:04:27,019 --> 01:04:24,690

astronomy really being able to study the

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01:04:30,199 --> 01:04:27,029

early universe and that was really the

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01:04:33,589 --> 01:04:30,209

the Hubble being above the Earth's

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01:04:35,449 --> 01:04:33,599

atmosphere not you know being able to

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01:04:37,839 --> 01:04:35,459

produce these incredibly sharp images

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01:04:41,299 --> 01:04:37,849

even though it's not a huge telescope

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01:04:43,519 --> 01:04:41,309

and and having this incredibly kind of

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01:04:47,059 --> 01:04:43,529

stable observing environment is really

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01:04:49,279 --> 01:04:47,069

what enabled this type of science but

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01:04:51,680 --> 01:04:49,289

again it's also good to highlight that

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01:04:53,449 --> 01:04:51,690

space astronomy relied on lots of

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01:04:55,190 --> 01:04:53,459

several of the other technologies that

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01:04:57,440 --> 01:04:55,200

I'm talking about like advances in

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01:05:03,109 --> 01:04:57,450

electronic imaging and being able to

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01:05:07,609 --> 01:05:03,119

manufacture good quality and lightweight

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01:05:10,370 --> 01:05:07,619

mirrors as well again in space astronomy

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01:05:15,559 --> 01:05:10,380

this is incredibly condensed down of

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01:05:17,239 --> 01:05:15,569

obviously like the overview of space

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01:05:19,339 --> 01:05:17,249

astronomy but just here are just some

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01:05:21,199 --> 01:05:19,349

cool missions as you know we have the

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01:05:24,049 --> 01:05:21,209

James Webb Space Telescope launching it

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01:05:26,959 --> 01:05:24,059

a couple of years time and hopefully a

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01:05:28,609 --> 01:05:26,969

few years after that there's double your

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01:05:30,339 --> 01:05:28,619

first mission as well which people here

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01:05:32,900 --> 01:05:30,349

in the building are working very hard on

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01:05:35,650 --> 01:05:32,910

and as I work for Lisa I wanted to also

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01:05:38,539 --> 01:05:35,660

highlight our next ESO launch which is a

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01:05:41,150 --> 01:05:38,549

mission called ke ops which is going to

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01:05:45,680 --> 01:05:41,160

study exoplanets and which is actually

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01:05:48,000 --> 01:05:45,690

launching later this year the final

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01:05:51,030 --> 01:05:48,010

piece of technology

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01:05:53,910 --> 01:05:51,040

what to talk about was what we've

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01:05:57,510 --> 01:05:53,920

developed to overcome the atmosphere so

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01:05:59,190 --> 01:05:57,520

I just mentioned before that's the

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01:06:02,339 --> 01:05:59,200

Earth's atmosphere is this barrier that

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01:06:04,790 --> 01:06:02,349

we just can't that the introduces a lot

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01:06:07,560 --> 01:06:04,800

of problems into astronomical images

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01:06:12,150 --> 01:06:07,570

that we can't circumvent well actually

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01:06:14,250 --> 01:06:12,160

we can so this is again a kind of a very

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01:06:16,319 --> 01:06:14,260

quite a recent technology this is

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01:06:19,560 --> 01:06:16,329

actually what I did my PhD in so I have

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01:06:21,980 --> 01:06:19,570

a very big soft spot for this for what

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01:06:24,750 --> 01:06:21,990

I'm showing in the next few slides just

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01:06:27,510 --> 01:06:24,760

repeat that this one here just to remind

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01:06:30,000 --> 01:06:27,520

you you know that's atmosphere terrible

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01:06:34,579 --> 01:06:30,010

for astronomy so that's what you've what

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01:06:38,190 --> 01:06:34,589

we're dealing with so in the 1990s

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01:06:41,819 --> 01:06:38,200

largely a going way back before that

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01:06:46,710 --> 01:06:41,829

already this is a technology that was

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01:06:51,620 --> 01:06:46,720

developed in the military basically here

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01:06:55,829 --> 01:06:51,630

in the United States so there was in the

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01:06:58,650 --> 01:06:55,839

70s I think mostly 70s 80s there was

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huge interest in being able to take

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01:07:05,760 --> 01:07:03,069

images of Soviet satellites from the

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01:07:08,099 --> 01:07:05,770

ground to be able to see you know what

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01:07:09,540 --> 01:07:08,109

they were doing and everything and but

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01:07:11,160 --> 01:07:09,550

they but you're trying to do the same

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01:07:13,380 --> 01:07:11,170

thing just in the other direction you

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01:07:16,710 --> 01:07:13,390

know they were trying to take images of

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01:07:18,210 --> 01:07:16,720

satellites up there but again you were

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01:07:20,160 --> 01:07:18,220

going they were trying to take images

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01:07:22,500 --> 01:07:20,170

through the atmosphere which would be

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01:07:24,030 --> 01:07:22,510

very distorted and couldn't see them at

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01:07:27,120 --> 01:07:24,040

the level of detail that there and they

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01:07:28,800 --> 01:07:27,130

wanted to see so this whole kind of

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01:07:31,050 --> 01:07:28,810

array of technologies was developed

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01:07:34,770 --> 01:07:31,060

which we collectively call adaptive

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01:07:37,020 --> 01:07:34,780

optics which is where you correct for

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01:07:39,359 --> 01:07:37,030

the effects of this Astra

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01:07:44,020 --> 01:07:39,369

excuse me atmospheric turbulence in real

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01:07:53,560 --> 01:07:47,470

so there are three steps to this process

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01:08:02,690 --> 01:07:58,910

there is a sensing step so nope here the

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light comes in bounces off a mirror and

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01:08:07,460 --> 01:08:04,980

then at this point this is the scien

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this is a scientist but you split the

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01:08:10,670 --> 01:08:09,390

part of the lightest split off towards a

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01:08:14,180 --> 01:08:10,680

measurement device which we call a

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01:08:16,519 --> 01:08:14,190

wavefront sensor and at this

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01:08:18,820 --> 01:08:16,529

measurements that the effects of the

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01:08:23,660 --> 01:08:18,830

atmospheric turbulence are characterized

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01:08:26,660 --> 01:08:23,670

and then a correction there's basically

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01:08:28,640 --> 01:08:26,670
a computation that then calculates how

1502
01:08:31,249 --> 01:08:28,650
to correct for that turbulence at that

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01:08:33,829 --> 01:08:31,259
moment and then the commands are sent to

1504
01:08:36,200 --> 01:08:33,839
an optic optic here which is basically a

1505
01:08:38,420 --> 01:08:36,210
bendy mirror so these are small mirrors

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01:08:41,539 --> 01:08:38,430
a bit about the size of in original

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01:08:43,780 --> 01:08:41,549
systems about this size and have

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01:08:46,579 --> 01:08:43,790
actuators mounted on the back of them

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01:08:49,519 --> 01:08:46,589
that can respond very very quickly and

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01:08:52,099 --> 01:08:49,529
so that this mirror can be shaped in the

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01:08:53,840 --> 01:08:52,109
shape that's required exactly to cancel

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01:08:55,820 --> 01:08:53,850
out the distortions of the light that's

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01:08:58,370 --> 01:08:55,830

coming in to kind of push it back into

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01:08:59,990 --> 01:08:58,380

the right shape now the big challenge is

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01:09:01,300 --> 01:09:00,000

in so this n forms is sort of

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01:09:04,519 --> 01:09:01,310

closed-loop system

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01:09:06,650 --> 01:09:04,529

way of constantly measuring constantly

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01:09:09,349 --> 01:09:06,660

correcting and sort of to try and

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01:09:11,720 --> 01:09:09,359

basically keep the image nice and sharp

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01:09:14,360 --> 01:09:11,730

it's still now the problem is is that

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01:09:17,090 --> 01:09:14,370

the turbulence in the atmosphere changes

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01:09:19,910 --> 01:09:17,100

on timescales of milliseconds so this

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01:09:21,740 --> 01:09:19,920

whole loop has to be performed in that

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01:09:24,980 --> 01:09:21,750

hundreds of times if not a thousand

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01:09:26,660 --> 01:09:24,990

times per second so you can see how this

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01:09:31,490 --> 01:09:26,670

could be you know incredibly challenging

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01:09:35,570 --> 01:09:31,500

and but you know we the a lot of the the

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01:09:37,360 --> 01:09:35,580

basic kind of technological developments

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01:09:39,980 --> 01:09:37,370

were done in the military here in the US

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01:09:41,329 --> 01:09:39,990

and these results but in parallel there

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01:09:43,610 --> 01:09:41,339

was also a lot of research going on in

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01:09:47,420 --> 01:09:43,620

Europe and then I think in the late

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01:09:49,400 --> 01:09:47,430

1980s it became clear that well the need

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01:09:51,050 --> 01:09:49,410

for this in the military had kind of you

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01:09:53,210 --> 01:09:51,060

know because the Cold War was kind of

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01:09:55,670 --> 01:09:53,220

coming to an end and this was not such a

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01:09:57,090 --> 01:09:55,680

high priority but then there was a big

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01:09:59,730 --> 01:09:57,100

push to basically deke

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01:10:01,980 --> 01:09:59,740

classify all these results and so that

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01:10:04,650 --> 01:10:01,990

the astronomical community could benefit

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01:10:09,030 --> 01:10:04,660

because the the benefits to astronomy

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01:10:10,980 --> 01:10:09,040

were very clear from the start and also

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01:10:12,780 --> 01:10:10,990

there were scientists have France who

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01:10:14,610 --> 01:10:12,790

were kind of doing research very similar

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01:10:16,290 --> 01:10:14,620

research in the same area so they kind

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01:10:17,700 --> 01:10:16,300

of realized like we should just be we

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01:10:21,350 --> 01:10:17,710

should really just be collaborating on

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01:10:25,170 --> 01:10:21,360

this and so this technology has been

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01:10:29,730 --> 01:10:25,180

implemented on large telescopes since

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01:10:31,230 --> 01:10:29,740

too early since the 90s yeah here you

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01:10:33,390 --> 01:10:31,240

can actually see so while I've been

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01:10:36,060 --> 01:10:33,400

talking here you can actually see here

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01:10:39,300 --> 01:10:36,070

and the effect of switching on the

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01:10:41,250 --> 01:10:39,310

adaptive optics system so this is an

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01:10:42,570 --> 01:10:41,260

image of a very dense star field towards

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01:10:45,720 --> 01:10:42,580

the center of our galaxy in the

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01:10:48,450 --> 01:10:45,730

near-infrared and you can see without

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01:10:51,000 --> 01:10:48,460

adaptive optics these stars are all very

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01:10:54,420 --> 01:10:51,010

blurry and as when you switch the system

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01:10:58,650 --> 01:10:54,430

on it takes a while for the system to

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01:11:01,440 --> 01:10:58,660

really you know to start working but

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01:11:03,270 --> 01:11:01,450

then you can see the improvement in the

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01:11:05,430 --> 01:11:03,280

image quality is just amazing and you

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01:11:07,170 --> 01:11:05,440

can pick out lots move lots more detail

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01:11:10,379 --> 01:11:07,180

lots of small little faint stars that

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01:11:12,990 --> 01:11:10,389

were previously just sort of blurred out

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01:11:14,939 --> 01:11:13,000

so this has been quite the ground-based

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01:11:16,740 --> 01:11:14,949

astronomy has really kind of blown new

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01:11:18,689 --> 01:11:16,750

life into ground-based telescopes

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01:11:22,020 --> 01:11:18,699

because suddenly this really fundamental

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01:11:23,580 --> 01:11:22,030

thing that was causing problems can

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01:11:27,479 --> 01:11:23,590

actually now be fixed and so this has

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01:11:33,600 --> 01:11:27,489

been a huge area of research really cool

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01:11:36,359 --> 01:11:33,610

aspect of adaptive optics is if if you

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01:11:38,729 --> 01:11:36,369

don't want to lose light if you use your

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01:11:40,709 --> 01:11:38,739

actual science target to perform the

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01:11:42,750 --> 01:11:40,719

measurement that's needed to make the

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01:11:43,979 --> 01:11:42,760

correction you're kind of losing some of

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01:11:47,370 --> 01:11:43,989

your lights because you're having to

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01:11:50,399 --> 01:11:47,380

channel it to a different system so the

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01:11:54,899 --> 01:11:50,409

way to avoid having to do that is to

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01:11:58,229 --> 01:11:54,909

create an artificial star in the sky so

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01:11:59,959 --> 01:11:58,239

if say for example you're observing

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01:12:02,189 --> 01:11:59,969

something here you can actually kind of

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01:12:04,290 --> 01:12:02,199

create an art using a very powerful

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01:12:06,540 --> 01:12:04,300

laser you can actually create artificial

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01:12:09,720 --> 01:12:06,550

stars so these are very powerful lasers

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01:12:11,850 --> 01:12:09,730

that shoot up high into the atmosphere

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01:12:19,080 --> 01:12:11,860

and at about 90 kilometers of altitude

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01:12:21,090 --> 01:12:19,090

they they cause sodium atoms to to kind

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01:12:23,550 --> 01:12:21,100

of jiggle they excite sodium atoms high

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01:12:26,850 --> 01:12:23,560

up in the atmosphere which which which

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01:12:29,070 --> 01:12:26,860

emits light so they basically create a

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01:12:30,870 --> 01:12:29,080

little artificial star and you know you

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01:12:33,300 --> 01:12:30,880

can with these lasers you can you could

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01:12:35,550 --> 01:12:33,310

put the artificial star wherever you

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01:12:38,280 --> 01:12:35,560

know wherever you need it close to where

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01:12:39,629 --> 01:12:38,290

you're observing and so now again this

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01:12:42,390 --> 01:12:39,639

is something that's very commonly used

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01:12:44,609 --> 01:12:42,400

and it allows the correction from the

1601
01:12:46,379 --> 01:12:44,619
adaptive optics systems to be better or

1602
01:12:49,859 --> 01:12:46,389
to perform it over a larger field of

1603
01:12:51,629 --> 01:12:49,869
view and so this is you know this is an

1604
01:12:54,090 --> 01:12:51,639
artist's impression but this is actually

1605
01:12:56,250 --> 01:12:54,100
a real these are real pictures we even

1606
01:12:59,340 --> 01:12:56,260
now are able to use these constellations

1607
01:13:03,399 --> 01:12:59,350
of these laser guide stars to cover a

1608
01:13:10,689 --> 01:13:07,330
this is some these are some first images

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01:13:12,490 --> 01:13:10,699
of a system that came into operation a

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01:13:15,610 --> 01:13:12,500
couple of years ago three three years

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01:13:19,479 --> 01:13:15,620
ago maybe on a telescope in South

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01:13:21,430 --> 01:13:19,489
America it shows an object called bien

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01:13:24,010 --> 01:13:21,440

que el which is an explosive outflow

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01:13:25,660 --> 01:13:24,020

from a very young massive star that's

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01:13:28,720 --> 01:13:25,670

forming in the Orion star forming

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01:13:30,640 --> 01:13:28,730

complex so these are kind of Hubble

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01:13:32,709 --> 01:13:30,650

quality images but these were taken from

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01:13:34,990 --> 01:13:32,719

the ground with one of these advanced

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01:13:37,450 --> 01:13:35,000

new adaptive optics systems that provide

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01:13:41,080 --> 01:13:37,460

this constant correction for the effects

1621

01:13:42,879 --> 01:13:41,090

of turbulence so you can see and this is

1622

01:13:44,260 --> 01:13:42,889

over a fairly large field of view as

1623

01:13:46,990 --> 01:13:44,270

well so you can see like the real

1624

01:13:49,000 --> 01:13:47,000

amazing detail in all these explosion

1625

01:13:52,000 --> 01:13:49,010

fingers that kind of shooting out from

1626

01:13:55,629 --> 01:13:52,010

this central object so that's like you

1627

01:13:58,090 --> 01:13:55,639

know when I was when I was doing my my

1628

01:14:00,250 --> 01:13:58,100

PhD research this was all very much

1629

01:14:04,510 --> 01:14:00,260

still in its infancy so for me these are

1630

01:14:05,860 --> 01:14:04,520

kind of incredible to see so to

1631

01:14:07,419 --> 01:14:05,870

summarize this adaptive optics

1632

01:14:09,689 --> 01:14:07,429

technology has kind of really breathed

1633

01:14:12,879 --> 01:14:09,699

new life into ground-based technologies

1634

01:14:14,410 --> 01:14:12,889

into ground-based telescopes and it's

1635

01:14:16,330 --> 01:14:14,420

kind of paved the way for the next

1636

01:14:19,419 --> 01:14:16,340

generation of big ground-based

1637

01:14:20,649 --> 01:14:19,429

telescopes in the future which can now

1638

01:14:22,240 --> 01:14:20,659

kind of really reach their full

1639

01:14:24,310 --> 01:14:22,250

potential by being able to apply these

1640

01:14:26,290 --> 01:14:24,320

corrections it's a very

1641

01:14:29,560 --> 01:14:26,300

multidisciplinary technology it's a

1642

01:14:31,899 --> 01:14:29,570

combination of optics electronics very

1643

01:14:34,540 --> 01:14:31,909

fast signal processing and powerful

1644

01:14:35,680 --> 01:14:34,550

laser technology and really interesting

1645

01:14:37,540 --> 01:14:35,690

as well as this is something that's

1646

01:14:39,430 --> 01:14:37,550

found application and Industry and

1647

01:14:42,550 --> 01:14:39,440

medicine so this type of technology

1648

01:14:44,379 --> 01:14:42,560

adaptive optics is used for a very high

1649

01:14:49,629 --> 01:14:44,389

resolution imaging of the retina for

1650

01:14:51,879 --> 01:14:49,639

example and and a number of other like

1651

01:14:54,550 --> 01:14:51,889

in microscopy certain types of

1652

01:14:59,290 --> 01:14:54,560

microscopy it's used as well to increase

1653

01:15:01,870 --> 01:14:59,300

the resolution of images okay so kind of

1654

01:15:04,720 --> 01:15:01,880

going to just summarize there very some

1655

01:15:06,459 --> 01:15:04,730

very high-level in some regions for me

1656

01:15:08,350 --> 01:15:06,469

technology and innovation are like

1657

01:15:10,330 --> 01:15:08,360

really key to scientific progress and I

1658

01:15:12,250 --> 01:15:10,340

mean oh this is one of my pet subjects

1659

01:15:13,030 --> 01:15:12,260

is that find it really fascinating how

1660

01:15:17,920 --> 01:15:13,040

they kind of into

1661

01:15:19,930 --> 01:15:17,930

play and we have some amazing new giant

1662

01:15:21,610 --> 01:15:19,940

telescopes coming in the future both in

1663

01:15:24,040 --> 01:15:21,620

space and on the grounds that are really

1664

01:15:25,660 --> 01:15:24,050

going to help us with the aid of all

1665

01:15:27,250 --> 01:15:25,670

this advanced technology are going to

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01:15:29,830 --> 01:15:27,260

help us answer these really fundamental

1667

01:15:31,630 --> 01:15:29,840

questions about you know nature of dark

1668

01:15:34,750 --> 01:15:31,640

energy and the formation and evolution

1669

01:15:37,890 --> 01:15:34,760

of galaxies and you know life in the

1670

01:15:53,959 --> 01:15:37,900

universe so thank you very much

1671

01:16:24,209 --> 01:16:18,689

all right we have our speaker see see if

1672

01:16:26,759 --> 01:16:24,219

the projections from the double slit

1673

01:16:29,160 --> 01:16:26,769

experiment are correct that importance

1674

01:16:42,229 --> 01:16:29,170

exists in two places at the same time

1675

01:16:55,500 --> 01:16:49,680

I assume the optics but you got it

1676

01:16:56,489 --> 01:16:55,510

the mass-produced telescope actually I'm

1677

01:17:00,000 --> 01:16:56,499

gonna answer that one first because

1678

01:17:01,589 --> 01:17:00,010

that's easier okay yeah that is actually

1679

01:17:04,919 --> 01:17:01,599

a really big growth area now I think

1680

01:17:07,169 --> 01:17:04,929

there are there are now beginning to be

1681

01:17:10,500 --> 01:17:07,179

some commercial off-the-shelf systems

1682

01:17:13,200 --> 01:17:10,510

that provide some simple advanced optics

1683

01:17:14,939 --> 01:17:13,210

direction not like super advanced but

1684

01:17:17,040 --> 01:17:14,949

and I think you probably need like a

1685

01:17:19,520 --> 01:17:17,050

pretty you know don't think these are

1686

01:17:22,020 --> 01:17:19,530

maybe not like fully like plug-and-play

1687

01:17:23,850 --> 01:17:22,030

but I have heard that this is now they

1688

01:17:28,890 --> 01:17:23,860

are now available to provide some

1689

01:17:37,020 --> 01:17:28,900

correction to improve the images your

1690

01:17:39,540 --> 01:17:37,030

first question about C CDs I think that

1691

01:17:41,729 --> 01:17:39,550

you you you you've hit on something I'm

1692

01:17:44,520 --> 01:17:41,739

not sure - really I mean yeah this it

1693

01:17:48,450 --> 01:17:44,530

really gets into the kind of material

1694

01:17:50,279 --> 01:17:48,460

science of semiconductors I mean yes

1695

01:17:51,720 --> 01:17:50,289

there is always like an uncertainty and

1696

01:17:54,180 --> 01:17:51,730

there are some like weird effects

1697

01:17:59,700 --> 01:17:54,190

sometimes in these food you know these

1698

01:18:01,649 --> 01:17:59,710

materials that we use Percy CDs so there

1699

01:18:05,770 --> 01:18:01,659

is always like some answer

1700

01:18:06,849 --> 01:18:05,780

but yeah I'm not sure I'm answer is that

1701

01:18:12,909 --> 01:18:06,859

does that answer your question a little

1702

01:18:14,529 --> 01:18:12,919

bit a margin of error that you have -

1703

01:18:16,989 --> 01:18:14,539

yeah there were like statistical

1704

01:18:19,259 --> 01:18:16,999

affection and you know there is you know

1705

01:18:23,040 --> 01:18:19,269

the there is sort of quantum nature of

1706

01:18:26,379 --> 01:18:23,050

matter basically that does you know yeah

1707

01:18:30,270 --> 01:18:26,389

there's the probability aspect is in

1708

01:18:34,899 --> 01:18:30,280

there in the responsibility CCD yes

1709

01:18:41,889 --> 01:18:34,909

other questions done there where are we

1710

01:18:44,259 --> 01:18:41,899

grant Oh grant is saying that the

1711

01:18:52,209 --> 01:18:44,269

microphone is not working so to ask your

1712

01:18:53,679 --> 01:18:52,219

question we'll repeat it I'll repeat it

1713

01:19:03,189 --> 01:18:53,689

does adaptive optics have any

1714

01:19:10,959 --> 01:19:03,199

application for Space Telescope's and

1715

01:19:13,029 --> 01:19:10,969

this is in space but there are because

1716

01:19:16,330 --> 01:19:13,039

my PhD was actually sort of a crossover

1717

01:19:18,489 --> 01:19:16,340

between ground in space and so there was

1718

01:19:21,310 --> 01:19:18,499

definitely a kind of application for

1719

01:19:26,199 --> 01:19:21,320

having that ability to live correct

1720

01:19:28,000 --> 01:19:26,209

images in space that's particularly to

1721

01:19:31,149 --> 01:19:28,010

sort of compensate for like thermal

1722

01:19:32,349 --> 01:19:31,159

effects it also it's it reduces you

1723

01:19:34,959 --> 01:19:32,359

don't your mirror doesn't have to be

1724

01:19:36,549 --> 01:19:34,969

fully perfect if you know you can

1725

01:19:38,080 --> 01:19:36,559

actually like nudge it into shape while

1726

01:19:41,169 --> 01:19:38,090

you're observing so in that sense it

1727

01:19:45,279 --> 01:19:41,179

like reduces the risk of it on on the

1728

01:19:47,529 --> 01:19:45,289

optics in space so so there is some

1729

01:19:50,260 --> 01:19:47,539

application for it but it's in a kind of

1730

01:19:54,180 --> 01:19:50,270

slightly different form basically

1731

01:19:57,180 --> 01:19:54,190

hi down front here and this time hold on

1732

01:20:01,660 --> 01:19:57,190

we have the we have the other three now

1733

01:20:06,120 --> 01:20:01,670

how about that question on the James

1734

01:20:10,210 --> 01:20:06,130

Webb how many optical optical

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01:20:13,000 --> 01:20:10,220

experiments are onboard how many of yes

1736

01:20:16,480 --> 01:20:13,010

there are full science instruments for

1737

01:20:18,760 --> 01:20:16,490

individual science instruments which

1738

01:20:22,120 --> 01:20:18,770

each but each of these like has a whole

1739

01:20:24,880 --> 01:20:22,130

range of things they could do so the

1740

01:20:28,240 --> 01:20:24,890

instrument I work on for example Mary it

1741

01:20:31,030 --> 01:20:28,250

has a camera on board it has two

1742

01:20:33,640 --> 01:20:31,040

different spectrometers on board and it

1743

01:20:36,190 --> 01:20:33,650

can also do what's called Corona graphic

1744

01:20:38,470 --> 01:20:36,200

imaging so the imaging with the central

1745

01:20:42,280 --> 01:20:38,480

central object locked out so you can see

1746

01:20:44,050 --> 01:20:42,290

faint things around it so there are four

1747

01:20:46,360 --> 01:20:44,060

individual instruments but each of these

1748

01:20:49,210 --> 01:20:46,370

has a number of like different

1749

01:20:51,220 --> 01:20:49,220

functionalities so that they're you know

1750

01:20:53,020 --> 01:20:51,230

for people who want to propose to use it

1751

01:21:00,490 --> 01:20:53,030

they have access to a huge range of

1752

01:21:06,970 --> 01:21:00,500

different capabilities thank you over on

1753

01:21:10,660 --> 01:21:06,980

the left there so I realize it's a lot

1754

01:21:16,379 --> 01:21:10,670

of it's money driven how big could we

1755

01:21:23,350 --> 01:21:21,459

on the grinder in space either or I mean

1756

01:21:31,500 --> 01:21:23,360

seriously I dark side of the moon would

1757

01:21:34,509 --> 01:21:31,510

be awesome very much you talk to and the

1758

01:21:36,669 --> 01:21:34,519

39-metre ground-based telescope I showed

1759

01:21:40,449 --> 01:21:36,679

you the nice artist's conception of that

1760

01:21:42,549 --> 01:21:40,459

was back in the day when I started my

1761

01:21:45,969 --> 01:21:42,559

PhD that was actually a hundred meter

1762

01:21:48,129 --> 01:21:45,979

telescope which but there was already

1763

01:21:49,629 --> 01:21:48,139

then a lot of debate about whether this

1764

01:21:55,310 --> 01:21:49,639

was technically feasible whether we

1765

01:21:59,120 --> 01:21:57,350

again the same questions come up with

1766

01:22:00,980 --> 01:21:59,130

space as well I mean already now we're

1767

01:22:04,850 --> 01:22:00,990

planning the next generation of large

1768

01:22:06,530 --> 01:22:04,860

space observatories that there is

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01:22:07,910 --> 01:22:06,540

definitely there are just some things

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01:22:10,760 --> 01:22:07,920

that you really just need a bigger

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01:22:12,320 --> 01:22:10,770

telescope for that you know a clever

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01:22:16,130 --> 01:22:12,330

idea isn't going to help you you really

1773

01:22:18,890 --> 01:22:16,140

need the size but yeah I don't know it's

1774

01:22:20,480 --> 01:22:18,900

very interesting like you say this is

1775

01:22:22,940 --> 01:22:20,490

all very very money driven it's also

1776

01:22:24,410 --> 01:22:22,950

what kind of technical risk you're

1777

01:22:26,420 --> 01:22:24,420

willing to accept and things like that

1778

01:22:27,680 --> 01:22:26,430

right so I mean you said thirty nine

1779

01:22:29,600 --> 01:22:27,690

meters for the ground I think the

1780

01:22:33,530 --> 01:22:29,610

largest space one I've seen proposed to

1781

01:22:36,950 --> 01:22:33,540

16 meters yeah for the Louvre our

1782

01:22:40,840 --> 01:22:36,960

mission well they wanted to be 16 they

1783

01:22:49,930 --> 01:22:45,640

go ahead I think about 20 years ago

1784

01:22:54,140 --> 01:22:49,940

maybe not quite that long ago I saw a

1785

01:22:57,830 --> 01:22:54,150

photograph I think it was using speckle

1786

01:23:02,450 --> 01:22:57,840

interferometry that showed the disc of

1787

01:23:09,350 --> 01:23:02,460

Betelgeuse with sunspots does anybody

1788

01:23:12,170 --> 01:23:09,360

still doing that based on that technique

1789

01:23:20,770 --> 01:23:12,180

there's actually a lot more a lot of new

1790

01:23:23,090 --> 01:23:20,780

types of into describe but yeah

1791

01:23:25,160 --> 01:23:23,100

techniques observational techniques that

1792

01:23:27,440 --> 01:23:25,170

use that the same principle as I

1793

01:23:30,010 --> 01:23:27,450

expected interferometry to really get

1794

01:23:32,240 --> 01:23:30,020

like incredibly high resolution images I

1795

01:23:34,700 --> 01:23:32,250

actually worked on the one instrument

1796

01:23:37,100 --> 01:23:34,710

which has which has recently produced a

1797

01:23:38,630 --> 01:23:37,110

whole lot of results which combines the

1798

01:23:40,490 --> 01:23:38,640

light from different telescopes and

1799

01:23:42,800 --> 01:23:40,500

interferometry in the near-infrared to

1800

01:23:46,820 --> 01:23:42,810

be able to measure extremely high

1801

01:23:48,350 --> 01:23:46,830

precision positions of objects and so

1802

01:23:50,720 --> 01:23:48,360

with that we've been able to measure

1803

01:23:53,030 --> 01:23:50,730

like take direct spectra of exoplanets

1804

01:23:56,809 --> 01:23:53,040

and things like that as well yes that's

1805

01:23:58,639 --> 01:23:56,819

definitely still alive thank you

1806

01:24:01,309 --> 01:23:58,649

yeah I will comment that we here at

1807

01:24:02,959 --> 01:24:01,319

Hubble constantly see lots of people

1808

01:24:05,419 --> 01:24:02,969

trying to say oh we've got just as good

1809

01:24:07,549 --> 01:24:05,429

resolution as Hubble whether it's using

1810

01:24:09,889 --> 01:24:07,559

adaptive optics or through speckle

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01:24:12,049 --> 01:24:09,899

speckle is very fast observations and

1812

01:24:14,479 --> 01:24:12,059

they and they are correct that for very

1813

01:24:17,149 --> 01:24:14,489

short exposure small small field of view

1814

01:24:18,799 --> 01:24:17,159

type things they can get Hubble exposure

1815

01:24:20,719 --> 01:24:18,809

but they can't get Hubble exposure over

1816

01:24:22,789 --> 01:24:20,729

wide field of view you could never do

1817

01:24:24,649 --> 01:24:22,799

like the Orion Nebula image that we have

1818

01:24:26,989 --> 01:24:24,659

you couldn't do that whole Orion Nebula

1819

01:24:29,119 --> 01:24:26,999

via adaptive optics or via speckle or

1820

01:24:30,919 --> 01:24:29,129

anything like that but we're hoping that

1821

01:24:32,899 --> 01:24:30,929

in the future we can start to do that

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01:24:34,669 --> 01:24:32,909

from the ground you know

1823

01:24:36,859 --> 01:24:34,679

astronomers well we'll push that the

1824

01:24:49,509 --> 01:24:36,869

technology forward but every every

1825

01:25:00,919 --> 01:24:58,729

other questions I thought I saw I've

1826

01:25:03,589 --> 01:25:00,929

been listening to all this about how

1827

01:25:12,849 --> 01:25:03,599

heavy these mirrors are have gone back

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01:25:14,989 --> 01:25:12,859

to the basic mercury they have

1829

01:25:43,299 --> 01:25:14,999

underground which are supposed to be

1830

01:25:49,879 --> 01:25:48,349

thank you and what's really cool is the

1831

01:25:53,319 --> 01:25:49,889

amount of mercury they need to use

1832

01:25:57,679 --> 01:25:53,329

because they can they they can set the

1833

01:26:00,109 --> 01:25:57,689

the substrate to almost the shape they

1834

01:26:02,149 --> 01:26:00,119

need it's a just a tiny bit of mercury

1835

01:26:04,250 --> 01:26:02,159

that they need but unfortunately it's

1836

01:26:05,839 --> 01:26:04,260

also gonna be a just of telescope

1837

01:26:08,089 --> 01:26:05,849

pointing straight up because you're

1838

01:26:09,840 --> 01:26:08,099

rotating it you know it has to have an

1839

01:26:19,130 --> 01:26:09,850

axis so it's a

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01:26:27,000 --> 01:26:23,910

one is I work go out with space

1841

01:26:28,950 --> 01:26:27,010

telescopes imaging the earth and we

1842

01:26:31,980 --> 01:26:28,960

don't have an atmospheric problem there

1843

01:26:36,540 --> 01:26:31,990

in fact the loss of resolution decreases

1844

01:26:38,300 --> 01:26:36,550

with altitude now why do we have the

1845

01:26:43,740 --> 01:26:38,310

problem when we look the other way

1846

01:26:46,140 --> 01:26:43,750

that's my first I think it's an

1847

01:26:48,390 --> 01:26:46,150

intriguing question and I do know the

1848

01:26:51,900 --> 01:26:48,400

answer to how I should say the other

1849

01:26:56,400 --> 01:26:51,910

question is on a segmented mirror how

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01:26:58,350 --> 01:26:56,410

close does a segmented mirror come to

1851

01:27:01,560 --> 01:26:58,360

matching the resolution of the

1852

01:27:15,510 --> 01:27:01,570

continuous surface say it 1/2 micron

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01:27:17,940 --> 01:27:15,520

wavelength from the continuous mirror

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01:27:21,450 --> 01:27:17,950

would be is that you get diffraction

1855

01:27:25,320 --> 01:27:21,460

effects from the edges yeah that that

1856

01:27:29,100 --> 01:27:25,330

will degrade the resolution I mean back

1857

01:27:31,260 --> 01:27:29,110

in the 60s I saw the first segment of

1858

01:27:33,600 --> 01:27:31,270

telescopes and was very negative but

1859

01:27:38,000 --> 01:27:33,610

apparently they're working out but they

1860

01:27:41,130 --> 01:27:38,010

still don't match the continuous surface

1861

01:27:45,030 --> 01:27:41,140

maybe 3 to 5 microns they come close

1862

01:27:46,950 --> 01:27:45,040

right right but yes so the shape of the

1863

01:27:48,660 --> 01:27:46,960

point spread function that you get from

1864

01:27:50,400 --> 01:27:48,670

the segmented mirror telescope is you

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01:27:52,230 --> 01:27:50,410

know you'll be able to kind of recognize

1866

01:27:55,530 --> 01:27:52,240

the pattern of the segments in that

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01:27:58,590 --> 01:27:55,540

basically and then I think your question

1868

01:28:03,750 --> 01:27:58,600

about the Earth Observation images

1869

01:28:08,110 --> 01:28:06,280

but it's just it's about the geometry of

1870

01:28:09,880 --> 01:28:08,120

the system isn't it if you sort your

1871

01:28:12,430 --> 01:28:09,890

tongue your source that you're imaging

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01:28:15,640 --> 01:28:12,440

is out infinity it's different different

1873

01:28:17,740 --> 01:28:15,650

geometry of the the light entering the

1874

01:28:20,140 --> 01:28:17,750

telescope than if you if you're imaging

1875

01:28:22,810 --> 01:28:20,150

something on the ground yeah one more

1876

01:28:24,280 --> 01:28:22,820

real quick comment was it Joseph Goodman

1877

01:28:26,560 --> 01:28:24,290

back in the 60s

1878

01:28:31,390 --> 01:28:26,570

used it Cernik a polynomial with the

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01:28:34,290 --> 01:28:31,400

analyze the atmospheric and it turns out

1880

01:28:40,479 --> 01:28:34,300

that the dominant Cernik a polynomial is

1881

01:28:44,890 --> 01:28:40,489

a removing prism shifting the image back

1882

01:28:49,690 --> 01:28:44,900

and forth that agree with what you're

1883

01:28:54,130 --> 01:28:49,700

finding okay we're getting towards 9:30

1884

01:28:56,290 --> 01:28:54,140

which is our usual cut off time from

1885

01:28:57,850 --> 01:28:56,300

Maryland's space grant observatory if

1886

01:28:59,950 --> 01:28:57,860

you want to go across the street to look

1887

01:29:01,650 --> 01:28:59,960

through the telescope please come down

1888

01:29:05,160 --> 01:29:01,660

you're going to meet everybody over here

1889

01:29:08,590 --> 01:29:05,170

next month for December we are having

1890

01:29:10,450 --> 01:29:08,600

red dwarfs and brown dwarfs and let us