

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

# How to Hunt for Distant Worlds

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Featuring Guest Speaker:  
Emily Rickman

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00:00:05,990 --> 00:00:04,630  
welcome to the space telescope public

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00:00:07,590 --> 00:00:06,000  
lecture series

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00:00:10,470 --> 00:00:07,600  
our topic tonight

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00:00:12,789 --> 00:00:10,480  
how to hunt for distant worlds with

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00:00:15,430 --> 00:00:12,799  
emily rickman of the european space

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00:00:17,510 --> 00:00:15,440  
agency and the space telescope science

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00:00:20,150 --> 00:00:17,520  
institute

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00:00:23,590 --> 00:00:20,160  
i'm your host dr frank summers of the

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00:00:26,070 --> 00:00:23,600  
office of public outreach and i always

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00:00:28,710 --> 00:00:26,080  
always make sure to thank our amazing

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00:00:31,669 --> 00:00:28,720  
tech team thomas marufu and grant

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00:00:33,350 --> 00:00:31,679  
justice who take this recording and get

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00:00:36,069 --> 00:00:33,360

it out to you

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00:00:38,950 --> 00:00:36,079

i will also note as i do it every month

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00:00:41,190 --> 00:00:38,960

for the last i guess about a year now uh

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00:00:44,389 --> 00:00:41,200

that the space telescope public lecture

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00:00:47,029 --> 00:00:44,399

series will be online only until further

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00:00:53,270 --> 00:00:50,790

our upcoming talks include in july

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00:00:55,510 --> 00:00:53,280

gwen hart if you were here last august

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00:00:58,549 --> 00:00:55,520

she gave the first volume of her

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00:01:00,630 --> 00:00:58,559

armchair astrophysics and this july she

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00:01:03,990 --> 00:01:00,640

will be coming back to give you a second

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00:01:06,310 --> 00:01:04,000

helping of armchair astrophysics the way

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00:01:08,550 --> 00:01:06,320

to explore the universe

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basically from the comfort

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00:01:13,670 --> 00:01:10,720

of that barca lounge

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in august we have our infamous tba which

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means that i have not succeeded in

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00:01:19,830 --> 00:01:17,200

finding somebody to commit to august but

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00:01:22,149 --> 00:01:19,840

don't worry i always do and we will have

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00:01:25,190 --> 00:01:22,159

a wonderful speaker in august

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in september we will have recipes for

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00:01:29,510 --> 00:01:26,880

planet formation

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00:01:32,069 --> 00:01:29,520

nikal aru lanatham

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god i gotta practice that name i will be

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00:01:35,749 --> 00:01:33,680

our speaker

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00:01:38,310 --> 00:01:35,759

on september 7th

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if you want uh details of these and

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00:01:43,030 --> 00:01:40,640

other talks upcoming you can go to our

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website for the public lecture series

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00:01:52,789 --> 00:01:50,149

public hyphen lectures

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and on that page you can see on the left

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that you can get the webcast

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00:02:00,389 --> 00:01:58,399

both the youtube playlist as well as the

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00:02:02,870 --> 00:02:00,399

webcast archive at the space telescope

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science institute and you can also on

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00:02:07,590 --> 00:02:05,040

the right see that you can subscribe to

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our email list

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also on our website are the list of the

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upcoming lectures and if you click on on

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00:02:16,550 --> 00:02:13,920  
those lectures you will get the full

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00:02:18,470 --> 00:02:16,560  
details including the full description

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00:02:21,430 --> 00:02:18,480  
also after it has been recorded we have

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the links to the sdsci webcast as well

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00:02:27,589 --> 00:02:24,959  
as the youtube version of the webcast

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00:02:29,670 --> 00:02:27,599  
as i said for the email it's easiest

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00:02:31,670 --> 00:02:29,680  
just to sign up at the at the website

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00:02:34,830 --> 00:02:31,680  
but i would also suggest that you want

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00:02:37,509 --> 00:02:34,840  
to subscribe to our youtube channel

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00:02:38,630 --> 00:02:37,519  
youtube.com hubble space telescope all

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00:02:41,509 --> 00:02:38,640  
one word

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00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:41,519  
uh you will get not only um you will get

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00:02:46,710 --> 00:02:43,920

the the new video vote notices of our

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00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:46,720

new videos as well as reminders of these

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00:02:50,229 --> 00:02:48,560

live events

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00:02:51,990 --> 00:02:50,239

and if you have comments or questions

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00:02:58,390 --> 00:02:52,000

that you want to ask you can send them

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00:03:02,229 --> 00:02:59,910

for those of you who want us follow us

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00:03:04,790 --> 00:03:02,239

on social media we have social media for

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00:03:06,309 --> 00:03:04,800

the hubble space telescope for the james

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00:03:07,750 --> 00:03:06,319

webb space telescope that we'll be

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00:03:10,309 --> 00:03:07,760

launching this fall

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00:03:12,149 --> 00:03:10,319

and just for the space telescope science

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institute in general

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you can find us on facebook twitter

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00:03:18,949 --> 00:03:17,599  
youtube and instagram at the handles

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00:03:21,190 --> 00:03:18,959  
listed there

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00:03:22,710 --> 00:03:21,200  
i myself do a tiny little bit of social

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media and if you want to hear what i

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00:03:29,589 --> 00:03:25,200  
have to say you can find me on facebook

81  
00:03:34,789 --> 00:03:31,990  
and now our news from the universe for

82  
00:03:36,869 --> 00:03:34,799  
june 2021

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00:03:40,949 --> 00:03:36,879  
our first story

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00:03:42,710 --> 00:03:40,959  
droning on about mars

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00:03:43,830 --> 00:03:42,720  
actually this is much more exciting than

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00:03:44,630 --> 00:03:43,840  
it sounds

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00:03:47,470 --> 00:03:44,640  
so

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00:03:51,990 --> 00:03:47,480



it was 1965

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56 years ago when we got our first image

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from mars

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00:03:58,149 --> 00:03:56,080

on the right you can see the image that

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is they put a television camera on

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mariner 4 and this was the first image

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that came back

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now that image on the left is actually a

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hand drawing of this image

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00:04:12,149 --> 00:04:10,239

what happened was the engineers and

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00:04:14,789 --> 00:04:12,159

scientists were so excited about the

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00:04:17,430 --> 00:04:14,799

first image ever from mars

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00:04:19,990 --> 00:04:17,440

that they took a computer print out of

101  
00:04:22,550 --> 00:04:20,000  
the values of the image and then went

102  
00:04:24,550 --> 00:04:22,560  
down to the art store and hand colored

103  
00:04:26,150 --> 00:04:24,560  
them in in order to get the detail of

104  
00:04:27,670 --> 00:04:26,160  
what they were seeing on mars and they

105  
00:04:28,710 --> 00:04:27,680  
actually did a pretty pretty pretty good

106  
00:04:31,270 --> 00:04:28,720  
job

107  
00:04:34,870 --> 00:04:31,280  
so we have been going back to mars over

108  
00:04:37,350 --> 00:04:34,880  
and over and years and in the uh

109  
00:04:41,430 --> 00:04:37,360  
years since 1960

110  
00:04:45,430 --> 00:04:41,440  
there have been 48 missions to mars

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00:04:49,749 --> 00:04:45,440  
from the ussr from the u.s russia japan

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00:04:52,710 --> 00:04:49,759  
isa china india and even the uae united

113  
00:04:54,469 --> 00:04:52,720

arab immigrants so there have been so

114

00:04:57,030 --> 00:04:54,479

many missions to mars

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00:04:58,950 --> 00:04:57,040

and one of the reasons is that

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00:05:01,749 --> 00:04:58,960

some of them have not really gone as

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00:05:04,390 --> 00:05:01,759

expected mars is uh

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00:05:06,629 --> 00:05:04,400

been an unlucky place to send spacecraft

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00:05:09,430 --> 00:05:06,639

there have been 24 successful missions

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00:05:11,830 --> 00:05:09,440

of these 48 that i got on this list but

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00:05:13,830 --> 00:05:11,840

20 of them were complete failures and

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00:05:16,390 --> 00:05:13,840

four of them were part successes and

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00:05:18,310 --> 00:05:16,400

part failures so we've been going back

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00:05:20,629 --> 00:05:18,320

to mars for you know

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almost 60 years

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and

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00:05:26,950 --> 00:05:23,840

we're still going because there's still

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a ton of cool stuff to learn about mars

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00:05:32,310 --> 00:05:29,440

the latest mission to mars was mars

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00:05:34,870 --> 00:05:32,320

perseverance that arrived at mars on

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00:05:36,310 --> 00:05:34,880

february 18 2021

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00:05:39,189 --> 00:05:36,320

and if you're a regular viewer of the

133

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

series i showed you this montage of six

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00:05:44,550 --> 00:05:41,759

images back in march to say hey we're

135

00:05:46,469 --> 00:05:44,560

successfully landed on mars

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00:05:49,029 --> 00:05:46,479

and also to

137

00:05:51,430 --> 00:05:49,039

do my normal little joke of hey it still

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00:05:54,950 --> 00:05:51,440

contains rocks yeah

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00:05:57,830 --> 00:05:54,960

well mars does still contain rocks

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00:05:58,950 --> 00:05:57,840

and here is a selfie of the perseverance

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00:06:00,629 --> 00:05:58,960

rover

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00:06:03,270 --> 00:06:00,639

out there showing you some of the

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00:06:05,990 --> 00:06:03,280

interesting rocks uh where it landed

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00:06:07,749 --> 00:06:06,000

it also shows you something new

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00:06:09,909 --> 00:06:07,759

something that has never been done

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00:06:11,270 --> 00:06:09,919

before in all of the previous missions

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00:06:13,189 --> 00:06:11,280

to mars

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00:06:15,270 --> 00:06:13,199

that object in the background isn't a

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00:06:18,550 --> 00:06:15,280

tripod for itselfy

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00:06:21,350 --> 00:06:18,560

that is the ingenuity helicopter

151  
00:06:22,710 --> 00:06:21,360  
and so as a special test case to see we

152  
00:06:24,309 --> 00:06:22,720  
could fly

153  
00:06:26,629 --> 00:06:24,319  
on another planet

154  
00:06:28,469 --> 00:06:26,639  
the ingenuity helicopter went along on

155  
00:06:30,469 --> 00:06:28,479  
the perseverance mission

156  
00:06:32,150 --> 00:06:30,479  
and this

157  
00:06:34,550 --> 00:06:32,160  
is the video

158  
00:06:38,469 --> 00:06:34,560  
of that first flight of the ingenuity

159  
00:06:40,390 --> 00:06:38,479  
helicopter april 19 2021

160  
00:06:41,749 --> 00:06:40,400  
and i've edited it to sort of zoom in

161  
00:06:43,430 --> 00:06:41,759  
and now you can see the rotor is

162  
00:06:44,469 --> 00:06:43,440  
starting up

163  
00:06:46,390 --> 00:06:44,479

and

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00:06:49,350 --> 00:06:46,400

getting up to speed

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00:06:50,870 --> 00:06:49,360

and it takes off now this isn't this is

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00:06:52,710 --> 00:06:50,880

the first flight right so they're not

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00:06:54,150 --> 00:06:52,720

trying to do too much with it okay

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00:06:56,309 --> 00:06:54,160

they're basically going up and then

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00:06:58,150 --> 00:06:56,319

they're spinning at 90 degrees

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00:07:00,150 --> 00:06:58,160

and hovering in the air showing that

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00:07:02,309 --> 00:07:00,160

that in this very you know the

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00:07:04,390 --> 00:07:02,319

atmosphere of mars is 1 100th the

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00:07:05,350 --> 00:07:04,400

density of earth's atmosphere so you

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00:07:07,350 --> 00:07:05,360

know they

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00:07:09,589 --> 00:07:07,360

really weren't able to really test this

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00:07:10,870 --> 00:07:09,599

properly you know in the atmosphere and

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00:07:13,350 --> 00:07:10,880

in the gravity

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00:07:16,390 --> 00:07:13,360

and then it just goes back down

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00:07:17,589 --> 00:07:16,400

right now that's not a terribly crazy

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00:07:19,350 --> 00:07:17,599

flight but

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00:07:21,990 --> 00:07:19,360

you got to think about this

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00:07:25,189 --> 00:07:22,000

this is the wright brothers moment

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00:07:27,189 --> 00:07:25,199

for flying on another planet

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00:07:29,350 --> 00:07:27,199

this is really cool

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00:07:31,029 --> 00:07:29,360

the ingenuity helicopter just rose up

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00:07:33,589 --> 00:07:31,039

and came down now it's done

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00:07:36,150 --> 00:07:33,599

several more uh flights after that but

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00:07:38,710 --> 00:07:36,160



this is the most the significant one

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00:07:40,230 --> 00:07:38,720

and i guess they call it a helicopter

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00:07:43,350 --> 00:07:40,240

but when you look at it it really looks

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00:07:45,670 --> 00:07:43,360

like it's just a drone right so if hey

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00:07:48,070 --> 00:07:45,680

kids if you want to get your parents to

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00:07:50,550 --> 00:07:48,080

pay for that really expensive drone you

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00:07:52,790 --> 00:07:50,560

want just tell them you're in training

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00:07:54,230 --> 00:07:52,800

for nasa that you want to fly drones on

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00:07:57,189 --> 00:07:54,240

other planets

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our second story today is a luminous

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blue anniversary and this happens every

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year when we talk about the anniversary

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of the launch of the hubble space

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00:08:12,869 --> 00:08:09,759  
telescope that happened uh the launch

202  
00:08:14,710 --> 00:08:12,879  
was in april 24 1990

203  
00:08:18,230 --> 00:08:14,720  
and then the next day

204  
00:08:20,550 --> 00:08:18,240  
hubble was put into orbit

205  
00:08:23,589 --> 00:08:20,560  
by the space shuttle discovery

206  
00:08:25,029 --> 00:08:23,599  
this moment by the way has recently been

207  
00:08:26,390 --> 00:08:25,039  
commemorated

208  
00:08:29,510 --> 00:08:26,400  
with a

209  
00:08:31,550 --> 00:08:29,520  
master builder lego set

210  
00:08:34,070 --> 00:08:31,560  
this lego set is 2

211  
00:08:35,990 --> 00:08:34,080  
354 pieces

212  
00:08:38,790 --> 00:08:36,000  
and it shows the space shuttle discovery

213  
00:08:41,589 --> 00:08:38,800

during sts 31 which was the launch of

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the hubble space telescope plus it has

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00:08:47,910 --> 00:08:44,560

the hubble space telescope as well

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00:08:50,150 --> 00:08:47,920

i know it has 2354 pieces because

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00:08:52,550 --> 00:08:50,160

my wife and kids and i put one together

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00:08:55,910 --> 00:08:52,560

and it's now sitting up on my dining

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00:08:57,910 --> 00:08:55,920

room table it's a an expensive set uh

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00:08:59,509 --> 00:08:57,920

quite a long build but

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00:09:02,310 --> 00:08:59,519

well for those of us who are science

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geeks it's definitely worth it

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but what the story is really about is

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about

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all the amazing hubble images that

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hubble has released over the years

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00:09:14,790 --> 00:09:12,640

and for the hubble anniversary they

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always ask us well

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00:09:18,310 --> 00:09:16,480

give us something special

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00:09:19,350 --> 00:09:18,320

and we always go oh my god what are we

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going to do

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somehow

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00:09:26,389 --> 00:09:24,320

our image processors and our image

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00:09:28,949 --> 00:09:26,399

selection team manages to come up with

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00:09:33,350 --> 00:09:28,959

something really cool and this year for

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00:09:34,790 --> 00:09:33,360

hubble's 31st anniversary the image is

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a luminous blue variable star

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00:09:43,990 --> 00:09:40,240

now this is one of the most massive

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00:09:46,870 --> 00:09:44,000

stars in our entire milky way galaxy

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00:09:48,630 --> 00:09:46,880

it's one of the you know 50 to 100 most

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00:09:52,150 --> 00:09:48,640

bright the brightest and most massive

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00:09:54,630 --> 00:09:52,160

stars that we know about in our galaxy

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00:09:56,790 --> 00:09:54,640

and these stars are so

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00:09:58,310 --> 00:09:56,800

so massive and they're sort of at the

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00:10:00,070 --> 00:09:58,320

end of their life and they're in this

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variable phase where they actually blow

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off material okay they get bigger and

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00:10:06,870 --> 00:10:04,399

smaller and then they actually blow off

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00:10:09,190 --> 00:10:06,880

material and changes their brightness i

251  
00:10:12,389 --> 00:10:09,200  
mean what you see in this nebula around

252  
00:10:15,990 --> 00:10:12,399  
it is the material that came mostly from

253  
00:10:18,870 --> 00:10:16,000  
an eruption about 10 000 years ago

254  
00:10:20,150 --> 00:10:18,880  
so this luminous blue variable star is

255  
00:10:21,910 --> 00:10:20,160  
how we're celebrating hubble's

256  
00:10:24,230 --> 00:10:21,920  
anniversary

257  
00:10:25,430 --> 00:10:24,240  
the next thing they always do is say

258  
00:10:28,069 --> 00:10:25,440  
well

259  
00:10:30,630 --> 00:10:28,079  
can you put this into 3d for us

260  
00:10:33,269 --> 00:10:30,640  
and my team and i we work together we go

261  
00:10:36,550 --> 00:10:33,279  
hem and we haul we research and find it

262  
00:10:39,829 --> 00:10:36,560  
eventually we do it okay um and so this

263  
00:10:42,310 --> 00:10:39,839

video um is composed of a lot of work uh

264

00:10:51,330 --> 00:10:42,320

to take this this beautiful image and

265

00:11:34,470 --> 00:11:22,430

[Music]

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do

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so that's our visualization a flight to

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we also produced a two blog post that

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00:12:11,269 --> 00:12:08,399

explained

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00:12:13,509 --> 00:12:11,279

how the image was produced as well as a

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00:12:15,110 --> 00:12:13,519

lot of the details a lot a lot of the

273

00:12:17,430 --> 00:12:15,120

much more detail than we've ever done

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00:12:19,990 --> 00:12:17,440

before of the details how we turn that

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00:12:22,550 --> 00:12:20,000

image into the 3d visualization and you

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00:12:28,470 --> 00:12:22,560

can find those at our blog illuminated

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00:12:31,829 --> 00:12:29,509

and now

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00:12:33,350 --> 00:12:31,839

our featured speaker

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00:12:35,670 --> 00:12:33,360

emily rickman

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00:12:37,910 --> 00:12:35,680

is an astronomer at the space telescope

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00:12:40,870 --> 00:12:37,920

science institute she comes to us from

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00:12:42,629 --> 00:12:40,880

the european space agency and she is an

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00:12:44,790 --> 00:12:42,639

esa research fellow

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00:12:47,269 --> 00:12:44,800

having previously been at sheffield

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00:12:49,350 --> 00:12:47,279

university uh the australian national

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00:12:51,910 --> 00:12:49,360

university in kambara

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00:12:54,870 --> 00:12:51,920

and at the university of geneva so she's

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00:12:56,389 --> 00:12:54,880



a well-traveled astronomer as we often

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00:12:57,910 --> 00:12:56,399

get at the space telescope science

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00:13:00,550 --> 00:12:57,920

institute

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00:13:02,949 --> 00:13:00,560

she tells me that she is an avid hiker

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00:13:05,990 --> 00:13:02,959

and has enjoyed hiking here in the u.s

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00:13:09,910 --> 00:13:06,000

but that one of the highlights that she

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00:13:13,590 --> 00:13:09,920

has had is that she skydived over the

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00:13:15,829 --> 00:13:13,600

north face of the iger in the swiss alps

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00:13:18,949 --> 00:13:15,839

so not just an astronomer but also a

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00:13:21,269 --> 00:13:18,959

daredevil ladies and gentlemen emily

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00:13:23,110 --> 00:13:21,279

rickman

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00:13:30,310 --> 00:13:23,120

thank you so much let me just share my

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00:13:30,320 --> 00:13:35,430

am i on the right screen

301  
00:13:38,710 --> 00:13:37,750  
yes you're good emily okay great thank

302  
00:13:41,910 --> 00:13:38,720  
you

303  
00:13:45,030 --> 00:13:41,920  
introduction and for having me here

304  
00:13:47,590 --> 00:13:45,040  
today um i'm really really excited to be

305  
00:13:49,350 --> 00:13:47,600  
talking to you all about how to hunt for

306  
00:13:51,430 --> 00:13:49,360  
distant worlds

307  
00:13:53,750 --> 00:13:51,440  
um as frank said my name is emily

308  
00:13:55,269 --> 00:13:53,760  
rickman i'm an esa research fellow based

309  
00:13:57,670 --> 00:13:55,279  
uh here in baltimore at the space

310  
00:13:58,550 --> 00:13:57,680  
telescope science institute

311  
00:14:00,790 --> 00:13:58,560  
um

312  
00:14:03,910 --> 00:14:00,800  
so really to understand the context for

313  
00:14:05,670 --> 00:14:03,920

hunting for um so-called exoplanets or

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00:14:08,150 --> 00:14:05,680

planets around other stars who really

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00:14:10,710 --> 00:14:08,160

have to understand the kind of history

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00:14:14,550 --> 00:14:10,720

and everything leading up to this this

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00:14:16,790 --> 00:14:14,560

definitely isn't a new concept so um

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00:14:18,069 --> 00:14:16,800

excuse me there we go so

319

00:14:21,430 --> 00:14:18,079

back in

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00:14:24,310 --> 00:14:21,440

300 or 400 bc aristotle uh once said

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00:14:25,910 --> 00:14:24,320

there cannot be uh more worlds than one

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00:14:28,310 --> 00:14:25,920

and so this was already a thought that

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00:14:30,949 --> 00:14:28,320

was going going on way way back in the

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00:14:33,590 --> 00:14:30,959

um greek philosopher's time

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00:14:36,069 --> 00:14:33,600

um but no one had really thought about

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00:14:38,230 --> 00:14:36,079

this too hard or for too long in a very

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00:14:41,269 --> 00:14:38,240

very long period of time until we get

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00:14:43,350 --> 00:14:41,279

towards uh the 1500s or so where we

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00:14:45,110 --> 00:14:43,360

start to think about um

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00:14:47,269 --> 00:14:45,120

like what planets could be like or what

331

00:14:48,710 --> 00:14:47,279

other other planets or other systems

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00:14:50,310 --> 00:14:48,720

could be like so

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00:14:52,150 --> 00:14:50,320

up to this point there was a very

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00:14:54,949 --> 00:14:52,160

geocentric view

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00:14:57,910 --> 00:14:54,959

of the universe and many people believed

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00:14:59,350 --> 00:14:57,920

that everything um orbited around the

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00:15:01,350 --> 00:14:59,360

earth and that the earth was the center

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00:15:04,470 --> 00:15:01,360

of the universe and didn't really have

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00:15:05,670 --> 00:15:04,480

any other reason um to believe otherwise

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00:15:07,350 --> 00:15:05,680

and it was

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00:15:10,470 --> 00:15:07,360

copernicus that came up with the theory

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00:15:12,550 --> 00:15:10,480

that actually we orbit around the sun

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00:15:14,629 --> 00:15:12,560

which we now know to be true

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00:15:17,189 --> 00:15:14,639

and but this was a revolutionary theory

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00:15:19,750 --> 00:15:17,199

at the time this was in the 1500s and

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00:15:21,030 --> 00:15:19,760

actually caused a lot of controversy um

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00:15:22,310 --> 00:15:21,040

in the world but

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00:15:24,310 --> 00:15:22,320

the whole thing was that we were

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00:15:26,629 --> 00:15:24,320

starting to have this view

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00:15:28,629 --> 00:15:26,639

of the universe that potentially that

351  
00:15:30,949 --> 00:15:28,639  
we're not at the center and that maybe

352  
00:15:34,790 --> 00:15:30,959  
we orbit around other things and if we

353  
00:15:36,470 --> 00:15:34,800  
orbit around our star our sun then may

354  
00:15:38,389 --> 00:15:36,480  
the other planets orbit around other

355  
00:15:41,990 --> 00:15:38,399  
stars in the universe

356  
00:15:44,310 --> 00:15:42,000  
this became even more exciting with the

357  
00:15:46,389 --> 00:15:44,320  
invention of the telescope and i put

358  
00:15:49,110 --> 00:15:46,399  
this in quotes here because really it

359  
00:15:51,110 --> 00:15:49,120  
was the retooling of a dutch invented

360  
00:15:54,949 --> 00:15:51,120  
spyglass um

361  
00:15:56,870 --> 00:15:54,959  
in the 1600s and 1609 by galileo

362  
00:15:58,790 --> 00:15:56,880  
who is a very renowned figure in

363  
00:16:00,310 --> 00:15:58,800

astronomy i'm sure many of you have

364

00:16:02,069 --> 00:16:00,320

heard of before

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00:16:04,470 --> 00:16:02,079

and that it was the invention of the

366

00:16:07,110 --> 00:16:04,480

telescope and turning the telescope to

367

00:16:08,550 --> 00:16:07,120

the skies that enabled us to actually

368

00:16:09,670 --> 00:16:08,560

figure out what we're looking at and

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00:16:12,069 --> 00:16:09,680

whether this

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00:16:13,990 --> 00:16:12,079

copernicus theory is true

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00:16:16,710 --> 00:16:14,000

and so galileo

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00:16:21,110 --> 00:16:16,720

was responsible for the invention or the

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00:16:23,269 --> 00:16:21,120

the re-tooling of the use of a telescope

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00:16:24,790 --> 00:16:23,279

and this enabled him to discover the

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00:16:27,430 --> 00:16:24,800

phases of venus

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00:16:30,550 --> 00:16:27,440

which is in line with the copernicus um

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00:16:32,790 --> 00:16:30,560

heliocentric theory of planets

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00:16:35,030 --> 00:16:32,800

but this also could be uh described by

379

00:16:37,509 --> 00:16:35,040

the geocentric theory from the years

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00:16:39,189 --> 00:16:37,519

prior to that so this wasn't really

381

00:16:41,430 --> 00:16:39,199

proof that we are actually in a

382

00:16:43,670 --> 00:16:41,440

heliocentric system

383

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

but when galileo discovered that there

384

00:16:48,949 --> 00:16:46,480

were moons orbiting around jupiter the

385

00:16:51,910 --> 00:16:48,959

so-called galilean moons this was

386

00:16:54,230 --> 00:16:51,920

confirmation that not everything orbits

387

00:16:56,230 --> 00:16:54,240

around the earth as once as once was

388

00:16:57,590 --> 00:16:56,240



thought and so this was really the

389

00:17:00,710 --> 00:16:57,600

beginning of a revolution of

390

00:17:03,189 --> 00:17:00,720

understanding that there may just be

391

00:17:05,829 --> 00:17:03,199

planets in other systems

392

00:17:09,350 --> 00:17:05,839

so then we fast forward a little bit to

393

00:17:11,189 --> 00:17:09,360

the later into the 1600s and 1698

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00:17:15,189 --> 00:17:11,199

and this is the first

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00:17:17,750 --> 00:17:15,199

documented um piece of of a scientist

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00:17:19,669 --> 00:17:17,760

saying that there may be other planets

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00:17:21,909 --> 00:17:19,679

that they're of actually considering

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00:17:23,510 --> 00:17:21,919

what these planets might be like and and

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00:17:25,350 --> 00:17:23,520

what they what they may look like and

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00:17:28,789 --> 00:17:25,360

whether they will have life on them and

401  
00:17:31,029 --> 00:17:28,799  
so hugons uh published in 1698 that his

402  
00:17:32,950 --> 00:17:31,039  
cosmopheros of the speculations of the

403  
00:17:35,270 --> 00:17:32,960  
construction of the universe

404  
00:17:37,350 --> 00:17:35,280  
and the potential habitability of other

405  
00:17:40,070 --> 00:17:37,360  
planets and so when we talk about

406  
00:17:42,789 --> 00:17:40,080  
exoplanets it's a very new and exciting

407  
00:17:45,270 --> 00:17:42,799  
field but actually this goes way way way

408  
00:17:47,110 --> 00:17:45,280  
back to these times where we can really

409  
00:17:49,270 --> 00:17:47,120  
start to think about how how these

410  
00:17:51,350 --> 00:17:49,280  
things came about

411  
00:17:54,630 --> 00:17:51,360  
okay so then we fast forward

412  
00:17:56,789 --> 00:17:54,640  
a lot to 1992

413  
00:17:58,710 --> 00:17:56,799

and this is when the first exoplanet was

414

00:18:00,870 --> 00:17:58,720

actually discovered

415

00:18:02,950 --> 00:18:00,880

so this exoplanet is very interesting

416

00:18:04,070 --> 00:18:02,960

because it orbits around what we call a

417

00:18:09,270 --> 00:18:04,080

pulsar

418

00:18:12,070 --> 00:18:09,280

that's left over after a supernova so

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00:18:14,310 --> 00:18:12,080

after a star depletes all of its energy

420

00:18:16,070 --> 00:18:14,320

all of its fuel it explodes in what's

421

00:18:18,789 --> 00:18:16,080

called a supernovae

422

00:18:20,310 --> 00:18:18,799

and after this you're left um for some

423

00:18:22,230 --> 00:18:20,320

situations you're left with what's

424

00:18:26,310 --> 00:18:22,240

called a neutron star and they emit

425

00:18:29,350 --> 00:18:26,320

these pulses very regular periodic um

426  
00:18:32,230 --> 00:18:29,360  
timing that can be measured so accurate

427  
00:18:33,430 --> 00:18:32,240  
in fact more accurately than an atomic

428  
00:18:35,990 --> 00:18:33,440  
clock

429  
00:18:37,830 --> 00:18:36,000  
and so if there are any perturbations to

430  
00:18:40,150 --> 00:18:37,840  
this measuring of the pulses that we

431  
00:18:43,669 --> 00:18:40,160  
receive from pulsars then this could be

432  
00:18:46,150 --> 00:18:43,679  
due to a companion so ie a planet or

433  
00:18:48,630 --> 00:18:46,160  
something orbiting around it so that as

434  
00:18:50,470 --> 00:18:48,640  
they orbit around their center of mass

435  
00:18:52,630 --> 00:18:50,480  
and this causes this would cause the

436  
00:18:54,390 --> 00:18:52,640  
pulsar the neutron star to to move

437  
00:18:56,630 --> 00:18:54,400  
towards and away from us and then that

438  
00:18:58,549 --> 00:18:56,640

would cause perturbations in the um

439

00:19:00,630 --> 00:18:58,559

pulses that we're

440

00:19:02,549 --> 00:19:00,640

observing and so that's exactly what

441

00:19:06,310 --> 00:19:02,559

happened in 1992 that the first

442

00:19:08,150 --> 00:19:06,320

exoplanet was discovered around a pulsar

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00:19:09,350 --> 00:19:08,160

and so then it was only a few years

444

00:19:11,270 --> 00:19:09,360

later

445

00:19:12,870 --> 00:19:11,280

in 1995

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00:19:14,789 --> 00:19:12,880

which is kind of the

447

00:19:16,549 --> 00:19:14,799

sort of famous one that many people

448

00:19:19,990 --> 00:19:16,559

probably know about was the first

449

00:19:21,909 --> 00:19:20,000

exoplanet that was discovered around a

450

00:19:24,310 --> 00:19:21,919

solar type star

451  
00:19:26,070 --> 00:19:24,320  
and so this was discovered by michelle

452  
00:19:27,750 --> 00:19:26,080  
mia and diriacolo

453  
00:19:28,950 --> 00:19:27,760  
um who were at the university of geneva

454  
00:19:32,549 --> 00:19:28,960  
at the time

455  
00:19:35,430 --> 00:19:32,559  
and this was extremely exciting so

456  
00:19:37,350 --> 00:19:35,440  
i mean the the discovery in 92 was of

457  
00:19:39,830 --> 00:19:37,360  
course very exciting

458  
00:19:41,669 --> 00:19:39,840  
but you would never expect to find life

459  
00:19:43,510 --> 00:19:41,679  
around such an object and pole cells

460  
00:19:45,510 --> 00:19:43,520  
emit such high

461  
00:19:49,190 --> 00:19:45,520  
radiation that life just would not be

462  
00:19:50,710 --> 00:19:49,200  
able to perform around such such an uh

463  
00:19:52,870 --> 00:19:50,720

such a host

464

00:19:55,110 --> 00:19:52,880

whereas in this case they were targeting

465

00:19:57,669 --> 00:19:55,120

stars that are very much like our sun so

466

00:20:00,310 --> 00:19:57,679

similar in size similar in temperature

467

00:20:03,190 --> 00:20:00,320

and very much as we as we expect our own

468

00:20:03,990 --> 00:20:03,200

sun um but this was still

469

00:20:06,549 --> 00:20:04,000

um

470

00:20:09,190 --> 00:20:06,559

very interesting very obscure

471

00:20:12,070 --> 00:20:09,200

um discovery which i'm gonna talk a lot

472

00:20:13,909 --> 00:20:12,080

a bit a little bit later on um because

473

00:20:15,510 --> 00:20:13,919

what they discovered was something that

474

00:20:18,549 --> 00:20:15,520

wasn't really in line at the time with

475

00:20:20,310 --> 00:20:18,559

how we expected um other stellar systems

476

00:20:21,909 --> 00:20:20,320

to look like and did not look like our

477

00:20:24,070 --> 00:20:21,919

own solar system

478

00:20:26,390 --> 00:20:24,080

but this is extremely exciting and it

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00:20:28,549 --> 00:20:26,400

was just in 2019

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00:20:32,310 --> 00:20:28,559

that michelle and didier were awarded

481

00:20:35,830 --> 00:20:32,320

the physics um nobel prize and as a

482

00:20:38,470 --> 00:20:35,840

university of geneva and alum i was very

483

00:20:40,870 --> 00:20:38,480

happy and very excited to have been

484

00:20:43,110 --> 00:20:40,880

there when when this was awarded

485

00:20:45,669 --> 00:20:43,120

and but the photo the image on the right

486

00:20:48,470 --> 00:20:45,679

there i absolutely adore dallas michelle

487

00:20:50,390 --> 00:20:48,480

when he um just found out that he had

488

00:20:51,909 --> 00:20:50,400



been awarded the nobel prize i believe

489

00:20:52,950 --> 00:20:51,919

he's at madrid airport when that

490

00:20:55,029 --> 00:20:52,960

happened

491

00:20:57,510 --> 00:20:55,039

and so i think the look on his face says

492

00:20:58,870 --> 00:20:57,520

it all but it was very well deserved and

493

00:21:02,070 --> 00:20:58,880

and this was

494

00:21:05,190 --> 00:21:02,080

the the very start of the field of

495

00:21:07,510 --> 00:21:05,200

exoplanets as it is today and this was

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00:21:10,789 --> 00:21:07,520

you know this is a very recent thing

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00:21:13,190 --> 00:21:10,799

1995 is not very long ago and so it has

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00:21:14,830 --> 00:21:13,200

been a very very rapidly

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00:21:17,909 --> 00:21:14,840

expanding field and extremely

500

00:21:20,310 --> 00:21:17,919

interesting so when i tell people

501  
00:21:21,590 --> 00:21:20,320  
oh yeah i find um planets for a living

502  
00:21:22,950 --> 00:21:21,600  
that's what i do

503  
00:21:25,270 --> 00:21:22,960  
this is kind of

504  
00:21:27,110 --> 00:21:25,280  
what people expect that i look at every

505  
00:21:28,630 --> 00:21:27,120  
day and not what i see and you see all

506  
00:21:30,390 --> 00:21:28,640  
these wonderful

507  
00:21:32,870 --> 00:21:30,400  
artists impression

508  
00:21:35,029 --> 00:21:32,880  
of what exoplanets look like and i think

509  
00:21:37,270 --> 00:21:35,039  
they're absolutely wonderful i love them

510  
00:21:39,990 --> 00:21:37,280  
so much and but this is what's portrayed

511  
00:21:40,789 --> 00:21:40,000  
in the media and often we will work with

512  
00:21:42,630 --> 00:21:40,799  
um

513  
00:21:44,070 --> 00:21:42,640

artists to ensure that we try and get an

514

00:21:46,710 --> 00:21:44,080

accurate depiction of what we might

515

00:21:48,950 --> 00:21:46,720

expect the planet to to look like but we

516

00:21:51,029 --> 00:21:48,960

don't know that it looks like this

517

00:21:52,470 --> 00:21:51,039

um and we certainly are not receiving

518

00:21:54,870 --> 00:21:52,480

data that looks like this i can

519

00:21:56,470 --> 00:21:54,880

absolutely assure you um and i've

520

00:21:59,029 --> 00:21:56,480

already been guilty

521

00:22:00,630 --> 00:21:59,039

um in my time already of showing you a

522

00:22:02,549 --> 00:22:00,640

handful of

523

00:22:05,750 --> 00:22:02,559

artists impressions that are not

524

00:22:07,830 --> 00:22:05,760

representative of what we look at

525

00:22:11,110 --> 00:22:07,840

well what we really find

526  
00:22:14,390 --> 00:22:11,120  
in general and this is one example

527  
00:22:16,230 --> 00:22:14,400  
is something like this so this is an

528  
00:22:17,909 --> 00:22:16,240  
image and from the european southern

529  
00:22:18,870 --> 00:22:17,919  
observatory or eso

530  
00:22:21,990 --> 00:22:18,880  
um

531  
00:22:23,909 --> 00:22:22,000  
from 2005 and this is actually an image

532  
00:22:26,710 --> 00:22:23,919  
of the first confirmation of the first

533  
00:22:28,870 --> 00:22:26,720  
ever directly imaged planet

534  
00:22:31,990 --> 00:22:28,880  
and so the the sort of big blob on the

535  
00:22:33,830 --> 00:22:32,000  
right there in blue that's the host um

536  
00:22:36,789 --> 00:22:33,840  
and that's the uh

537  
00:22:38,070 --> 00:22:36,799  
it was actually orbiting around a a

538  
00:22:40,549 --> 00:22:38,080

brown dwarf

539

00:22:42,070 --> 00:22:40,559

um and so again this is a very

540

00:22:44,710 --> 00:22:42,080

interesting system because it's not

541

00:22:47,270 --> 00:22:44,720

orbiting around a solar type star like

542

00:22:49,750 --> 00:22:47,280

our own our own star this is a very

543

00:22:53,350 --> 00:22:49,760

interesting widely separated

544

00:22:55,990 --> 00:22:53,360

so 55 au as it's written there one au is

545

00:22:58,789 --> 00:22:56,000

the distance between earth and the sun

546

00:23:01,430 --> 00:22:58,799

so multiply that by 55 times and that's

547

00:23:02,549 --> 00:23:01,440

how far away this planet is from its

548

00:23:04,470 --> 00:23:02,559

host

549

00:23:07,029 --> 00:23:04,480

and so again this is by no means a

550

00:23:08,630 --> 00:23:07,039

representation of um a potentially

551  
00:23:11,110 --> 00:23:08,640  
habitable planet or anything but this

552  
00:23:13,110 --> 00:23:11,120  
was extremely exciting detection

553  
00:23:15,830 --> 00:23:13,120  
um of the first direct detection it was

554  
00:23:18,230 --> 00:23:15,840  
originally discovered in 2004 but it was

555  
00:23:20,950 --> 00:23:18,240  
ambiguous about whether um it was

556  
00:23:23,830 --> 00:23:20,960  
co-moving with its um host or not and

557  
00:23:25,830 --> 00:23:23,840  
then it was confirmed in 2005.

558  
00:23:28,230 --> 00:23:25,840  
so really these are a bit more

559  
00:23:31,510 --> 00:23:28,240  
representative of the kind of images

560  
00:23:32,549 --> 00:23:31,520  
that i look at day to day um

561  
00:23:35,270 --> 00:23:32,559  
so

562  
00:23:37,750 --> 00:23:35,280  
how do we actually go about finding

563  
00:23:39,909 --> 00:23:37,760

these planets right how do we hunt for

564

00:23:41,909 --> 00:23:39,919

these distant worlds so there are many

565

00:23:43,350 --> 00:23:41,919

different ways that we can do this and

566

00:23:45,269 --> 00:23:43,360

the first of those i would like to

567

00:23:48,789 --> 00:23:45,279

describe to you today is the radial

568

00:23:50,950 --> 00:23:48,799

velocity method and so this was actually

569

00:23:53,830 --> 00:23:50,960

the method that was used to

570

00:23:56,390 --> 00:23:53,840

discover 51 pegby by michelle may and

571

00:23:57,590 --> 00:23:56,400

didier color in 1995 so i think this is

572

00:24:00,870 --> 00:23:57,600

an extremely

573

00:24:02,630 --> 00:24:00,880

um exciting uh one to kind of start off

574

00:24:04,549 --> 00:24:02,640

with

575

00:24:07,029 --> 00:24:04,559

so what we observe

576

00:24:09,110 --> 00:24:07,039

is as this star which is shown in the

577

00:24:11,430 --> 00:24:09,120

center there um

578

00:24:13,750 --> 00:24:11,440

shining away and then a companion or a

579

00:24:15,269 --> 00:24:13,760

planet orbiting around their center of

580

00:24:16,230 --> 00:24:15,279

mass and so

581

00:24:19,029 --> 00:24:16,240

it's not

582

00:24:21,669 --> 00:24:19,039

that the planets just orbit around a

583

00:24:23,669 --> 00:24:21,679

star um even though it may seem that way

584

00:24:25,830 --> 00:24:23,679

when we look at the sun and we look at

585

00:24:27,590 --> 00:24:25,840

the planets orbiting around the sun it's

586

00:24:29,990 --> 00:24:27,600

just that the star is usually so much

587

00:24:31,990 --> 00:24:30,000

more massive than the planet that the

588

00:24:33,750 --> 00:24:32,000



center of mass is so close to the star

589

00:24:36,149 --> 00:24:33,760

that it's essentially as if the planets

590

00:24:37,669 --> 00:24:36,159

are orbiting around or close to the

591

00:24:38,390 --> 00:24:37,679

center of the star

592

00:24:41,590 --> 00:24:38,400

but

593

00:24:44,549 --> 00:24:41,600

in fact actually the planets even true

594

00:24:47,269 --> 00:24:44,559

in our own solar system tug on the on

595

00:24:48,710 --> 00:24:47,279

the star on or on the sun in the case of

596

00:24:51,269 --> 00:24:48,720

the solar system

597

00:24:53,430 --> 00:24:51,279

and so as they orbit around the center

598

00:24:54,870 --> 00:24:53,440

of mass you kind of get pulled in this

599

00:24:56,549 --> 00:24:54,880

general direction as you can see that's

600

00:24:58,870 --> 00:24:56,559

going on here

601  
00:25:00,789 --> 00:24:58,880  
and in this way we can indirectly

602  
00:25:02,870 --> 00:25:00,799  
measure that there's a planet in this

603  
00:25:04,630 --> 00:25:02,880  
system so we don't directly see the

604  
00:25:06,549 --> 00:25:04,640  
planet what we measure

605  
00:25:08,870 --> 00:25:06,559  
are the stellar spectra and we can

606  
00:25:10,789 --> 00:25:08,880  
measure the spectral lines of the star

607  
00:25:12,230 --> 00:25:10,799  
and we know where we expect those petrol

608  
00:25:14,310 --> 00:25:12,240  
lines to sit

609  
00:25:16,070 --> 00:25:14,320  
and as the star gets tugged by the

610  
00:25:18,950 --> 00:25:16,080  
companion or the planet then it will

611  
00:25:21,269 --> 00:25:18,960  
move towards us and away from us and in

612  
00:25:23,669 --> 00:25:21,279  
this respect we call this a doppler

613  
00:25:24,710 --> 00:25:23,679

shift or it gets red-shifted and blue

614

00:25:26,149 --> 00:25:24,720

shifted

615

00:25:28,149 --> 00:25:26,159

and we can measure

616

00:25:30,310 --> 00:25:28,159

how fast this is happening so we can

617

00:25:33,190 --> 00:25:30,320

measure like the orbital period of the

618

00:25:35,590 --> 00:25:33,200

companion as it orbits around the star

619

00:25:37,269 --> 00:25:35,600

and we can also measure things like the

620

00:25:39,190 --> 00:25:37,279

mass or the minimum mass of the

621

00:25:41,909 --> 00:25:39,200

companion that we're that we're looking

622

00:25:44,630 --> 00:25:41,919

at indirectly and so i think a clearer

623

00:25:45,750 --> 00:25:44,640

way to see it is with this animation

624

00:25:51,830 --> 00:25:45,760

here

625

00:25:53,430 --> 00:25:51,840

star represented by the yellow circle

626  
00:25:54,710 --> 00:25:53,440  
and then the planet represented by the

627  
00:25:55,830 --> 00:25:54,720  
blue circle

628  
00:25:57,830 --> 00:25:55,840  
and there's just two different

629  
00:25:59,909 --> 00:25:57,840  
orientations there so either we're

630  
00:26:01,990 --> 00:25:59,919  
looking at it face on or we're looking

631  
00:26:03,669 --> 00:26:02,000  
at it edge on and we don't necessarily

632  
00:26:05,110 --> 00:26:03,679  
know what the orientation

633  
00:26:06,549 --> 00:26:05,120  
would look like

634  
00:26:08,470 --> 00:26:06,559  
but in this case so you can see it's

635  
00:26:10,549 --> 00:26:08,480  
orbiting around the center of mass and

636  
00:26:12,470 --> 00:26:10,559  
then we have the stellar

637  
00:26:14,630 --> 00:26:12,480  
spectral lines or representation of them

638  
00:26:16,789 --> 00:26:14,640

in the bottom right there as they get

639

00:26:17,590 --> 00:26:16,799

blue shifted and red shifted

640

00:26:20,950 --> 00:26:17,600

um

641

00:26:23,510 --> 00:26:20,960

and then what we measure is the velocity

642

00:26:24,630 --> 00:26:23,520

the radial velocity hence the name of

643

00:26:27,590 --> 00:26:24,640

the technique

644

00:26:30,230 --> 00:26:27,600

of the star and then that corresponds to

645

00:26:31,750 --> 00:26:30,240

the amount of time it takes to do this

646

00:26:33,430 --> 00:26:31,760

full kind of period that you're seeing

647

00:26:35,750 --> 00:26:33,440

there with the yellow dot going along

648

00:26:37,430 --> 00:26:35,760

its curve that's like the orbital period

649

00:26:39,350 --> 00:26:37,440

or how long it takes for that planet

650

00:26:41,510 --> 00:26:39,360

orbit around the star

651  
00:26:44,470 --> 00:26:41,520  
and so that would correspond to how far

652  
00:26:47,510 --> 00:26:44,480  
away the planet is away from this star

653  
00:26:49,590 --> 00:26:47,520  
and then also that speed is

654  
00:26:52,710 --> 00:26:49,600  
proportional or has

655  
00:26:54,870 --> 00:26:52,720  
is a function of the mass of the of the

656  
00:26:58,230 --> 00:26:54,880  
object so a more massive object would

657  
00:26:59,909 --> 00:26:58,240  
have a much larger radial velocity curve

658  
00:27:03,430 --> 00:26:59,919  
so i mentioned before

659  
00:27:05,750 --> 00:27:03,440  
that 51 peg b was discovered using this

660  
00:27:07,909 --> 00:27:05,760  
method and as you can see here this is

661  
00:27:10,870 --> 00:27:07,919  
the original radial velocity curve that

662  
00:27:13,510 --> 00:27:10,880  
was published back in 1995 by michelle

663  
00:27:15,110 --> 00:27:13,520

mia and didi aquilo and as you can see

664

00:27:17,029 --> 00:27:15,120

we have this really

665

00:27:17,990 --> 00:27:17,039

neat radial velocity curve that's been

666

00:27:20,630 --> 00:27:18,000

measured

667

00:27:22,389 --> 00:27:20,640

um and we can see that full orbital uh

668

00:27:24,470 --> 00:27:22,399

coverage which is really exciting you

669

00:27:26,389 --> 00:27:24,480

can see the the error bars on each of

670

00:27:28,470 --> 00:27:26,399

the measurements there

671

00:27:30,950 --> 00:27:28,480

so that's the radial velocity technique

672

00:27:33,990 --> 00:27:30,960

and this has been a pretty successful uh

673

00:27:36,470 --> 00:27:34,000

technique in terms of discovering um

674

00:27:37,669 --> 00:27:36,480

hundreds of exoplanets over the recent

675

00:27:40,630 --> 00:27:37,679

years

676  
00:27:42,470 --> 00:27:40,640  
but another technique that is also um

677  
00:27:44,710 --> 00:27:42,480  
that has also been extremely successful

678  
00:27:45,909 --> 00:27:44,720  
and continues to do so is the transit

679  
00:27:52,470 --> 00:27:45,919  
technique

680  
00:27:55,269 --> 00:27:52,480  
we observe a star and again this is

681  
00:27:56,870 --> 00:27:55,279  
another indirect method of searching for

682  
00:27:59,590 --> 00:27:56,880  
exoplanets we're not observing the

683  
00:28:01,510 --> 00:27:59,600  
planet itself we observe a star and we

684  
00:28:03,830 --> 00:28:01,520  
know how much brightness we're receiving

685  
00:28:05,110 --> 00:28:03,840  
from the star on the flux

686  
00:28:07,029 --> 00:28:05,120  
and as

687  
00:28:09,269 --> 00:28:07,039  
a planet transits like we just seen

688  
00:28:11,110 --> 00:28:09,279



there in front of the star then we get

689

00:28:12,310 --> 00:28:11,120

this dip in the brightness that we

690

00:28:14,230 --> 00:28:12,320

receive

691

00:28:17,110 --> 00:28:14,240

from from the star

692

00:28:19,110 --> 00:28:17,120

over time and then this corresponds to

693

00:28:21,190 --> 00:28:19,120

how long it takes for the planet to

694

00:28:23,669 --> 00:28:21,200

travel across the star and so that can

695

00:28:25,510 --> 00:28:23,679

give us an idea of um what the orbital

696

00:28:26,310 --> 00:28:25,520

period is like or what the separation is

697

00:28:28,389 --> 00:28:26,320

like

698

00:28:31,750 --> 00:28:28,399

and then we can also measure the radius

699

00:28:34,549 --> 00:28:31,760

of the planet by doing this um and so

700

00:28:36,710 --> 00:28:34,559

this is extremely powerful technique in

701  
00:28:39,269 --> 00:28:36,720  
order to understand what the composition

702  
00:28:41,029 --> 00:28:39,279  
of exoplanets is like because if you

703  
00:28:43,190 --> 00:28:41,039  
have an idea of what the mass is like

704  
00:28:45,510 --> 00:28:43,200  
and what the radius is like then you can

705  
00:28:48,070 --> 00:28:45,520  
look at the density and you can compare

706  
00:28:50,630 --> 00:28:48,080  
it to is it dense like a rocky planet

707  
00:28:52,710 --> 00:28:50,640  
like earth or mars or is it less dense

708  
00:28:54,230 --> 00:28:52,720  
like a gaseous planet like jupiter for

709  
00:28:55,909 --> 00:28:54,240  
example

710  
00:28:57,830 --> 00:28:55,919  
and so this has been

711  
00:28:59,669 --> 00:28:57,840  
the most successful detection technique

712  
00:29:03,029 --> 00:28:59,679  
of exoplanets to date

713  
00:29:06,549 --> 00:29:03,039

and part of that has been due to kepler

714

00:29:09,350 --> 00:29:06,559

so kepler was launched back in 2009

715

00:29:11,510 --> 00:29:09,360

um and operated by nasa

716

00:29:14,549 --> 00:29:11,520

and kepler was a space telescope that

717

00:29:17,110 --> 00:29:14,559

was um extremely successful at staring

718

00:29:18,870 --> 00:29:17,120

at the sky for long periods of time in

719

00:29:20,470 --> 00:29:18,880

in different campaigns in different

720

00:29:23,669 --> 00:29:20,480

regions of the sky

721

00:29:27,029 --> 00:29:23,679

um in order to look for these transits

722

00:29:29,990 --> 00:29:27,039

and so it was kind of dubbed the kind of

723

00:29:32,149 --> 00:29:30,000

kepler era in in the exoplanet fields as

724

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

we suddenly received thousands of

725

00:29:36,710 --> 00:29:34,159

exoplanet candidates that corresponded

726  
00:29:38,230 --> 00:29:36,720  
to transits that had been measured using

727  
00:29:40,630 --> 00:29:38,240  
kepler

728  
00:29:41,430 --> 00:29:40,640  
so when we look at transiting exoplanets

729  
00:29:43,590 --> 00:29:41,440  
um

730  
00:29:45,350 --> 00:29:43,600  
one of the things is we get

731  
00:29:47,190 --> 00:29:45,360  
different dips in the brightness

732  
00:29:49,590 --> 00:29:47,200  
corresponding to the different planets

733  
00:29:51,510 --> 00:29:49,600  
of the different stars we're looking at

734  
00:29:52,710 --> 00:29:51,520  
so first of all if we look at let's call

735  
00:29:55,909 --> 00:29:52,720  
this a

736  
00:29:59,190 --> 00:29:55,919  
solar type star it's the same radius as

737  
00:30:01,909 --> 00:29:59,200  
the sun then we might get this kind of

738  
00:30:04,070 --> 00:30:01,919

dip from the black planet shown there

739

00:30:06,230 --> 00:30:04,080

going in front of the star

740

00:30:07,269 --> 00:30:06,240

but if we're to observe a much smaller

741

00:30:09,669 --> 00:30:07,279

star

742

00:30:11,830 --> 00:30:09,679

which there are many of in the universe

743

00:30:14,149 --> 00:30:11,840

and we call these m dwarfs

744

00:30:15,430 --> 00:30:14,159

then what we see is if the same size

745

00:30:17,830 --> 00:30:15,440

planet

746

00:30:20,470 --> 00:30:17,840

orbits in front of that star then we get

747

00:30:22,789 --> 00:30:20,480

a much much bigger dip in the brightness

748

00:30:25,510 --> 00:30:22,799

that we measure and that is far easier

749

00:30:28,549 --> 00:30:25,520

to measure than the same size planet

750

00:30:29,830 --> 00:30:28,559

around a bigger star um like for example

751  
00:30:30,950 --> 00:30:29,840  
our own sun

752  
00:30:32,630 --> 00:30:30,960  
and so

753  
00:30:34,630 --> 00:30:32,640  
and you can see it in the dips in the

754  
00:30:37,590 --> 00:30:34,640  
bottom there only

755  
00:30:38,710 --> 00:30:37,600  
over time and so this kind of led people

756  
00:30:43,110 --> 00:30:38,720  
to

757  
00:30:46,389 --> 00:30:43,120  
dwarfs and these smaller and smaller

758  
00:30:48,310 --> 00:30:46,399  
stars to kind of look for at transiting

759  
00:30:51,029 --> 00:30:48,320  
um exoplanets

760  
00:30:51,990 --> 00:30:51,039  
and so in 2017

761  
00:30:55,269 --> 00:30:52,000  
um

762  
00:30:58,870 --> 00:30:55,279  
very famous system called trappist-1 was

763  
00:31:02,230 --> 00:30:58,880

actually um announced that kind of went

764

00:31:04,870 --> 00:31:02,240

along these lines so these planets um

765

00:31:07,909 --> 00:31:04,880

and these are all in the same system

766

00:31:09,830 --> 00:31:07,919

these are these seven planets orbit

767

00:31:12,070 --> 00:31:09,840

around an m dwarf star

768

00:31:14,070 --> 00:31:12,080

and so it's kind of this approach of

769

00:31:16,310 --> 00:31:14,080

okay if we look at a star this is much

770

00:31:20,149 --> 00:31:16,320

smaller then we'll be able to detect the

771

00:31:22,149 --> 00:31:20,159

signals of more earth-like smaller rocky

772

00:31:24,710 --> 00:31:22,159

planets that would otherwise be much

773

00:31:27,269 --> 00:31:24,720

much more difficult to detect

774

00:31:28,149 --> 00:31:27,279

and so this was outstanding this was

775

00:31:31,190 --> 00:31:28,159

seven

776

00:31:33,909 --> 00:31:31,200

earth-like planets um orbiting in the

777

00:31:35,590 --> 00:31:33,919

system and you start to think okay so

778

00:31:36,870 --> 00:31:35,600

this this is really interesting this is

779

00:31:40,230 --> 00:31:36,880

something that

780

00:31:41,750 --> 00:31:40,240

um kind of resembles or almost resembles

781

00:31:43,830 --> 00:31:41,760

our solar system

782

00:31:45,110 --> 00:31:43,840

and if you look at the

783

00:31:47,909 --> 00:31:45,120

transit

784

00:31:49,669 --> 00:31:47,919

curve and this is from 2015 when the

785

00:31:51,750 --> 00:31:49,679

first three planets were discovered

786

00:31:53,029 --> 00:31:51,760

before the rest of the system

787

00:31:55,110 --> 00:31:53,039

was discovered

788

00:31:57,269 --> 00:31:55,120



then you can see this really neat

789

00:32:00,389 --> 00:31:57,279

transit curve of all three of those as

790

00:32:03,029 --> 00:32:00,399

you as they go across the their star and

791

00:32:05,190 --> 00:32:03,039

so it's not always this one sort of neat

792

00:32:07,269 --> 00:32:05,200

dip that i showed you before but you can

793

00:32:09,190 --> 00:32:07,279

get like numerous planets that are

794

00:32:11,430 --> 00:32:09,200

transiting within themselves

795

00:32:13,990 --> 00:32:11,440

and you can see um along the bottom

796

00:32:16,870 --> 00:32:14,000

there so these are correspond to the

797

00:32:19,669 --> 00:32:16,880

planet names so one e one c one f those

798

00:32:22,310 --> 00:32:19,679

are the the names of the planets um as

799

00:32:23,750 --> 00:32:22,320

they travel in front of the star and you

800

00:32:25,750 --> 00:32:23,760

can kind of get this really really cool

801  
00:32:27,110 --> 00:32:25,760  
transit curve

802  
00:32:29,909 --> 00:32:27,120  
so

803  
00:32:32,630 --> 00:32:29,919  
like i say transiting exoplanets has

804  
00:32:34,870 --> 00:32:32,640  
been an extremely powerful technique in

805  
00:32:36,710 --> 00:32:34,880  
order to discover thousands of known

806  
00:32:38,630 --> 00:32:36,720  
exoplanets to date

807  
00:32:42,310 --> 00:32:38,640  
but another detection technique is

808  
00:32:45,669 --> 00:32:42,320  
actually the microlensing technique so

809  
00:32:47,590 --> 00:32:45,679  
the way that this works is you have a

810  
00:32:51,190 --> 00:32:47,600  
telescope you see the bottom there

811  
00:32:53,750 --> 00:32:51,200  
observing um a star in the distance

812  
00:32:56,630 --> 00:32:53,760  
and then this planet that kind of

813  
00:32:59,029 --> 00:32:56,640

moves in the front of it and it acts as

814

00:33:00,710 --> 00:32:59,039

a lens when it does this and you can see

815

00:33:02,630 --> 00:33:00,720

in the bottom right there that over time

816

00:33:03,830 --> 00:33:02,640

we get this peak in the brightness as

817

00:33:05,430 --> 00:33:03,840

this happens

818

00:33:07,430 --> 00:33:05,440

and so again this can be a really really

819

00:33:10,470 --> 00:33:07,440

powerful and compelling technique in

820

00:33:11,990 --> 00:33:10,480

order to find these kind of planets

821

00:33:15,190 --> 00:33:12,000

it's a little bit more difficult because

822

00:33:17,990 --> 00:33:15,200

you need that chance alignment um

823

00:33:20,310 --> 00:33:18,000

so you know there's a difficulty in that

824

00:33:22,310 --> 00:33:20,320

but when you observe it then these

825

00:33:24,950 --> 00:33:22,320

things are these things have really

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00:33:27,750 --> 00:33:24,960

strong signals that we're able to detect

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00:33:29,350 --> 00:33:27,760

and so just show another animation here

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00:33:30,389 --> 00:33:29,360

um from nasa that kind of shows a

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00:33:33,110 --> 00:33:30,399

similar

830

00:33:34,630 --> 00:33:33,120

thing and so what we see on the right is

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00:33:36,549 --> 00:33:34,640

kind of what i showed you before where

832

00:33:38,710 --> 00:33:36,559

you have that lensing effect as the

833

00:33:41,350 --> 00:33:38,720

planet moves between the between the

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00:33:42,950 --> 00:33:41,360

telescope and the background object and

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00:33:44,310 --> 00:33:42,960

then in the center is what you maybe

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00:33:46,070 --> 00:33:44,320

expect it to look like if you were

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00:33:47,430 --> 00:33:46,080

looking face on as if you were the

838

00:33:49,269 --> 00:33:47,440

telescope

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00:33:51,509 --> 00:33:49,279

and then on the left is what you kind of

840

00:33:54,230 --> 00:33:51,519

expect the microlensing event to look

841

00:33:56,870 --> 00:33:54,240

like um in terms of the brightness over

842

00:33:58,549 --> 00:33:56,880

time and what we see as scientists when

843

00:33:59,509 --> 00:33:58,559

we look at the data

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00:34:01,830 --> 00:33:59,519

and so

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00:34:02,950 --> 00:34:01,840

it looks something like this

846

00:34:05,430 --> 00:34:02,960

where you kind of have that

847

00:34:07,350 --> 00:34:05,440

magnification by the stellar lens and

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00:34:09,669 --> 00:34:07,360

then you get that deviation

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00:34:11,909 --> 00:34:09,679

uh due to the planet and so this is a

850

00:34:13,190 --> 00:34:11,919

really awesome technique in order to use

851  
00:34:16,149 --> 00:34:13,200  
as well

852  
00:34:18,950 --> 00:34:16,159  
and um space telescope science institute

853  
00:34:21,750 --> 00:34:18,960  
will be launching the nancy grace roman

854  
00:34:22,950 --> 00:34:21,760  
space telescope um in the due to launch

855  
00:34:24,069 --> 00:34:22,960  
in the mid

856  
00:34:26,790 --> 00:34:24,079  
20s

857  
00:34:29,109 --> 00:34:26,800  
um which will be really amenable to this

858  
00:34:32,389 --> 00:34:29,119  
kind of technique in order to find lots

859  
00:34:34,470 --> 00:34:32,399  
of micro lensing events

860  
00:34:36,950 --> 00:34:34,480  
and it will also be amenable to finding

861  
00:34:38,950 --> 00:34:36,960  
lots of um planets to direct the image

862  
00:34:42,310 --> 00:34:38,960  
which brings me to my next

863  
00:34:44,069 --> 00:34:42,320

uh technique that i will describe so i'm

864

00:34:46,230 --> 00:34:44,079

a little bit biased about this because

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00:34:49,190 --> 00:34:46,240

direct imaging is what i primarily work

866

00:34:50,550 --> 00:34:49,200

on and so i will deem it to be the best

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00:34:54,710 --> 00:34:50,560

exoplanet

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00:34:56,470 --> 00:34:54,720

not necessarily true but that's how i

869

00:34:58,710 --> 00:34:56,480

that's how i will take it

870

00:34:59,829 --> 00:34:58,720

and so direct imaging

871

00:35:01,910 --> 00:34:59,839

kind of

872

00:35:03,750 --> 00:35:01,920

it does exactly what you expect it does

873

00:35:06,470 --> 00:35:03,760

what it says on the tin that you are

874

00:35:07,750 --> 00:35:06,480

directly imaging a planet and so the

875

00:35:09,589 --> 00:35:07,760

other techniques i've shown you before

876

00:35:13,270 --> 00:35:09,599

have all been indirect methods they've

877

00:35:16,630 --> 00:35:13,280

been what happens to the star or to um

878

00:35:18,230 --> 00:35:16,640

as a result of the star you know and and

879

00:35:20,230 --> 00:35:18,240

the signals that you observe from that

880

00:35:21,829 --> 00:35:20,240

but in this case we're actually not

881

00:35:23,349 --> 00:35:21,839

interested in the style we're trying to

882

00:35:26,310 --> 00:35:23,359

remove as much of the starlight as

883

00:35:27,910 --> 00:35:26,320

possible and look directly for a planet

884

00:35:29,910 --> 00:35:27,920

around that star

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00:35:32,150 --> 00:35:29,920

and so this has led to some really

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00:35:33,030 --> 00:35:32,160

interesting awesome results over recent

887

00:35:35,349 --> 00:35:33,040

years

888

00:35:37,990 --> 00:35:35,359



and so what i show here is on the left

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00:35:40,390 --> 00:35:38,000

is hr8799

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00:35:41,510 --> 00:35:40,400

unfortunately planetary systems don't

891

00:35:43,030 --> 00:35:41,520

have very

892

00:35:45,109 --> 00:35:43,040

exciting names

893

00:35:48,390 --> 00:35:45,119

but this is its catalog name

894

00:35:49,990 --> 00:35:48,400

and in this case we have four exoplanets

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00:35:51,349 --> 00:35:50,000

that are orbiting around the central

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00:35:54,390 --> 00:35:51,359

starter so what we're actually looking

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00:35:56,870 --> 00:35:54,400

at is in the middle you've got the um

898

00:35:58,790 --> 00:35:56,880

that's the star that's the stellar host

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00:36:00,550 --> 00:35:58,800

and that's been masked out we're not

900

00:36:02,069 --> 00:36:00,560

interested in the light from the star we

901  
00:36:04,390 --> 00:36:02,079  
want to suppress as much of that as

902  
00:36:06,230 --> 00:36:04,400  
possible but that's where the star is

903  
00:36:08,470 --> 00:36:06,240  
and then you kind of see these four

904  
00:36:11,109 --> 00:36:08,480  
blobs um orbiting

905  
00:36:12,790 --> 00:36:11,119  
anti-clockwise counterclockwise

906  
00:36:13,829 --> 00:36:12,800  
and there's those are the four planets

907  
00:36:15,910 --> 00:36:13,839  
that we see

908  
00:36:17,510 --> 00:36:15,920  
and again you know as i told you at the

909  
00:36:19,270 --> 00:36:17,520  
beginning what do you expect an

910  
00:36:22,069 --> 00:36:19,280  
exoplanet to look like versus what we

911  
00:36:23,829 --> 00:36:22,079  
actually observe it is just a blob of

912  
00:36:25,750 --> 00:36:23,839  
pixels but there's a lot of information

913  
00:36:27,670 --> 00:36:25,760

that we can pull out from this

914

00:36:29,750 --> 00:36:27,680

and the gift head showing on the right

915

00:36:33,030 --> 00:36:29,760

there that's from bates pick which is

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00:36:35,109 --> 00:36:33,040

another very um famously image system

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00:36:37,190 --> 00:36:35,119

where it you can see it being observed

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00:36:39,109 --> 00:36:37,200

there just before it goes behind its

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00:36:41,109 --> 00:36:39,119

stellar host um

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00:36:43,510 --> 00:36:41,119

so these wonderful

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00:36:45,270 --> 00:36:43,520

um animations have been made by um jason

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00:36:47,190 --> 00:36:45,280

wong who um you should go check out his

923

00:36:49,109 --> 00:36:47,200

webpage and he has a whole bunch of

924

00:36:50,790 --> 00:36:49,119

these um but we're not actually

925

00:36:52,550 --> 00:36:50,800

observing the this hasn't been observed

926  
00:36:53,990 --> 00:36:52,560  
in real time these are many different

927  
00:36:55,910 --> 00:36:54,000  
epochs of data that have been put

928  
00:36:57,990 --> 00:36:55,920  
together in order to generate these

929  
00:37:00,470 --> 00:36:58,000  
movies so you can see the dates there on

930  
00:37:02,230 --> 00:37:00,480  
the bottom run over several years when

931  
00:37:04,310 --> 00:37:02,240  
we're this isn't actually what we

932  
00:37:05,990 --> 00:37:04,320  
observe immediately this has to be

933  
00:37:07,670 --> 00:37:06,000  
strung together over a very long period

934  
00:37:09,910 --> 00:37:07,680  
of time to understand what the orbital

935  
00:37:11,829 --> 00:37:09,920  
motion looks like and to confirm

936  
00:37:13,750 --> 00:37:11,839  
that the planet that we're looking at is

937  
00:37:15,030 --> 00:37:13,760  
actually connected with the star that

938  
00:37:16,069 --> 00:37:15,040

we're observing

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00:37:17,990 --> 00:37:16,079

um

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00:37:19,750 --> 00:37:18,000

so the way this kind of works is we have

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00:37:22,230 --> 00:37:19,760

to take into account lots of different

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00:37:25,109 --> 00:37:22,240

factors this is not an easy thing to do

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00:37:27,990 --> 00:37:25,119

otherwise people would just do it right

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00:37:30,390 --> 00:37:28,000

so the magnitude the brightness of the

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00:37:32,390 --> 00:37:30,400

star compared to the brightness of the

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00:37:35,349 --> 00:37:32,400

planet is huge

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00:37:37,030 --> 00:37:35,359

millions of times so you really really

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00:37:38,150 --> 00:37:37,040

need to remove as much as starlight as

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00:37:40,710 --> 00:37:38,160

possible

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00:37:42,069 --> 00:37:40,720

um and we have the added difficulty when

951  
00:37:43,670 --> 00:37:42,079  
we do this from the ground using

952  
00:37:45,270 --> 00:37:43,680  
ground-based telescopes which i'll speak

953  
00:37:47,829 --> 00:37:45,280  
a bit more about as well

954  
00:37:49,990 --> 00:37:47,839  
um but you know we look and we stare at

955  
00:37:52,069 --> 00:37:50,000  
a star and we hope that it has a nice

956  
00:37:53,910 --> 00:37:52,079  
friendly planet next to it like in this

957  
00:37:55,270 --> 00:37:53,920  
little image

958  
00:37:56,790 --> 00:37:55,280  
and then in the case that we're doing

959  
00:37:59,109 --> 00:37:56,800  
ground-based observations we have to

960  
00:38:01,349 --> 00:37:59,119  
take into account the earth's atmosphere

961  
00:38:03,109 --> 00:38:01,359  
and we do this using adaptive optics

962  
00:38:04,390 --> 00:38:03,119  
which i'm going to explain this is

963  
00:38:06,310 --> 00:38:04,400

essentially like putting a pair of

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00:38:07,589 --> 00:38:06,320

glasses onto a telescope

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00:38:08,950 --> 00:38:07,599

and then the other really really

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00:38:10,390 --> 00:38:08,960

important thing is using what's called a

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00:38:12,710 --> 00:38:10,400

coronagraph

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00:38:14,710 --> 00:38:12,720

and so coronagraph is the thing the mask

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00:38:16,790 --> 00:38:14,720

that sits in the middle that blocks out

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00:38:18,710 --> 00:38:16,800

as much of that starlight as possible

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00:38:20,470 --> 00:38:18,720

and so you can imagine if you were

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00:38:22,310 --> 00:38:20,480

looking up to the sun you shouldn't

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00:38:24,069 --> 00:38:22,320

actually do this but if you were to look

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00:38:26,230 --> 00:38:24,079

up to the sun and put your thumb in

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00:38:27,829 --> 00:38:26,240

front to cover the sun to cover the

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00:38:29,510 --> 00:38:27,839

sunlight and you would see like the

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00:38:30,950 --> 00:38:29,520

corona of the sun around the outside of

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00:38:32,790 --> 00:38:30,960

it and that's where the name coronagraph

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00:38:34,710 --> 00:38:32,800

comes from we basically do the same

980

00:38:36,230 --> 00:38:34,720

thing it's like doing that on a

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00:38:37,750 --> 00:38:36,240

telescope putting your thumb up to

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00:38:38,790 --> 00:38:37,760

remove as much of that starlight as

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00:38:39,670 --> 00:38:38,800

possible

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00:38:41,270 --> 00:38:39,680

um

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00:38:42,390 --> 00:38:41,280

and then you kind of just get the

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00:38:44,310 --> 00:38:42,400

residual

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00:38:46,870 --> 00:38:44,320

uh starlight that's left around there

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00:38:49,670 --> 00:38:46,880



and then this comes in through detector

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00:38:52,710 --> 00:38:49,680

um as shown by a camera there

990

00:38:54,630 --> 00:38:52,720

so because this is so difficult to do

991

00:38:56,230 --> 00:38:54,640

because the contrast ratios that you're

992

00:38:59,109 --> 00:38:56,240

talking about between the star and the

993

00:39:00,470 --> 00:38:59,119

planet are really really extreme then

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00:39:03,109 --> 00:39:00,480

often what we do is we end up

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00:39:05,589 --> 00:39:03,119

discovering what's called brown dwarfs

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00:39:07,910 --> 00:39:05,599

and so brown dwarfs are in this mass

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00:39:10,790 --> 00:39:07,920

range that sit between

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00:39:11,750 --> 00:39:10,800

they're less massive than the star so a

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00:39:14,550 --> 00:39:11,760

star

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00:39:16,310 --> 00:39:14,560

is an object that confuses itself it's

1001  
00:39:17,430 --> 00:39:16,320  
massive enough to undergo hydrogen

1002  
00:39:20,310 --> 00:39:17,440  
fusion

1003  
00:39:22,390 --> 00:39:20,320  
but a brown dwarf is um more massive

1004  
00:39:24,870 --> 00:39:22,400  
than a planet so a brown dwarf is

1005  
00:39:26,790 --> 00:39:24,880  
massive enough to fuse deuterium in its

1006  
00:39:29,270 --> 00:39:26,800  
core and so it sits in this kind of

1007  
00:39:32,390 --> 00:39:29,280  
obscure in between space where it's not

1008  
00:39:34,950 --> 00:39:32,400  
quite a planet it's not quite a star um

1009  
00:39:37,190 --> 00:39:34,960  
but these are so much more massive

1010  
00:39:39,270 --> 00:39:37,200  
and brighter than planets that these are

1011  
00:39:42,069 --> 00:39:39,280  
far easier to detect

1012  
00:39:43,750 --> 00:39:42,079  
um not just with direct imaging but um

1013  
00:39:45,510 --> 00:39:43,760

certainly with direct imaging but also

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00:39:47,190 --> 00:39:45,520

with radio velocities and things as well

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00:39:48,710 --> 00:39:47,200

if they're close to the star

1016

00:39:50,790 --> 00:39:48,720

um and we kind of get a lot of these

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00:39:52,790 --> 00:39:50,800

objects that sit in the middle

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00:39:54,470 --> 00:39:52,800

but i do want to emphasize the

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00:39:55,829 --> 00:39:54,480

importance of actually observing these

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00:39:57,430 --> 00:39:55,839

things

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00:40:00,870 --> 00:39:57,440

so i know you came here for an exoplanet

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00:40:03,750 --> 00:40:00,880

talk um but in order to understand how

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00:40:06,470 --> 00:40:03,760

exoplanet atmospheres work brown dwarfs

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00:40:08,309 --> 00:40:06,480

are excellent analogues to do this

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00:40:10,950 --> 00:40:08,319

because they possess very similar

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00:40:13,270 --> 00:40:10,960

atmospheric properties to planets but

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00:40:15,270 --> 00:40:13,280

this is so much easier to detect and so

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00:40:17,750 --> 00:40:15,280

we can use these as analogs to try and

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00:40:19,270 --> 00:40:17,760

calibrate our exoplanet exoplanetary

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00:40:22,309 --> 00:40:19,280

atmospheric models

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00:40:24,870 --> 00:40:22,319

um of formation and evolution as well

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00:40:26,550 --> 00:40:24,880

and so i really love this excerpt which

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00:40:29,109 --> 00:40:26,560

was in the new york times

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00:40:31,349 --> 00:40:29,119

and face it in this town either you're a

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00:40:33,109 --> 00:40:31,359

star or you're just another brown dwarf

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00:40:35,750 --> 00:40:33,119

and this was kind of the view when brown

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00:40:37,109 --> 00:40:35,760

dwarfs were first discovered because it

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00:40:39,190 --> 00:40:37,119

was like

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00:40:39,990 --> 00:40:39,200

they're kind of in this in-between stage

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00:40:42,309 --> 00:40:40,000

like

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00:40:44,470 --> 00:40:42,319

you know it's in between mass range

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00:40:46,470 --> 00:40:44,480

how interesting is that well actually

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00:40:48,790 --> 00:40:46,480

over the recent years it's discovered

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00:40:53,270 --> 00:40:48,800

how important they really are in order

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00:40:55,910 --> 00:40:53,280

to understand exoplanetary atmospheres

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00:40:58,069 --> 00:40:55,920

and so i move on to another

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00:41:01,030 --> 00:40:58,079

detection technique which i'm also a

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00:41:03,190 --> 00:41:01,040

very big fan of and this is um the use

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00:41:05,910 --> 00:41:03,200

of astrometry

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00:41:09,030 --> 00:41:05,920

and so again this is another indirect

1051  
00:41:11,190 --> 00:41:09,040  
method of finding exoplanets and looking

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00:41:12,390 --> 00:41:11,200  
at how the companion that you're trying

1053  
00:41:15,270 --> 00:41:12,400  
to detect

1054  
00:41:16,870 --> 00:41:15,280  
affects the the orbit of the star that

1055  
00:41:18,069 --> 00:41:16,880  
you're observing

1056  
00:41:21,990 --> 00:41:18,079  
and

1057  
00:41:23,990 --> 00:41:22,000  
what happens is we stare at a star as if

1058  
00:41:26,950 --> 00:41:24,000  
um and the path of this star moves

1059  
00:41:28,950 --> 00:41:26,960  
across the sky over several years

1060  
00:41:31,829 --> 00:41:28,960  
um and so we kind of get this linear

1061  
00:41:33,349 --> 00:41:31,839  
path and that's due to um stars moving

1062  
00:41:35,510 --> 00:41:33,359  
through the galaxy

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00:41:38,550 --> 00:41:35,520

and then we also get this kind of spiral

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00:41:40,309 --> 00:41:38,560

um motion and that's just due to

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00:41:42,870 --> 00:41:40,319

us observing from the earth as we move

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00:41:45,270 --> 00:41:42,880

around the sun so it kind of appears to

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00:41:47,190 --> 00:41:45,280

go in this spiral like motion but we

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00:41:49,430 --> 00:41:47,200

know the astrometry of these things of

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00:41:50,710 --> 00:41:49,440

these stars very well

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00:41:53,670 --> 00:41:50,720

and so

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00:41:54,630 --> 00:41:53,680

um if we notice any perturbations

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00:41:55,910 --> 00:41:54,640

between

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00:41:58,390 --> 00:41:55,920

the star

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00:42:00,230 --> 00:41:58,400

and and the path that we expect it to to

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00:42:01,910 --> 00:42:00,240

take which we can see

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00:42:03,510 --> 00:42:01,920

that's represented by this little brown

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00:42:05,670 --> 00:42:03,520

orange color on there then those

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00:42:08,230 --> 00:42:05,680

perturbations can be caused by an

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00:42:09,910 --> 00:42:08,240

orbiting companion and so it's kind of

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00:42:11,349 --> 00:42:09,920

so it has a similar essence in the

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00:42:13,990 --> 00:42:11,359

detection technique to the radial

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00:42:15,589 --> 00:42:14,000

velocity technique but it's using the

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00:42:16,790 --> 00:42:15,599

position on the sky

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00:42:19,349 --> 00:42:16,800

rather than

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00:42:21,510 --> 00:42:19,359

just the star itself and how it's

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00:42:23,270 --> 00:42:21,520

radially moving

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00:42:25,030 --> 00:42:23,280

and so in order to look at the

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00:42:26,710 --> 00:42:25,040



astrometry of such things there have

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00:42:28,630 --> 00:42:26,720

been some um

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00:42:31,510 --> 00:42:28,640

telescopes in recent times that have

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00:42:34,630 --> 00:42:31,520

enabled us to do this so for example

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00:42:37,109 --> 00:42:34,640

a gaia which is an isa um satellite that

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00:42:40,069 --> 00:42:37,119

was launched in 2013 has

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00:42:41,109 --> 00:42:40,079

been mapping out the astrometry of stars

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00:42:43,190 --> 00:42:41,119

um

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00:42:44,550 --> 00:42:43,200

yes since 2013 when it was launched and

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00:42:48,150 --> 00:42:44,560

has been doing an incredible job at

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00:42:51,430 --> 00:42:48,160

understanding the astrometry of um of

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00:42:53,430 --> 00:42:51,440

these stars and also prior to that it

1100

00:42:55,109 --> 00:42:53,440

was hipparchus which was another um

1101  
00:42:57,430 --> 00:42:55,119  
easter satellite that was launched back

1102  
00:42:59,430 --> 00:42:57,440  
in 1989

1103  
00:43:01,829 --> 00:42:59,440  
and and has been another really powerful

1104  
00:43:04,309 --> 00:43:01,839  
satellite in order to to enable us to

1105  
00:43:06,470 --> 00:43:04,319  
kind of use this detection technique

1106  
00:43:08,470 --> 00:43:06,480  
and the most powerful thing is combining

1107  
00:43:11,270 --> 00:43:08,480  
the two of them together in order to

1108  
00:43:13,270 --> 00:43:11,280  
understand how the astrometry of these

1109  
00:43:16,230 --> 00:43:13,280  
of these things changed over time over

1110  
00:43:17,349 --> 00:43:16,240  
the past 20 years or so

1111  
00:43:19,270 --> 00:43:17,359  
so

1112  
00:43:21,670 --> 00:43:19,280  
great we can observe and we can detect

1113  
00:43:23,829 --> 00:43:21,680

all of these um wonderful things and

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00:43:25,910 --> 00:43:23,839

make all of these wonderful discoveries

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00:43:28,630 --> 00:43:25,920

but like what is it that we can actually

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00:43:31,030 --> 00:43:28,640

detect like is this representative of

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00:43:33,349 --> 00:43:31,040

our own solar system are we trying to

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00:43:35,270 --> 00:43:33,359

understand how these things form and

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00:43:38,150 --> 00:43:35,280

evolve and so

1120

00:43:39,190 --> 00:43:38,160

what i really wanted to emphasize here

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00:43:41,190 --> 00:43:39,200

was the

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00:43:43,750 --> 00:43:41,200

the first discovery now going back to

1123

00:43:46,309 --> 00:43:43,760

michelle may and didio colo with 51 peg

1124

00:43:49,109 --> 00:43:46,319

b or 51 pegas cb and what we can see

1125

00:43:52,630 --> 00:43:49,119

here is the comparison of the the radius

1126

00:43:54,790 --> 00:43:52,640

and the mass between earth our own earth

1127

00:43:56,150 --> 00:43:54,800

jupiter in our solar system and 51

1128

00:43:58,309 --> 00:43:56,160

pegbeat

1129

00:44:00,870 --> 00:43:58,319

and as you can see 51 pegb in the middle

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00:44:02,870 --> 00:44:00,880

there is huge it's bigger than jupiter

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00:44:04,550 --> 00:44:02,880

which is our largest um planet in the

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00:44:07,190 --> 00:44:04,560

solar system

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00:44:10,069 --> 00:44:07,200

and this planet sits really really close

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00:44:11,190 --> 00:44:10,079

to its host star but this is why it was

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00:44:16,230 --> 00:44:11,200

far

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00:44:17,910 --> 00:44:16,240

detect for example an earth-like planet

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00:44:20,470 --> 00:44:17,920

and because the signal the radial

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00:44:21,750 --> 00:44:20,480

velocity signal that we observe is much

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00:44:25,349 --> 00:44:21,760

more massive

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00:44:27,750 --> 00:44:25,359

companion so of course

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00:44:29,910 --> 00:44:27,760

but there's baffled astronomers

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00:44:32,550 --> 00:44:29,920

when when it was discovered because we

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00:44:35,430 --> 00:44:32,560

were not expecting to discover a

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00:44:37,109 --> 00:44:35,440

jupiter-like planet so close to its star

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00:44:39,829 --> 00:44:37,119

because that's not how our own solar

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00:44:42,950 --> 00:44:39,839

system is like so the first

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00:44:45,589 --> 00:44:42,960

extra solar planet that was discovered

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00:44:47,589 --> 00:44:45,599

kind of blew a lot of theories of

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00:44:49,190 --> 00:44:47,599

formation of our own solar system out of

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00:44:51,750 --> 00:44:49,200

the water and

1151  
00:44:53,430 --> 00:44:51,760  
kind of led to an array of trying to

1152  
00:44:56,069 --> 00:44:53,440  
understand how

1153  
00:44:56,870 --> 00:44:56,079  
planets form and evolve

1154  
00:44:59,430 --> 00:44:56,880  
and

1155  
00:45:01,589 --> 00:44:59,440  
this is you know we're amenable to

1156  
00:45:03,589 --> 00:45:01,599  
different to detecting kind of different

1157  
00:45:04,630 --> 00:45:03,599  
companions based on different detection

1158  
00:45:06,069 --> 00:45:04,640  
techniques

1159  
00:45:07,670 --> 00:45:06,079  
just because of the way that the

1160  
00:45:09,349 --> 00:45:07,680  
different um

1161  
00:45:11,109 --> 00:45:09,359  
techniques are set up

1162  
00:45:14,150 --> 00:45:11,119  
and so what happened

1163  
00:45:15,109 --> 00:45:14,160

after 51 pegby was discovered and what

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00:45:19,910 --> 00:45:15,119

was

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00:45:21,910 --> 00:45:19,920

hot jupiter and that's because it's a

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00:45:24,309 --> 00:45:21,920

jupiter-like planet that's so close to

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00:45:26,710 --> 00:45:24,319

its star so it would be far far hotter

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00:45:29,190 --> 00:45:26,720

than jupiter it's a hot jupiter and

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00:45:31,510 --> 00:45:29,200

after 51 pegbe was discovered there was

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00:45:33,109 --> 00:45:31,520

a whole array of

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00:45:35,430 --> 00:45:33,119

so-called hot jupiters that were

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00:45:37,349 --> 00:45:35,440

discovered using the radial velocity

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00:45:39,349 --> 00:45:37,359

technique which were very amenable to

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00:45:41,910 --> 00:45:39,359

finding these hot jupiters and again

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00:45:44,069 --> 00:45:41,920

this kind of continued to to baffle how

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00:45:46,390 --> 00:45:44,079

how these things formed and evolved

1177

00:45:48,309 --> 00:45:46,400

if we look at like the number of planets

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00:45:51,349 --> 00:45:48,319

that have been discovered

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00:45:53,349 --> 00:45:51,359

over the years and how that's changed so

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00:45:54,870 --> 00:45:53,359

what we're seeing here

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00:45:58,309 --> 00:45:54,880

is the kind of

1182

00:45:59,910 --> 00:45:58,319

mass separation parameter space of of

1183

00:46:02,230 --> 00:45:59,920

planets and exoplanets that have been

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00:46:05,430 --> 00:46:02,240

discovered through all time so

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00:46:06,950 --> 00:46:05,440

to this point in up to 1995 we can just

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00:46:09,349 --> 00:46:06,960

see the solar system planets that are

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00:46:10,710 --> 00:46:09,359

put onto there so along the x-axis we

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00:46:13,270 --> 00:46:10,720



have the orbital period and that

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00:46:15,589 --> 00:46:13,280

corresponds to how far away that planet

1190

00:46:18,150 --> 00:46:15,599

is away from its stellar host

1191

00:46:19,990 --> 00:46:18,160

and then we have the mass on the y-axis

1192

00:46:22,230 --> 00:46:20,000

there so the more massive ones that are

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00:46:23,430 --> 00:46:22,240

at the top and less massive ones at the

1194

00:46:25,430 --> 00:46:23,440

bottom

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00:46:27,349 --> 00:46:25,440

and yes so what you can see here is the

1196

00:46:29,910 --> 00:46:27,359

the green points on there at the moment

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00:46:32,710 --> 00:46:29,920

those just correspond to um our own

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00:46:34,630 --> 00:46:32,720

solar system planets from our solar system

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00:46:37,990 --> 00:46:34,640

as as they were discovered

1200

00:46:40,710 --> 00:46:38,000

um across the 16 17 1700s

1201  
00:46:43,430 --> 00:46:40,720  
and then we hit at 1995

1202  
00:46:45,750 --> 00:46:43,440  
where there was this boom of exoplanets

1203  
00:46:47,270 --> 00:46:45,760  
and the field exploded literally so we

1204  
00:46:48,790 --> 00:46:47,280  
can see that the different colours there

1205  
00:46:50,150 --> 00:46:48,800  
correspond to the different detection

1206  
00:46:51,109 --> 00:46:50,160  
techniques that i've described to you

1207  
00:46:53,510 --> 00:46:51,119  
earlier

1208  
00:46:55,030 --> 00:46:53,520  
so we have the radial velocity ones we

1209  
00:46:56,950 --> 00:46:55,040  
have the transit ones we have the

1210  
00:46:57,990 --> 00:46:56,960  
microlensing ones we have the imaging

1211  
00:46:59,910 --> 00:46:58,000  
ones

1212  
00:47:03,270 --> 00:46:59,920  
and you can see they kind of probe

1213  
00:47:05,030 --> 00:47:03,280

different populations right so the ones

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00:47:07,589 --> 00:47:05,040

that are much much further out at much

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00:47:09,670 --> 00:47:07,599

higher at longer periods those are the

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00:47:11,510 --> 00:47:09,680

imaged ones because it's far easier to

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00:47:14,069 --> 00:47:11,520

directly image something if it's further

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00:47:16,069 --> 00:47:14,079

away from its bright stellar host

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00:47:18,630 --> 00:47:16,079

but the ones that are closer to the

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00:47:20,630 --> 00:47:18,640

stars are the ones that uh that are

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00:47:22,069 --> 00:47:20,640

detected using transits and radio

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00:47:26,710 --> 00:47:22,079

velocities

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00:47:28,309 --> 00:47:26,720

signal if the if the planet is very

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00:47:30,230 --> 00:47:28,319

close to its star

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00:47:32,470 --> 00:47:30,240

transits you're much likely much more

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00:47:33,750 --> 00:47:32,480

likely to detect them if they're close

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00:47:36,470 --> 00:47:33,760

to their star

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00:47:38,150 --> 00:47:36,480

um and so it's interesting that you can

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00:47:40,069 --> 00:47:38,160

kind of get all this different probing

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00:47:41,670 --> 00:47:40,079

of different masses and different

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00:47:45,109 --> 00:47:41,680

orbital periods and building up this

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00:47:46,390 --> 00:47:45,119

picture over time of what the exoplanet

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00:47:48,150 --> 00:47:46,400

distribution

1234

00:47:50,470 --> 00:47:48,160

actually looks like and this is going to

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00:47:52,549 --> 00:47:50,480

be really exciting going forward

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00:47:55,349 --> 00:47:52,559

as we continue to find more and more

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00:47:57,349 --> 00:47:55,359

exoplanets and understand

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00:47:59,829 --> 00:47:57,359

where the observing bias ends and

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00:48:02,950 --> 00:47:59,839

whether um you know how these things

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00:48:06,309 --> 00:48:02,960

actually form and evolve um and so to

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00:48:09,109 --> 00:48:06,319

date there have been more than 4 000

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00:48:11,270 --> 00:48:09,119

exoplanets discovered and this is just

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00:48:14,470 --> 00:48:11,280

going to continue to increase over the

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00:48:16,390 --> 00:48:14,480

next few years or so and into the next

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00:48:18,150 --> 00:48:16,400

few decades

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00:48:19,910 --> 00:48:18,160

okay so

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00:48:22,309 --> 00:48:19,920

now that you're all experts on how to

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00:48:24,150 --> 00:48:22,319

find exoplanets you need the instruments

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00:48:26,390 --> 00:48:24,160

you need the telescopes to be able to do

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00:48:29,589 --> 00:48:26,400

this so what makes a good telescope

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00:48:31,990 --> 00:48:29,599

right so first of all we need giant

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00:48:33,430 --> 00:48:32,000

mirrors so telescopes typically use

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00:48:35,190 --> 00:48:33,440

mirrors

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00:48:36,870 --> 00:48:35,200

and refract light

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00:48:38,549 --> 00:48:36,880

to a focus point in which we can

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00:48:39,990 --> 00:48:38,559

actually observe

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00:48:41,670 --> 00:48:40,000

and this kind of contrary to popular

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00:48:43,510 --> 00:48:41,680

belief when i speak to people who think

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00:48:46,390 --> 00:48:43,520

that we have these giant lenses but it's

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00:48:49,270 --> 00:48:46,400

just so difficult to do that and

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00:48:51,109 --> 00:48:49,280

mirrors are much more efficient and much

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00:48:52,470 --> 00:48:51,119

much lighter in order for us to be able

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00:48:54,069 --> 00:48:52,480

to do this

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00:48:57,270 --> 00:48:54,079

but what we see here

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00:48:59,990 --> 00:48:57,280

is if we compare a much larger

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00:49:02,870 --> 00:49:00,000

mirror versus a much smaller one then

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00:49:05,510 --> 00:49:02,880

we're able to we kind of have the

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00:49:07,750 --> 00:49:05,520

light path going on there and where they

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00:49:09,910 --> 00:49:07,760

come to a focal point and what we call

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00:49:11,349 --> 00:49:09,920

the angular resolutions actually being

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00:49:12,790 --> 00:49:11,359

able to observe between two different

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00:49:13,910 --> 00:49:12,800

objects like two different stars for

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00:49:15,910 --> 00:49:13,920

example

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00:49:18,230 --> 00:49:15,920

um is much much

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00:49:19,829 --> 00:49:18,240

higher if we have a much more giant

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00:49:21,750 --> 00:49:19,839

mirror and so that's why we kind of

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00:49:23,270 --> 00:49:21,760

reach this point where we build a bigger

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00:49:25,510 --> 00:49:23,280

telescope a bigger telescope and a

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00:49:27,510 --> 00:49:25,520

bigger telescope is to get that angular

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00:49:28,950 --> 00:49:27,520

resolution that's required and that's

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00:49:31,030 --> 00:49:28,960

really important when you're doing

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00:49:32,630 --> 00:49:31,040

direct imaging of exoplanets because to

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00:49:35,030 --> 00:49:32,640

be able to observe

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00:49:37,109 --> 00:49:35,040

a planet that is close to its star from

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00:49:39,270 --> 00:49:37,119

direct imaging you have to have the

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00:49:41,030 --> 00:49:39,280

biggest mirror possible

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00:49:42,870 --> 00:49:41,040

and so

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00:49:46,069 --> 00:49:42,880



you're the european southern observatory

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00:49:47,829 --> 00:49:46,079

or eso are currently building uh what's

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00:49:49,349 --> 00:49:47,839

called the elt

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00:49:51,910 --> 00:49:49,359

and so astronomers are really bad at

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00:49:54,390 --> 00:49:51,920

naming things but the elt stands for

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00:49:56,870 --> 00:49:54,400

extremely large telescope

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00:49:58,470 --> 00:49:56,880

and you can see um an artist's

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00:50:01,750 --> 00:49:58,480

impression of it here

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00:50:03,349 --> 00:50:01,760

with big ben next to it um

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00:50:06,549 --> 00:50:03,359

very british of me of course but you can

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00:50:08,710 --> 00:50:06,559

see just how big this telescope is going

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00:50:09,430 --> 00:50:08,720

to be and how big that dome is going to

1300

00:50:14,870 --> 00:50:09,440

be

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00:50:16,069 --> 00:50:14,880

when this is uh on sky and it's

1302

00:50:17,430 --> 00:50:16,079

currently in the middle being

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00:50:19,190 --> 00:50:17,440

constructed

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00:50:21,670 --> 00:50:19,200

a couple of years ago i actually had the

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00:50:23,750 --> 00:50:21,680

pleasure to be invited to

1306

00:50:25,670 --> 00:50:23,760

the construction site of the elt and

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00:50:27,829 --> 00:50:25,680

this is what it currently looks like or

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00:50:30,230 --> 00:50:27,839

maybe it's a bit more built up since

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00:50:32,230 --> 00:50:30,240

since i went you can see me stood in the

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00:50:34,710 --> 00:50:32,240

middle there and

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00:50:36,150 --> 00:50:34,720

this is the foundation of where the dome

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00:50:38,950 --> 00:50:36,160

is going to sit

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00:50:42,150 --> 00:50:38,960

so this is 40 meters across and about

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00:50:44,150 --> 00:50:42,160

130 feet or so and this is going to be a

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00:50:46,790 --> 00:50:44,160

huge huge telescope that's going to be a

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00:50:48,790 --> 00:50:46,800

great uh game changer in the field of

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00:50:50,230 --> 00:50:48,800

um exoplanets

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00:50:52,630 --> 00:50:50,240

but another thing we have to take into

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00:50:54,790 --> 00:50:52,640

account and kind of mention this before

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00:50:57,190 --> 00:50:54,800

is the earth's atmosphere

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00:50:58,870 --> 00:50:57,200

and so when you look at the night sky

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00:51:00,950 --> 00:50:58,880

and you see all this really nice

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00:51:01,829 --> 00:51:00,960

twinkling of the stars

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00:51:03,910 --> 00:51:01,839

and

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00:51:05,589 --> 00:51:03,920

this isn't due to the stars themselves

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00:51:07,589 --> 00:51:05,599

this is due to the effect of the earth's

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00:51:09,349 --> 00:51:07,599

atmosphere and observing the stars

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00:51:12,230 --> 00:51:09,359

through the earth's atmosphere

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00:51:13,829 --> 00:51:12,240

um so although it looks very pretty for

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00:51:15,430 --> 00:51:13,839

any astronomer that's using ground-based

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00:51:17,349 --> 00:51:15,440

observations this can be extremely

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00:51:18,870 --> 00:51:17,359

annoying because it can blur our images

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00:51:21,270 --> 00:51:18,880

and make it very very difficult to

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00:51:22,790 --> 00:51:21,280

resolve things so even if you have the

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00:51:24,069 --> 00:51:22,800

most giant mirror

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00:51:26,390 --> 00:51:24,079

possible

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00:51:27,670 --> 00:51:26,400

if you can't correct for this then

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00:51:29,670 --> 00:51:27,680

you're still going to have a very very

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00:51:30,950 --> 00:51:29,680

blurry image and so the way that we

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00:51:33,829 --> 00:51:30,960

correct for this

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00:51:36,630 --> 00:51:33,839

is uh with adaptive optics

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00:51:39,109 --> 00:51:36,640

um so the way that this works

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00:51:41,910 --> 00:51:39,119

is we have a plane

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00:51:44,150 --> 00:51:41,920

wavefront that comes in from observing

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00:51:46,150 --> 00:51:44,160

some stars or galaxy or whatever it is

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00:51:47,430 --> 00:51:46,160

we're observing and if we were just in

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00:51:48,630 --> 00:51:47,440

space it would just be this plane

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00:51:50,069 --> 00:51:48,640

wavefront

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00:51:51,349 --> 00:51:50,079

but because we have to observe through

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00:51:53,670 --> 00:51:51,359

the atmosphere of the earth when we're

1351  
00:51:56,230 --> 00:51:53,680  
doing ground-based observations the

1352  
00:51:58,710 --> 00:51:56,240  
turbulence in the earth's atmosphere

1353  
00:52:01,270 --> 00:51:58,720  
causes this plane wavefront to then be

1354  
00:52:03,270 --> 00:52:01,280  
perturbed into this corrugated wavefront

1355  
00:52:05,589 --> 00:52:03,280  
that then enters the mirror of the

1356  
00:52:07,510 --> 00:52:05,599  
telescope so we can see the light beam

1357  
00:52:09,109 --> 00:52:07,520  
entering there coming in through the

1358  
00:52:10,230 --> 00:52:09,119  
primary and secondary mirror of the

1359  
00:52:12,230 --> 00:52:10,240  
telescope

1360  
00:52:13,910 --> 00:52:12,240  
but we can correct for this

1361  
00:52:16,790 --> 00:52:13,920  
and the way we do that

1362  
00:52:18,950 --> 00:52:16,800  
is we take a little bit of light away um

1363  
00:52:20,710 --> 00:52:18,960

as it's observed using what's called a

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00:52:23,349 --> 00:52:20,720

beam splitter

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00:52:25,670 --> 00:52:23,359

and then this is fed into a wavefront

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00:52:26,870 --> 00:52:25,680

sensor and so this wavefront sensor

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00:52:28,710 --> 00:52:26,880

reads

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00:52:31,670 --> 00:52:28,720

what the wavefront is that we've just

1369

00:52:34,790 --> 00:52:31,680

observed coming in into the telescope

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00:52:37,270 --> 00:52:34,800

this is read into a real-time computer

1371

00:52:40,150 --> 00:52:37,280

and then this is looped back out to the

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00:52:42,150 --> 00:52:40,160

mirror that can be corrected to cancel

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00:52:44,470 --> 00:52:42,160

out the perturbed wavefront that's

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00:52:47,510 --> 00:52:44,480

coming into the telescope

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00:52:50,950 --> 00:52:47,520

and this is extremely exciting awesome

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00:52:53,910 --> 00:52:50,960

um optics that i i really really love

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00:52:55,990 --> 00:52:53,920

and so the remaining wavefront after

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00:52:57,990 --> 00:52:56,000

it's corrected then goes through into

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00:53:00,150 --> 00:52:58,000

the camera where we have a high

1380

00:53:02,390 --> 00:53:00,160

resolution image which is what we want

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00:53:04,950 --> 00:53:02,400

and so this continues to loop through

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00:53:06,950 --> 00:53:04,960

and in the cases of large telescopes um

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00:53:09,510 --> 00:53:06,960

where we have adaptive optics or extreme

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00:53:12,230 --> 00:53:09,520

adaptive optics this happens at tens of

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00:53:14,069 --> 00:53:12,240

thousands of times a second so kilohertz

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00:53:16,150 --> 00:53:14,079

and this is extremely important in us

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00:53:18,950 --> 00:53:16,160

for us to get those really high

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00:53:21,430 --> 00:53:18,960



resolution images um that we need in

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00:53:23,190 --> 00:53:21,440

order to do things like direct imaging

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00:53:24,790 --> 00:53:23,200

of exoplanets

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00:53:26,710 --> 00:53:24,800

and what you can see on the right there

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00:53:28,069 --> 00:53:26,720

is you go from having looking at

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00:53:30,150 --> 00:53:28,079

something where the intensity of the

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00:53:32,069 --> 00:53:30,160

light that we're looking at isn't

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00:53:34,230 --> 00:53:32,079

extremely high and isn't extremely well

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00:53:36,950 --> 00:53:34,240

focused to looking at something that has

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00:53:39,270 --> 00:53:36,960

this nice sort of pinprick of high

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00:53:41,430 --> 00:53:39,280

intensity light that enables us to look

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00:53:43,589 --> 00:53:41,440

at those high resolution images

1400

00:53:46,309 --> 00:53:43,599

and you see the difference that it makes

1401

00:53:49,109 --> 00:53:46,319

um and this this image is from eso

1402

00:53:51,670 --> 00:53:49,119

um so they actually observed uh uranus

1403

00:53:53,670 --> 00:53:51,680

um a couple years ago now i think and

1404

00:53:56,470 --> 00:53:53,680

you can see the image on the right

1405

00:53:59,109 --> 00:53:56,480

is without adaptive optics and this is a

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00:54:00,470 --> 00:53:59,119

planet in our own solar system so this

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00:54:01,990 --> 00:54:00,480

in theory shouldn't be the most

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00:54:04,230 --> 00:54:02,000

difficult thing to do

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00:54:05,270 --> 00:54:04,240

for comparing to the observations we

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00:54:07,670 --> 00:54:05,280

take for

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00:54:09,430 --> 00:54:07,680

planets outside of our system

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00:54:11,270 --> 00:54:09,440

but as soon as you turn on the adaptive

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00:54:12,950 --> 00:54:11,280

optics you can see that you obtain that

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00:54:13,990 --> 00:54:12,960

detail and that's due to the adaptive

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00:54:16,549 --> 00:54:14,000

optics

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00:54:19,190 --> 00:54:16,559

allowing us to get that high high

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00:54:22,470 --> 00:54:19,200

angular resolution

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00:54:25,109 --> 00:54:22,480

we can also compare this when we look at

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00:54:28,069 --> 00:54:25,119

stars as well so this is also from eso

1420

00:54:30,790 --> 00:54:28,079

and looking towards the galactic center

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00:54:32,150 --> 00:54:30,800

um and turning the adaptive optics on

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00:54:34,069 --> 00:54:32,160

from off and you can see you go from

1423

00:54:36,069 --> 00:54:34,079

that kind of blurred image there to that

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00:54:38,069 --> 00:54:36,079

much cleaner crisp image so this is

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00:54:39,750 --> 00:54:38,079

really really important for us to be

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00:54:41,910 --> 00:54:39,760

able to do this

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00:54:43,750 --> 00:54:41,920

so where do telescopes sit you know

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00:54:44,710 --> 00:54:43,760

where do they where do they exist around

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00:54:46,309 --> 00:54:44,720

the world

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00:54:47,990 --> 00:54:46,319

so here i'm just kind of highlighting

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00:54:50,950 --> 00:54:48,000

some of the um

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00:54:53,030 --> 00:54:50,960

most renowned largest telescopes um

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00:54:54,870 --> 00:54:53,040

across across the globe

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00:54:56,950 --> 00:54:54,880

and really we need to put telescopes in

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00:54:59,030 --> 00:54:56,960

places where we have

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00:55:00,789 --> 00:54:59,040

low light pollution so you don't want to

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00:55:01,829 --> 00:55:00,799

put a telescope in the middle of a city

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00:55:03,670 --> 00:55:01,839

of course

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00:55:06,069 --> 00:55:03,680

um because that makes it much much

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00:55:08,950 --> 00:55:06,079

harder to see faint objects so all of

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00:55:10,950 --> 00:55:08,960

these are pretty remote locations

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00:55:13,109 --> 00:55:10,960

you also need somewhere that has good

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00:55:15,349 --> 00:55:13,119

weather you don't want to deal with rain

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00:55:17,589 --> 00:55:15,359

or clouds because you wouldn't be able

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00:55:18,549 --> 00:55:17,599

to observe through um well through those

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00:55:19,910 --> 00:55:18,559

things

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00:55:22,150 --> 00:55:19,920

you also want somewhere that has a

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00:55:24,390 --> 00:55:22,160

really low humidity as well because that

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00:55:26,470 --> 00:55:24,400

can that can take away from the light

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00:55:27,829 --> 00:55:26,480

that we're receiving it can absorb at

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00:55:29,910 --> 00:55:27,839

those wavelengths that we're trying to

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00:55:31,910 --> 00:55:29,920

observe at um

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00:55:34,870 --> 00:55:31,920

and then of course that makes our images

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00:55:37,510 --> 00:55:34,880

even more difficult to look at

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00:55:39,990 --> 00:55:37,520

you also want to be in a place that has

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00:55:41,510 --> 00:55:40,000

a stable atmosphere as possible so you

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00:55:44,150 --> 00:55:41,520

don't have to correct using adaptive

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00:55:45,589 --> 00:55:44,160

optics as fast as if you were in a place

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00:55:48,470 --> 00:55:45,599

that has a really really unstable

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00:55:50,710 --> 00:55:48,480

atmosphere and so those places are often

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00:55:53,030 --> 00:55:50,720

high up on mountaintops but you have

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00:55:55,430 --> 00:55:53,040

less atmosphere to observe that's why

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00:55:56,710 --> 00:55:55,440

these observatories tend to be at high

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00:55:59,030 --> 00:55:56,720

altitudes

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00:56:03,589 --> 00:55:59,040

and also um mountains where you have

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00:56:05,910 --> 00:56:03,599

kind of this optimal configuration of

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00:56:06,870 --> 00:56:05,920

like flat landmass so or

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00:56:09,510 --> 00:56:06,880

ocean

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00:56:11,990 --> 00:56:09,520

and then kind of a sudden um rise up to

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00:56:13,670 --> 00:56:12,000

like a mountain and so that's why places

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00:56:16,390 --> 00:56:13,680

like hawaii or

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00:56:18,870 --> 00:56:16,400

along uh the andes or the atacama desert

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00:56:22,549 --> 00:56:18,880

in chile are really ideal places to to

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00:56:23,750 --> 00:56:22,559

have these telescopes to observe

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00:56:26,230 --> 00:56:23,760

so

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00:56:28,230 --> 00:56:26,240

we're able to detect all of these

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00:56:29,910 --> 00:56:28,240

wonderful planets how do we hunt for

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00:56:32,230 --> 00:56:29,920

aliens right that's the big question

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00:56:34,789 --> 00:56:32,240

that's the question that everyone always

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00:56:36,870 --> 00:56:34,799

asks me and wants to know the answer to

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00:56:38,789 --> 00:56:36,880

so it's not just about detecting planets

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00:56:40,150 --> 00:56:38,799

but it's about understanding them and so

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00:56:41,990 --> 00:56:40,160

i've spoken a little bit about

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00:56:44,230 --> 00:56:42,000

understanding their formation histories

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00:56:46,549 --> 00:56:44,240

or the evolution of them but how do we

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00:56:48,950 --> 00:56:46,559

also understand like their composition

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00:56:51,190 --> 00:56:48,960

of their atmospheres right

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00:56:53,829 --> 00:56:51,200



and how do we find the most ideal place

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00:56:56,309 --> 00:56:53,839

where we might expect to find life

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00:56:58,630 --> 00:56:56,319

so first of all we'll look for something

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00:57:00,309 --> 00:56:58,640

called the habitable zone and so the

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00:57:03,910 --> 00:57:00,319

habitable zone is kind of this

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00:57:05,990 --> 00:57:03,920

goldilocks zone where a planet orbits um

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00:57:07,910 --> 00:57:06,000

where in a place that it's not too hot

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00:57:09,270 --> 00:57:07,920

that you can't have liquid water but

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00:57:11,030 --> 00:57:09,280

it's not too cold that you can't have

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00:57:14,789 --> 00:57:11,040

liquid water so you don't want the water

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00:57:16,309 --> 00:57:14,799

to be um gaseous or or non-existent but

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00:57:18,309 --> 00:57:16,319

you don't want the water to just be

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00:57:20,789 --> 00:57:18,319

frozen and so

1501  
00:57:22,549 --> 00:57:20,799  
obviously our own earth where we have

1502  
00:57:25,030 --> 00:57:22,559  
plenty of water we sit within this

1503  
00:57:27,589 --> 00:57:25,040  
habitable zone this goldilocks zone

1504  
00:57:28,549 --> 00:57:27,599  
in the separation away from our own star

1505  
00:57:29,990 --> 00:57:28,559  
the sun

1506  
00:57:31,030 --> 00:57:30,000  
and so here what you can see is we have

1507  
00:57:32,309 --> 00:57:31,040  
the sun

1508  
00:57:33,750 --> 00:57:32,319  
and then we have each of the planets in

1509  
00:57:35,510 --> 00:57:33,760  
our solar system

1510  
00:57:37,589 --> 00:57:35,520  
and if you go so far away that we've

1511  
00:57:40,549 --> 00:57:37,599  
kind of got these um

1512  
00:57:42,950 --> 00:57:40,559  
gaseous um cold uh planets that would

1513  
00:57:45,270 --> 00:57:42,960

not be ideal for life they also

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00:57:46,549 --> 00:57:45,280

do not don't have solid surfaces and

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00:57:48,069 --> 00:57:46,559

things like that but then if you go too

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00:57:50,549 --> 00:57:48,079

close to the sun and you're too hot like

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00:57:52,710 --> 00:57:50,559

mercury and venus then you kind of have

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00:57:54,950 --> 00:57:52,720

this difficulty of being too hot for to

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00:57:56,549 --> 00:57:54,960

be in this like habitable zone and so

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00:57:58,549 --> 00:57:56,559

mars kind of sits on the edge of that

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00:58:01,109 --> 00:57:58,559

habitable zone and it's kind of a

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00:58:04,630 --> 00:58:01,119

question about whether um there used to

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00:58:06,470 --> 00:58:04,640

be life on mars or not um but when we

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00:58:08,390 --> 00:58:06,480

look at exoplanets and we look at these

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00:58:09,430 --> 00:58:08,400

systems we kind of try to

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00:58:11,030 --> 00:58:09,440

look

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00:58:12,470 --> 00:58:11,040

does the planet is the planet we're

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00:58:14,069 --> 00:58:12,480

observing does it sit within that

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00:58:16,150 --> 00:58:14,079

habitable zone

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00:58:17,510 --> 00:58:16,160

and it's not to say that if we observe a

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00:58:19,190 --> 00:58:17,520

planet in the habitable zone that

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00:58:20,870 --> 00:58:19,200

there's definitely life on that planet

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00:58:22,230 --> 00:58:20,880

or even that there's definitely water on

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00:58:24,710 --> 00:58:22,240

that planet there are many different

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00:58:26,950 --> 00:58:24,720

factors that come into this um

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00:58:29,990 --> 00:58:26,960

like its own its own atmosphere and

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00:58:31,750 --> 00:58:30,000

things and water does not necessarily

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00:58:34,549 --> 00:58:31,760

mean that there is life on that planet

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00:58:36,710 --> 00:58:34,559

but this is just a strong indicator that

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00:58:39,270 --> 00:58:36,720

there could be because if there's one

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00:58:41,190 --> 00:58:39,280

thing that we agree on is that all life

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00:58:44,309 --> 00:58:41,200

on earth has this kind of

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00:58:46,230 --> 00:58:44,319

water base one way or another and so

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00:58:48,630 --> 00:58:46,240

this can just be a strong indicator for

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00:58:50,470 --> 00:58:48,640

how we look for planets that may

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00:58:52,390 --> 00:58:50,480

host some form

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00:58:54,870 --> 00:58:52,400

of alien life

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00:58:56,309 --> 00:58:54,880

and recently in the news

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00:58:58,710 --> 00:58:56,319

there was a

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00:59:01,750 --> 00:58:58,720

report of the

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00:59:03,430 --> 00:59:01,760

the molecule phosphine on venus and so

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00:59:04,870 --> 00:59:03,440

this is really exciting because this is

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00:59:05,990 --> 00:59:04,880

a molecule that

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00:59:11,190 --> 00:59:06,000

is

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00:59:13,109 --> 00:59:11,200

um without

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00:59:15,829 --> 00:59:13,119

there being for example life or

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00:59:18,390 --> 00:59:15,839

something that is causing it to exist

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00:59:21,349 --> 00:59:18,400

and so i won't comment too much on this

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00:59:23,190 --> 00:59:21,359

but this is even trying to understand

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00:59:24,870 --> 00:59:23,200

the atmospheres of the planets

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00:59:26,870 --> 00:59:24,880

within our own solar system with our own

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00:59:29,109 --> 00:59:26,880

neighbors can be an extremely difficult

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00:59:30,549 --> 00:59:29,119

thing to do um but this is a really

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00:59:32,069 --> 00:59:30,559

exciting result that's kind of being

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00:59:34,069 --> 00:59:32,079

followed up

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00:59:35,589 --> 00:59:34,079

and trying to be understood

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00:59:37,109 --> 00:59:35,599

but i think it's a really worthwhile

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00:59:39,030 --> 00:59:37,119

thing to think about

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00:59:40,789 --> 00:59:39,040

so how do we actually look at the

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00:59:43,030 --> 00:59:40,799

atmospheres of these planets so i'm

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00:59:45,589 --> 00:59:43,040

going to take you back to the transiting

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00:59:47,430 --> 00:59:45,599

technique that i told you about earlier

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00:59:48,870 --> 00:59:47,440

and what we can do is we can observe in

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00:59:51,270 --> 00:59:48,880

different wavelengths when we observe

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00:59:52,710 --> 00:59:51,280

the transits of these exoplanets and

1576  
00:59:54,950 --> 00:59:52,720  
this is different wavelengths there

1577  
00:59:57,430 --> 00:59:54,960  
corresponding to

1578  
00:59:59,510 --> 00:59:57,440  
1.8 2.1 213 microns so that's just

1579  
01:00:00,470 --> 00:59:59,520  
across different wavelengths we can

1580  
01:00:03,349 --> 01:00:00,480  
measure

1581  
01:00:04,789 --> 01:00:03,359  
the the depth of the transit at each of

1582  
01:00:07,030 --> 01:00:04,799  
these wavelengths

1583  
01:00:08,470 --> 01:00:07,040  
and because certain molecules in an

1584  
01:00:10,390 --> 01:00:08,480  
atmosphere will observe at certain

1585  
01:00:11,430 --> 01:00:10,400  
wavelengths then we get different depths

1586  
01:00:12,950 --> 01:00:11,440  
when we observe in these different

1587  
01:00:15,349 --> 01:00:12,960  
wavelengths and that can give us clues

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01:00:17,349 --> 01:00:15,359



about whether we're observing a certain

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01:00:19,109 --> 01:00:17,359

molecule in the atmosphere or something

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01:00:21,910 --> 01:00:19,119

we're looking at so this is a really

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01:00:24,950 --> 01:00:21,920

powerful technique in order to do this

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01:00:26,470 --> 01:00:24,960

so that's transmission spectroscopy

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01:00:28,710 --> 01:00:26,480

but if we go to the emission

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01:00:30,870 --> 01:00:28,720

spectroscopy side of things

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01:00:34,069 --> 01:00:30,880

which is what i work on so again we can

1596

01:00:36,630 --> 01:00:34,079

take you back to direct imaging of a

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01:00:40,069 --> 01:00:36,640

companion and so we see on the left is

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01:00:41,990 --> 01:00:40,079

beta pic and the direct image of it

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01:00:44,390 --> 01:00:42,000

and what we see there is as we go across

1600

01:00:45,750 --> 01:00:44,400

the different wavelengths um so we're

1601

01:00:47,910 --> 01:00:45,760

observing it lots and lots and lots of

1602

01:00:49,829 --> 01:00:47,920

those different wavelengths

1603

01:00:52,390 --> 01:00:49,839

the plot on the right there corresponds

1604

01:00:53,510 --> 01:00:52,400

to how much brightness how much flux

1605

01:00:55,750 --> 01:00:53,520

we're observing at each of those

1606

01:00:58,549 --> 01:00:55,760

wavelengths and so the emission of those

1607

01:01:00,309 --> 01:00:58,559

things can correspond to different

1608

01:01:03,190 --> 01:01:00,319

absorption features that can be caused

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01:01:05,349 --> 01:01:03,200

by certain molecules for example methane

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01:01:07,910 --> 01:01:05,359

water that is another way to look at the

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01:01:09,990 --> 01:01:07,920

atmospheres exoplanets

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01:01:11,990 --> 01:01:10,000

and what can be really exciting as well

1613

01:01:15,270 --> 01:01:12,000

and i've stolen this from

1614

01:01:17,589 --> 01:01:15,280

exoplanet pete so i hope that's okay um

1615

01:01:19,510 --> 01:01:17,599

but go go and follow him on twitter

1616

01:01:21,910 --> 01:01:19,520

is um you can look

1617

01:01:23,589 --> 01:01:21,920

at the different uh like altitudes in

1618

01:01:25,349 --> 01:01:23,599

the atmosphere that correspond to the

1619

01:01:27,750 --> 01:01:25,359

different pressures and temperatures in

1620

01:01:30,309 --> 01:01:27,760

the atmosphere and how

1621

01:01:31,510 --> 01:01:30,319

the spectra that we look at so the flux

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01:01:33,750 --> 01:01:31,520

or the brightness that we're observing

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01:01:35,589 --> 01:01:33,760

looks at at different wavelengths and so

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01:01:37,910 --> 01:01:35,599

we can get these kind of stronger

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01:01:39,990 --> 01:01:37,920

stronger molecular features as we go to

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01:01:41,990 --> 01:01:40,000

like colder um

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01:01:43,750 --> 01:01:42,000

temperatures for example where we kind

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01:01:46,390 --> 01:01:43,760

of expect those mapping and things like

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01:01:48,230 --> 01:01:46,400

that so this is a really really cool and

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01:01:50,630 --> 01:01:48,240

technique and this is very much at the

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01:01:53,670 --> 01:01:50,640

beginning of looking at exoplanet

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01:01:57,109 --> 01:01:53,680

atmospheres this is still a very young

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01:01:58,390 --> 01:01:57,119

early field as as said previously and so

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01:01:59,829 --> 01:01:58,400

really just starting to get to this

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01:02:02,789 --> 01:01:59,839

point of understanding how we can do

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01:02:04,870 --> 01:02:02,799

this um and using like i said before

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01:02:07,750 --> 01:02:04,880

brown dwarfs are a really strong analog

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01:02:10,549 --> 01:02:07,760

that can be used and much far easier to

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01:02:12,549 --> 01:02:10,559

to detect directly in order to help us

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01:02:15,029 --> 01:02:12,559

understand and calibrate our models of

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01:02:18,230 --> 01:02:15,039

exoplanetary atmospheres so this is very

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01:02:20,470 --> 01:02:18,240

much a stay tuned as we kind of

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01:02:21,910 --> 01:02:20,480

investigate how we do this well

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01:02:24,470 --> 01:02:21,920

um

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01:02:26,470 --> 01:02:24,480

so just wanted to mention a couple of

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01:02:29,349 --> 01:02:26,480

obviously the the trademark of space

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01:02:31,430 --> 01:02:29,359

telescope um hubble space telescope that

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01:02:32,870 --> 01:02:31,440

was launched back in 1990 which has been

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01:02:34,630 --> 01:02:32,880

responsible for

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01:02:35,910 --> 01:02:34,640

observing many of these wonderful uh

1651  
01:02:38,150 --> 01:02:35,920  
planets and brown dwarfs that i've

1652  
01:02:40,710 --> 01:02:38,160  
mentioned today using uh

1653  
01:02:43,190 --> 01:02:40,720  
these kind of techniques um and

1654  
01:02:45,670 --> 01:02:43,200  
continues to be a massive player in

1655  
01:02:47,349 --> 01:02:45,680  
observing the atmospheres of these

1656  
01:02:49,430 --> 01:02:47,359  
of these objects

1657  
01:02:51,829 --> 01:02:49,440  
and what's even more exciting is the

1658  
01:02:54,069 --> 01:02:51,839  
upcoming james webb space telescope

1659  
01:02:56,870 --> 01:02:54,079  
which we'll be launching later this year

1660  
01:02:57,750 --> 01:02:56,880  
um and this is going to be an incredible

1661  
01:02:59,910 --> 01:02:57,760  
um

1662  
01:03:01,510 --> 01:02:59,920  
feat of engineering that will enable us

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01:03:04,069 --> 01:03:01,520

to look even

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01:03:05,990 --> 01:03:04,079

at even more exoplanets and look at the

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01:03:07,510 --> 01:03:06,000

atmospheres and even more depth and

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01:03:09,109 --> 01:03:07,520

truly understand what it is we're

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01:03:10,950 --> 01:03:09,119

looking at and to try to understand the

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01:03:13,990 --> 01:03:10,960

formation and evolution

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01:03:17,029 --> 01:03:14,000

of planets both of exoplanet systems and

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01:03:18,230 --> 01:03:17,039

planets in our own solar system and so

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01:03:19,750 --> 01:03:18,240

james webb

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01:03:21,990 --> 01:03:19,760

will um

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01:03:23,589 --> 01:03:22,000

has this incredible sun shield that you

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01:03:25,430 --> 01:03:23,599

can see there the big grey kind of

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01:03:28,549 --> 01:03:25,440

sunshield there that's going to open up

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01:03:30,390 --> 01:03:28,559

to protect it from um as much of the of

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01:03:31,190 --> 01:03:30,400

the sunlight as possible and then it has

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01:03:32,470 --> 01:03:31,200

this

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01:03:34,390 --> 01:03:32,480

huge um

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01:03:36,309 --> 01:03:34,400

mirror that is going to open up

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01:03:37,510 --> 01:03:36,319

hopefully well and hopefully everything

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01:03:39,029 --> 01:03:37,520

will go well

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01:03:40,710 --> 01:03:39,039

and so this will be a really exciting

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01:03:42,870 --> 01:03:40,720

thing to follow over the next um coming

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01:03:46,069 --> 01:03:42,880

months after it launches

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01:03:48,069 --> 01:03:46,079

and so with that i will um wrap up

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01:03:50,710 --> 01:03:48,079

and i just want to say

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01:03:53,430 --> 01:03:50,720



you can be a planet hunter too and there

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01:03:55,430 --> 01:03:53,440

are many interesting citizen science

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01:03:57,589 --> 01:03:55,440

projects um that are related to

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01:04:00,069 --> 01:03:57,599

exoplanets i've just highlighted two

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01:04:01,029 --> 01:04:00,079

here that are both under the xuniverse

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01:04:02,950 --> 01:04:01,039

links

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01:04:04,789 --> 01:04:02,960

you can go to that website

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01:04:06,630 --> 01:04:04,799

and you can have a play around and we've

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01:04:07,470 --> 01:04:06,640

had um people

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01:04:10,069 --> 01:04:07,480

just

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01:04:11,670 --> 01:04:10,079

non-scientists members of the public who

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01:04:13,270 --> 01:04:11,680

have ended up being on published

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01:04:15,510 --> 01:04:13,280

peer-reviewed journals and because

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01:04:17,990 --> 01:04:15,520

they've helped to find signals in our

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01:04:20,230 --> 01:04:18,000

data using these projects and so i

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01:04:21,990 --> 01:04:20,240

strongly encourage you if you are

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01:04:24,390 --> 01:04:22,000

interested in this kind of thing that

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01:04:27,029 --> 01:04:24,400

you should go ahead and check out those

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01:04:28,950 --> 01:04:27,039

those websites and do

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01:04:30,950 --> 01:04:28,960

go and do some planet hunting

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01:04:33,829 --> 01:04:30,960

and with that i'm happy to take any

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01:04:36,870 --> 01:04:33,839

questions that you may have

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01:04:40,630 --> 01:04:36,880

ah thank you emily that was wonderful

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01:04:43,670 --> 01:04:40,640

and we have had an amazing number of

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01:04:45,829 --> 01:04:43,680

questions and comments on our chat today

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01:04:47,430 --> 01:04:45,839

uh you really you know you touched a lot

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01:04:49,270 --> 01:04:47,440

of people here today

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01:04:52,150 --> 01:04:49,280

this was great

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01:04:54,789 --> 01:04:52,160

let me ask the first question which sort

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01:04:57,029 --> 01:04:54,799

of kind of always comes up uh when you

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01:04:59,670 --> 01:04:57,039

talk about the radio velocity technique

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01:05:02,150 --> 01:04:59,680

uh because uh you showed that you know

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01:05:03,589 --> 01:05:02,160

you mentioned that uh you know the the

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01:05:06,069 --> 01:05:03,599

sun and jupiter are pulling on each

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01:05:07,510 --> 01:05:06,079

other and so our sun does wobble too so

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01:05:10,069 --> 01:05:07,520

the natural question that people often

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01:05:10,950 --> 01:05:10,079

ask is hey

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01:05:13,990 --> 01:05:10,960

would

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01:05:16,549 --> 01:05:14,000

to see

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01:05:18,950 --> 01:05:16,559

our detect our planets um when looking

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01:05:20,950 --> 01:05:18,960

at our sun with jupiter's motion causing

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01:05:22,549 --> 01:05:20,960

a little bit of wobble in the sun how

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01:05:24,710 --> 01:05:22,559

would our solar system look to some

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01:05:26,710 --> 01:05:24,720

alien astronomers

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01:05:28,789 --> 01:05:26,720

yeah that's a fantastic question so

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01:05:31,190 --> 01:05:28,799

there are some people and

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01:05:33,910 --> 01:05:31,200

that that work on this that kind of

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01:05:36,789 --> 01:05:33,920

observing observing the sun as if it was

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01:05:37,829 --> 01:05:36,799

an explanatory system um

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01:05:40,150 --> 01:05:37,839

and

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01:05:43,349 --> 01:05:40,160

the answer at the moment is no it would

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01:05:45,190 --> 01:05:43,359

not be possible if if they had the same

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01:05:47,029 --> 01:05:45,200

telescopes and the same instruments as

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01:05:49,430 --> 01:05:47,039

us just because the precision that you

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01:05:52,950 --> 01:05:49,440

need of the radial velocities is so

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01:05:54,309 --> 01:05:52,960

um so high that it's just jupiter is so

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01:05:56,309 --> 01:05:54,319

far away from the sun compared to the

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01:05:58,470 --> 01:05:56,319

typical systems that we look at that the

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01:06:01,190 --> 01:05:58,480

signal is just so small but you need

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01:06:03,349 --> 01:06:01,200

that really really fine precision but

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01:06:06,309 --> 01:06:03,359

we're just reaching that tipping point

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01:06:08,630 --> 01:06:06,319

now and so there's this um spectrograph

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01:06:11,990 --> 01:06:08,640

um which merges radial velocities called

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01:06:14,710 --> 01:06:12,000

espresso that was just put onto the vlt

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01:06:16,710 --> 01:06:14,720

in chile which is a paranal observatory

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01:06:18,230 --> 01:06:16,720

and it's kind of just starting to reach

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01:06:21,109 --> 01:06:18,240

that precision that's required that

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01:06:23,029 --> 01:06:21,119

would be required to do that and so

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01:06:25,510 --> 01:06:23,039

assuming that the alien life that would

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01:06:28,470 --> 01:06:25,520

be observing us or the radial velocities

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01:06:30,549 --> 01:06:28,480

of our sun had access to that same

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01:06:32,470 --> 01:06:30,559

precision level instrument then yes they

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01:06:34,309 --> 01:06:32,480

would be able to but they would have to

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01:06:35,430 --> 01:06:34,319

have that technology in order to do so

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01:06:37,589 --> 01:06:35,440

yes

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01:06:38,950 --> 01:06:37,599

right that's great because i mean that

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01:06:41,349 --> 01:06:38,960

also touches on another question that

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01:06:43,029 --> 01:06:41,359

people had it was just how fine are

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01:06:45,029 --> 01:06:43,039

these radial velocity shifts you know

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01:06:46,870 --> 01:06:45,039

when you show those animations they tend

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01:06:49,589 --> 01:06:46,880

to be really big and it's obvious so

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01:06:51,510 --> 01:06:49,599

that the public can see it but uh these

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01:06:54,230 --> 01:06:51,520

these radiology shifts are really really

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01:06:55,910 --> 01:06:54,240

tiny i mean we had to develop several

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01:06:57,670 --> 01:06:55,920

new new techniques in order to be able

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01:06:59,430 --> 01:06:57,680

to find these just uh when we first did

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01:07:02,230 --> 01:06:59,440

back in the 90s right

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01:07:05,349 --> 01:07:02,240

yeah absolutely and so we're really

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01:07:08,309 --> 01:07:05,359

starting to push down towards the 10

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01:07:11,270 --> 01:07:08,319

centimeters per second precision that's

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01:07:14,789 --> 01:07:11,280

insane i mean measuring a star

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01:07:16,390 --> 01:07:14,799

at 10 centimeters per second um that's

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01:07:18,150 --> 01:07:16,400

in another system however many light

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01:07:19,670 --> 01:07:18,160

years away and

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01:07:21,190 --> 01:07:19,680

yeah the techniques that are required to

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01:07:23,029 --> 01:07:21,200

do this are

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01:07:25,589 --> 01:07:23,039

absolutely incredible and the technology

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01:07:28,069 --> 01:07:25,599

that has advanced so far in just a short

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01:07:30,549 --> 01:07:28,079

period of time in in the past 20 to 30

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01:07:32,710 --> 01:07:30,559

years has been absolutely incredible so

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01:07:34,870 --> 01:07:32,720



i can say this um new spectrograph

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01:07:36,630 --> 01:07:34,880

espresso has been has been doing just

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01:07:39,029 --> 01:07:36,640

that and it's it's going to continue as

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01:07:40,549 --> 01:07:39,039

we go towards the elt which i mentioned

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01:07:43,109 --> 01:07:40,559

before and

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01:07:45,910 --> 01:07:43,119

yeah it's going to be incredible

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01:07:47,190 --> 01:07:45,920

okay yeah so i just just for everyone's

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01:07:48,710 --> 01:07:47,200

reference astronomers are used to

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01:07:50,710 --> 01:07:48,720

measuring things in kilometers per

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01:07:52,390 --> 01:07:50,720

second all right in terms of velocities

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01:07:53,829 --> 01:07:52,400

and this getting down to 10 centimeters

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01:07:55,829 --> 01:07:53,839

per second that's you know factor of 100

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01:07:57,510 --> 01:07:55,839

increase and such and so this is just

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01:07:59,270 --> 01:07:57,520

like amazing

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01:08:00,870 --> 01:07:59,280

um so emily why don't you stop your

1803

01:08:03,430 --> 01:08:00,880

share screen

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01:08:04,950 --> 01:08:03,440

and let's bring in grant justice grant

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01:08:06,950 --> 01:08:04,960

has been monitoring the chat a little

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01:08:10,230 --> 01:08:06,960

bit more carefully than i have

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01:08:12,630 --> 01:08:10,240

and i'm sure grant has found a number of

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01:08:14,710 --> 01:08:12,640

really cool questions for today so what

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01:08:17,189 --> 01:08:14,720

do you got for us grant yeah we have had

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01:08:19,349 --> 01:08:17,199

a really great chat today so thank you

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01:08:21,030 --> 01:08:19,359

all for uh

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01:08:23,110 --> 01:08:21,040

participating and being here for the

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01:08:25,189 --> 01:08:23,120

live part as a reminder to everyone it

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01:08:28,149 --> 01:08:25,199

will be up again afterwards if you did

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01:08:30,149 --> 01:08:28,159

miss any part of it including the q a

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01:08:32,309 --> 01:08:30,159

so um starting us off

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01:08:34,630 --> 01:08:32,319

and this one i really like what are ways

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01:08:37,189 --> 01:08:34,640

that you could see exoplanets or

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01:08:38,390 --> 01:08:37,199

extrasolar whatever it might be

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01:08:40,630 --> 01:08:38,400

its bodies

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01:08:43,030 --> 01:08:40,640

in the future based on what we are doing

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01:08:45,749 --> 01:08:43,040

here today

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01:08:47,669 --> 01:08:45,759

i think that we're going to see a real

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01:08:49,749 --> 01:08:47,679

combination of all of these different

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01:08:51,110 --> 01:08:49,759

measurement techniques come together so

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01:08:52,870 --> 01:08:51,120

all of the different detection

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01:08:55,669 --> 01:08:52,880

techniques that i mentioned

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01:08:57,349 --> 01:08:55,679

um i think they're all being so the

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01:08:59,110 --> 01:08:57,359

radial velocities we're going further

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01:09:00,630 --> 01:08:59,120

and further out to longer and longer

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01:09:02,309 --> 01:09:00,640

orbital periods

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01:09:04,229 --> 01:09:02,319

and on the imaging side we're coming

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01:09:06,709 --> 01:09:04,239

further and further in towards smaller

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01:09:07,829 --> 01:09:06,719

inner working angles closer to the star

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01:09:08,950 --> 01:09:07,839

and i think

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01:09:10,709 --> 01:09:08,960

things like that where we're going to

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01:09:13,110 --> 01:09:10,719

end up combining all of these different

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01:09:15,030 --> 01:09:13,120

detection techniques and that is really

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01:09:17,189 --> 01:09:15,040

powerful because from each of the

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01:09:18,950 --> 01:09:17,199

different detection techniques you get

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01:09:20,309 --> 01:09:18,960

different characteristics of the planet

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01:09:22,390 --> 01:09:20,319

that you're looking at or the orbital

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01:09:23,990 --> 01:09:22,400

characteristics so for example with

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01:09:25,910 --> 01:09:24,000

radial velocities you only get the

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01:09:27,510 --> 01:09:25,920

minimum mass because you don't know the

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01:09:29,510 --> 01:09:27,520

orbital inclination of the system that

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01:09:30,550 --> 01:09:29,520

you're looking at it could be faison or

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01:09:32,470 --> 01:09:30,560

edge on

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01:09:34,470 --> 01:09:32,480

but if you combine that with direct

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01:09:36,950 --> 01:09:34,480

imaging for example you remove that

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01:09:38,950 --> 01:09:36,960

degeneracy and you're able to fit for

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01:09:40,950 --> 01:09:38,960

the orbital inclination and so i think

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01:09:43,829 --> 01:09:40,960

what's going to happen over time is i'm

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01:09:45,749 --> 01:09:43,839

showing that detection um map earlier

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01:09:47,510 --> 01:09:45,759

with all of these different planets is

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01:09:49,510 --> 01:09:47,520

all of those are going to kind of like

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01:09:50,789 --> 01:09:49,520

shrinking together and we're going to be

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01:09:52,149 --> 01:09:50,799

able to have all of this incredible

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01:09:54,070 --> 01:09:52,159

information these really well

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01:09:55,270 --> 01:09:54,080

characterized exoplanets and that's

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01:09:56,470 --> 01:09:55,280

going to be really important to

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01:09:58,790 --> 01:09:56,480

understand

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01:10:01,030 --> 01:09:58,800

uh the mass the radius and to look at

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01:10:03,270 --> 01:10:01,040

the atmospheres of these things and

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01:10:05,189 --> 01:10:03,280

really reveal uh the truths about what

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01:10:07,350 --> 01:10:05,199

we're looking at because often when we

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01:10:09,750 --> 01:10:07,360

get the detections we're like okay we're

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01:10:12,310 --> 01:10:09,760

looking at something that's however many

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01:10:13,750 --> 01:10:12,320

jupiter masses thing that's maybe this

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01:10:15,590 --> 01:10:13,760

far away from the star and that's all we

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01:10:16,550 --> 01:10:15,600

can really say but when you combine it

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01:10:18,229 --> 01:10:16,560

all together

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that's going to just change the field of

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01:10:23,350 --> 01:10:20,640

exoplanets massively

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so emily what about the idea of a star

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shade um that was proposed for various

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01:10:31,189 --> 01:10:28,960

space telescopes that we we float out

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01:10:33,270 --> 01:10:31,199

a shade to act as a

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01:10:36,149 --> 01:10:33,280

chronographic spot basically floating

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01:10:38,870 --> 01:10:36,159

out in in free space uh things is that

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01:10:41,510 --> 01:10:38,880

it can happen uh because that offers uh

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01:10:43,669 --> 01:10:41,520

quite a quite a bit of advantage

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01:10:45,830 --> 01:10:43,679

yeah i mean i say let's do it like you

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01:10:47,910 --> 01:10:45,840

know fungus nasa and easter if you're

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01:10:50,070 --> 01:10:47,920

listening whoever has the money please

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01:10:51,590 --> 01:10:50,080

give it to us that would be fantastic

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01:10:54,070 --> 01:10:51,600

i think another exciting thing is going

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01:10:55,830 --> 01:10:54,080



to be um potentially putting a telescope

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01:10:57,669 --> 01:10:55,840

on the moon on the far side of the moon

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01:10:59,189 --> 01:10:57,679

i mean you wouldn't have to deal with

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01:11:01,030 --> 01:10:59,199

the atmosphere of the earth you wouldn't

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01:11:03,270 --> 01:11:01,040

have to deal with light pollution

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01:11:04,550 --> 01:11:03,280

i think that would be an incredible

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01:11:06,070 --> 01:11:04,560

thing to do as well so yeah i think

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there's lots of exciting technology

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01:11:08,790 --> 01:11:07,520

that's being um

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concepts that are being thought about

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things like these star shades that of

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01:11:14,709 --> 01:11:12,480

course it always comes down to funding

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01:11:16,470 --> 01:11:14,719

but um this would be a game changer as

1901

01:11:19,510 --> 01:11:16,480

well yeah absolutely

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01:11:22,390 --> 01:11:19,520

all right great what else we got grant

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01:11:25,510 --> 01:11:22,400

all right so next one up and this is one

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01:11:26,870 --> 01:11:25,520

we get asked a lot about hst because

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01:11:29,030 --> 01:11:26,880

everyone wants to know why it can't

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observe our own universe while our own

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01:11:34,630 --> 01:11:32,880

universe our own galaxy images or bodies

1908

01:11:36,229 --> 01:11:34,640

that are closer to it what are some of

1909

01:11:37,590 --> 01:11:36,239

the complications that you have on the

1910

01:11:39,750 --> 01:11:37,600

opposite end of the spectrum with

1911

01:11:43,110 --> 01:11:39,760

searching for exoplanets surging outside

1912

01:11:45,990 --> 01:11:44,470

i think you just broke up for a minute

1913

01:11:47,750 --> 01:11:46,000

though i broke up for a minute how would

1914

01:11:49,830 --> 01:11:47,760

you mind just

1915

01:11:52,709 --> 01:11:49,840

sure sure sure

1916

01:11:54,149 --> 01:11:52,719

um there are a lot of things that we

1917

01:11:56,630 --> 01:11:54,159

deal with and a lot of things we talk

1918

01:11:59,430 --> 01:11:56,640

about with hst because it's long range

1919

01:12:00,950 --> 01:11:59,440

observing short range like in system

1920

01:12:02,790 --> 01:12:00,960

what are some of the challenges that you

1921

01:12:05,270 --> 01:12:02,800

have with the existing telescopes

1922

01:12:06,950 --> 01:12:05,280

observing exoplanets observing long

1923

01:12:09,510 --> 01:12:06,960

range

1924

01:12:12,390 --> 01:12:09,520

yeah so one of the

1925

01:12:15,030 --> 01:12:12,400

specific difficulties with hst is just

1926

01:12:18,149 --> 01:12:15,040

the wavelength coverage for exoplanet

1927

01:12:20,709 --> 01:12:18,159

science so hst is perfect for many

1928

01:12:23,510 --> 01:12:20,719

different types of um subfields in

1929

01:12:25,750 --> 01:12:23,520

astronomy but with exoplanets we tend to

1930

01:12:27,750 --> 01:12:25,760

observe in the longer wavelength range

1931

01:12:30,470 --> 01:12:27,760

so sort of towards the very long end of

1932

01:12:33,430 --> 01:12:30,480

the optical into the infrared

1933

01:12:34,950 --> 01:12:33,440

um hst doesn't really

1934

01:12:37,189 --> 01:12:34,960

it's not optimized to probe that

1935

01:12:39,110 --> 01:12:37,199

wavelength range and that's going to be

1936

01:12:41,270 --> 01:12:39,120

the big game changer with jwst and

1937

01:12:42,870 --> 01:12:41,280

exoplanetary science because we've got a

1938

01:12:44,229 --> 01:12:42,880

handful of instruments on there that are

1939

01:12:46,070 --> 01:12:44,239

really going to target that wavelength

1940

01:12:47,910 --> 01:12:46,080

range so like neospec and nyokam and

1941

01:12:49,750 --> 01:12:47,920

miri they're going to be fantastic

1942

01:12:51,990 --> 01:12:49,760

improving those longer wavelengths

1943

01:12:53,830 --> 01:12:52,000

that's required to do the science that

1944

01:12:57,510 --> 01:12:53,840

we want to do i mean also bearing in

1945

01:13:00,149 --> 01:12:57,520

mind that hst was um sort of the concept

1946

01:13:01,990 --> 01:13:00,159

of hst and the launch of it was way back

1947

01:13:03,430 --> 01:13:02,000

when exactly there were only a handful

1948

01:13:05,350 --> 01:13:03,440

of exoplanets had even been discovered

1949

01:13:06,870 --> 01:13:05,360

and of course these missions take years

1950

01:13:08,630 --> 01:13:06,880

and years and years to design and put

1951

01:13:11,910 --> 01:13:08,640

together and launch and so

1952

01:13:14,390 --> 01:13:11,920

it probably wasn't even at the center of

1953

01:13:15,750 --> 01:13:14,400

the scientific output that was that was

1954

01:13:18,310 --> 01:13:15,760

being thought about when you think about

1955

01:13:19,990 --> 01:13:18,320

hst and so jwst is going to be a game

1956

01:13:21,590 --> 01:13:20,000

changer and there's also other mission

1957

01:13:23,750 --> 01:13:21,600

concepts that we're thinking about like

1958

01:13:25,910 --> 01:13:23,760

habex and luvor which are nasa mission

1959

01:13:27,910 --> 01:13:25,920

concepts that are going to be probing

1960

01:13:30,830 --> 01:13:27,920

those wavelength ranges that are more

1961

01:13:33,750 --> 01:13:30,840

amenable to um observing

1962

01:13:36,149 --> 01:13:33,760

exoplanets and you mentioned adaptive

1963

01:13:38,070 --> 01:13:36,159

optics in your talk um and that's really

1964

01:13:40,870 --> 01:13:38,080

helping ground-based observatories

1965

01:13:42,470 --> 01:13:40,880

approach what we can see from space

1966

01:13:43,750 --> 01:13:42,480

but generally i mean this is that

1967

01:13:45,189 --> 01:13:43,760

infrared

1968

01:13:46,709 --> 01:13:45,199

correct me if i'm wrong but i've always

1969

01:13:48,790 --> 01:13:46,719

understood to be basically at infrared

1970

01:13:50,790 --> 01:13:48,800

wavelengths and over a relatively small

1971

01:13:52,470 --> 01:13:50,800

field of view how is that progressing

1972

01:13:54,550 --> 01:13:52,480

and where do we see that going in this

1973

01:13:58,310 --> 01:13:54,560

in this uh discovery

1974

01:14:00,550 --> 01:13:58,320

yeah so um it's primarily yeah over over

1975

01:14:04,229 --> 01:14:00,560

the visible and infrared wavelength

1976

01:14:06,470 --> 01:14:04,239

range um it's well i mean so the kind of

1977

01:14:09,590 --> 01:14:06,480

concept of adaptive optics is now being

1978

01:14:12,390 --> 01:14:09,600

taken into space even with the roman

1979

01:14:14,550 --> 01:14:12,400

space telescope and so it is that

1980

01:14:15,590 --> 01:14:14,560

technology is then being enhanced to

1981

01:14:17,270 --> 01:14:15,600

something

1982

01:14:20,310 --> 01:14:17,280

corrections for not obviously for the

1983

01:14:22,630 --> 01:14:20,320

atmosphere but in order to um actively

1984

01:14:25,030 --> 01:14:22,640

correct the optics for a telescope in

1985

01:14:27,830 --> 01:14:25,040

space so i think the technology that's

1986

01:14:30,950 --> 01:14:27,840

being um worked upon improved upon

1987

01:14:34,390 --> 01:14:30,960

research down here on earth is now being

1988

01:14:36,709 --> 01:14:34,400



used to refine our space images even

1989

01:14:38,790 --> 01:14:36,719

even further and you know the technology

1990

01:14:40,390 --> 01:14:38,800

that we're able to do with this like um

1991

01:14:42,950 --> 01:14:40,400

increase the frequency at which we make

1992

01:14:44,709 --> 01:14:42,960

these corrections um

1993

01:14:46,870 --> 01:14:44,719

so and the attenuators that are on the

1994

01:14:48,709 --> 01:14:46,880

mirrors is kind of increasing over time

1995

01:14:50,229 --> 01:14:48,719

the reason yeah the reason you have to

1996

01:14:52,550 --> 01:14:50,239

do this primarily in the visible and

1997

01:14:53,910 --> 01:14:52,560

infrared is just because that's the

1998

01:14:55,110 --> 01:14:53,920

that's where you get the most kind of

1999

01:14:56,630 --> 01:14:55,120

refraction

2000

01:14:58,470 --> 01:14:56,640

from the earth's atmosphere when you

2001  
01:14:59,830 --> 01:14:58,480  
observe those wavelengths um it's not

2002  
01:15:02,070 --> 01:14:59,840  
such it's not an issue if you're

2003  
01:15:03,430 --> 01:15:02,080  
observing for example in the radio uh

2004  
01:15:05,990 --> 01:15:03,440  
wavelength range because you're not

2005  
01:15:07,910 --> 01:15:06,000  
affected by the refraction

2006  
01:15:09,990 --> 01:15:07,920  
right and you know the idea of a

2007  
01:15:10,870 --> 01:15:10,000  
multi-mirror telescope like james webb

2008  
01:15:11,910 --> 01:15:10,880  
was

2009  
01:15:13,510 --> 01:15:11,920  
i mean

2010  
01:15:15,510 --> 01:15:13,520  
we were just starting creating

2011  
01:15:18,310 --> 01:15:15,520  
multi-mirror telescopes in the 90s right

2012  
01:15:20,470 --> 01:15:18,320  
the 80s and 90s um you know so

2013  
01:15:21,910 --> 01:15:20,480

none of that even

2014

01:15:23,990 --> 01:15:21,920

could possibly have been thought of for

2015

01:15:26,310 --> 01:15:24,000

hubble which launched in 1990.

2016

01:15:27,990 --> 01:15:26,320

absolutely exactly one of the things

2017

01:15:29,510 --> 01:15:28,000

that the comments were talking about

2018

01:15:33,030 --> 01:15:29,520

quite a bit are the differences between

2019

01:15:34,470 --> 01:15:33,040

hst and jwst and roman and so on and so

2020

01:15:37,030 --> 01:15:34,480

forth and

2021

01:15:39,189 --> 01:15:37,040

the interactivity between them and hst

2022

01:15:40,709 --> 01:15:39,199

and jwst because they observe there is a

2023

01:15:42,070 --> 01:15:40,719

little bit of overlap but they observe

2024

01:15:44,950 --> 01:15:42,080

like different

2025

01:15:46,790 --> 01:15:44,960

spectrum like ranges they actually can

2026

01:15:48,630 --> 01:15:46,800

work in concert which is what we were

2027

01:15:50,870 --> 01:15:48,640

telling the chat

2028

01:15:53,110 --> 01:15:50,880

but that brings us to another one and

2029

01:15:56,390 --> 01:15:53,120

this immediately made me think of the

2030

01:15:59,350 --> 01:15:56,400

nano apertures but how are

2031

01:16:01,830 --> 01:15:59,360

like physical barriers in used in the

2032

01:16:05,590 --> 01:16:01,840

telescope for like lithography machines

2033

01:16:08,950 --> 01:16:07,510

so that's basically the whole concept

2034

01:16:10,149 --> 01:16:08,960

but if you would like to elaborate a

2035

01:16:12,790 --> 01:16:10,159

little more

2036

01:16:14,550 --> 01:16:12,800

yeah um well i mean so well one of the

2037

01:16:18,630 --> 01:16:14,560

most interesting concepts of this will

2038

01:16:20,470 --> 01:16:18,640

be the giants to sun shade on jwst and

2039

01:16:21,830 --> 01:16:20,480

that's going to be that is going to be a

2040

01:16:23,350 --> 01:16:21,840

huge huge thing and we're all going to

2041

01:16:25,189 --> 01:16:23,360

be crossing our fingers and praying and

2042

01:16:26,390 --> 01:16:25,199

hoping that this all goes smoothly not

2043

01:16:28,790 --> 01:16:26,400

that it's going to be a long two weeks

2044

01:16:31,990 --> 01:16:28,800

to believe otherwise yes

2045

01:16:34,390 --> 01:16:32,000

um but yes so definitely utilizing

2046

01:16:36,630 --> 01:16:34,400

things like this in order to um

2047

01:16:39,750 --> 01:16:36,640

remove as much of the sunlight as

2048

01:16:41,669 --> 01:16:39,760

possible um and yeah

2049

01:16:43,750 --> 01:16:41,679

you have you have run into different

2050

01:16:46,070 --> 01:16:43,760

issues of things like hst where it's

2051

01:16:48,070 --> 01:16:46,080

orbiting low earth orbit and

2052

01:16:50,470 --> 01:16:48,080

um but then you have to deal with the

2053

01:16:53,510 --> 01:16:50,480

breathing of hst as it goes in and out

2054

01:16:55,830 --> 01:16:53,520

of the sun um it expands and shrinks

2055

01:16:57,990 --> 01:16:55,840

down because of the thermal

2056

01:17:00,470 --> 01:16:58,000

um energy it's receiving from the sun so

2057

01:17:03,669 --> 01:17:00,480

yeah um but i am i'm extremely excited

2058

01:17:05,910 --> 01:17:03,679

to see the the star shade be deployed

2059

01:17:07,830 --> 01:17:05,920

and and how this how this goes and

2060

01:17:11,430 --> 01:17:07,840

hopefully everything will go smoothly as

2061

01:17:15,990 --> 01:17:13,750

all right and uh i'll go to this one

2062

01:17:19,110 --> 01:17:16,000

next before i lose it in the chain of

2063

01:17:21,030 --> 01:17:19,120

comments what is your personal

2064

01:17:22,950 --> 01:17:21,040

favorite or most interesting mystery

2065

01:17:26,149 --> 01:17:22,960

about exoplanets that you have found

2066

01:17:28,229 --> 01:17:26,159

thus far or would like to solve

2067

01:17:29,510 --> 01:17:28,239

that is an amazing question

2068

01:17:32,470 --> 01:17:29,520

i don't know if i thought too long and

2069

01:17:34,470 --> 01:17:32,480

hard about this yeah so i

2070

01:17:36,470 --> 01:17:34,480

i'm very biased towards the upper end of

2071

01:17:38,229 --> 01:17:36,480

planets um upper like mass range of

2072

01:17:40,470 --> 01:17:38,239

planets and things just because of the

2073

01:17:42,630 --> 01:17:40,480

stuff that i primarily work on and so i

2074

01:17:45,030 --> 01:17:42,640

think i'm a secret lover of the gas

2075

01:17:48,070 --> 01:17:45,040

giants planets that are a lot more like

2076

01:17:49,510 --> 01:17:48,080

do certain things like this and i'm just

2077

01:17:51,990 --> 01:17:49,520

hoping that we find some really

2078

01:17:54,070 --> 01:17:52,000

interesting obscure like atmospheric

2079

01:17:55,590 --> 01:17:54,080

properties of a planet like that that

2080

01:17:58,070 --> 01:17:55,600

have some really i don't know maybe

2081

01:18:00,390 --> 01:17:58,080

strange molecular features of things so

2082

01:18:02,310 --> 01:18:00,400

that's what i see is an exciting thing

2083

01:18:04,390 --> 01:18:02,320

more in general though i hope that

2084

01:18:06,630 --> 01:18:04,400

within i hope within my lifetime that

2085

01:18:08,149 --> 01:18:06,640

there is some strong evidence to suggest

2086

01:18:10,310 --> 01:18:08,159

that there is life on another planet

2087

01:18:12,470 --> 01:18:10,320

that would be the most incredible thing

2088

01:18:13,510 --> 01:18:12,480



to live through and i really think that

2089

01:18:16,070 --> 01:18:13,520

we're getting

2090

01:18:17,110 --> 01:18:16,080

closer and closer to to that revolution

2091

01:18:20,229 --> 01:18:17,120

so yeah

2092

01:18:23,510 --> 01:18:20,239

okay so i'm going to say that i kind of

2093

01:18:25,350 --> 01:18:23,520

am really really really intrigued by the

2094

01:18:27,510 --> 01:18:25,360

super earth

2095

01:18:29,350 --> 01:18:27,520

yeah yeah all right so we we're starting

2096

01:18:31,030 --> 01:18:29,360

to see the categories of planets that we

2097

01:18:32,950 --> 01:18:31,040

see in our solar system

2098

01:18:35,990 --> 01:18:32,960

replicated out throughout the universe

2099

01:18:38,470 --> 01:18:36,000

but there's these five earth mass

2100

01:18:39,350 --> 01:18:38,480

objects out there you know and i'm like

2101

01:18:40,790 --> 01:18:39,360

well

2102

01:18:43,510 --> 01:18:40,800

that doesn't fit with what we've got

2103

01:18:45,430 --> 01:18:43,520

here that's a whole new class of planet

2104

01:18:46,950 --> 01:18:45,440

uh these mini neptunes or these super

2105

01:18:49,189 --> 01:18:46,960

earths so i don't know which which we

2106

01:18:51,430 --> 01:18:49,199

want to call them but that's the kind of

2107

01:18:54,390 --> 01:18:51,440

ones that intrigue me the most because

2108

01:18:56,070 --> 01:18:54,400

it's uh like this is something brand new

2109

01:18:57,510 --> 01:18:56,080

and so when we get statistics on that

2110

01:18:59,590 --> 01:18:57,520

and really start to understand those i

2111

01:19:01,350 --> 01:18:59,600

think that's going to be you know that's

2112

01:19:03,510 --> 01:19:01,360

going to be an eye opener yeah i

2113

01:19:05,750 --> 01:19:03,520

completely agree and i'm really looking

2114

01:19:08,149 --> 01:19:05,760

forward to seeing how that um shapes and

2115

01:19:10,630 --> 01:19:08,159

evolves our own views on our own solar

2116

01:19:12,550 --> 01:19:10,640

system like are we really unique in the

2117

01:19:13,350 --> 01:19:12,560

way that our own solar system is set up

2118

01:19:15,830 --> 01:19:13,360

or

2119

01:19:17,590 --> 01:19:15,840

i as we go towards being able to observe

2120

01:19:19,430 --> 01:19:17,600

more of these things i'll be more

2121

01:19:21,030 --> 01:19:19,440

representative of what an average

2122

01:19:22,950 --> 01:19:21,040

stellar system looks like and i think

2123

01:19:24,870 --> 01:19:22,960

that super f1 is a great

2124

01:19:26,630 --> 01:19:24,880

um question that's involved in that

2125

01:19:29,750 --> 01:19:26,640

because we just don't have anything like

2126

01:19:31,750 --> 01:19:29,760

that in our own solar system

2127

01:19:32,550 --> 01:19:31,760

absolutely all right it's true all right

2128

01:19:34,630 --> 01:19:32,560

um

2129

01:19:37,750 --> 01:19:34,640

continuing on from where we are sorry

2130

01:19:39,590 --> 01:19:37,760

i'm looking at multiple screens here um

2131

01:19:41,510 --> 01:19:39,600

so first off

2132

01:19:43,270 --> 01:19:41,520

shout out to you from space tv they are

2133

01:19:45,350 --> 01:19:43,280

looking forward to the launch of the

2134

01:19:48,310 --> 01:19:45,360

emily rickman space telescope to study

2135

01:19:52,229 --> 01:19:48,320

gas giants that would be incredible um

2136

01:19:57,350 --> 01:19:55,910

um and uh secondarily to that and this

2137

01:19:58,709 --> 01:19:57,360

is something that's already ongoing but

2138

01:19:59,830 --> 01:19:58,719

i would like for us to elaborate a

2139

01:20:01,350 --> 01:19:59,840

little bit more for the people in the

2140

01:20:03,510 --> 01:20:01,360

audience who haven't seen it there's

2141

01:20:04,470 --> 01:20:03,520

another talk all about

2142

01:20:07,590 --> 01:20:04,480

tests

2143

01:20:10,149 --> 01:20:07,600

and a lot of the um efforts undergoing

2144

01:20:12,310 --> 01:20:10,159

to catalog planets that we want to

2145

01:20:14,950 --> 01:20:12,320

point at later kind of like a

2146

01:20:17,910 --> 01:20:14,960

rangefinding sort of satellite which i

2147

01:20:19,270 --> 01:20:17,920

find infinitely interesting um but a lot

2148

01:20:20,709 --> 01:20:19,280

of that is already going underway so

2149

01:20:24,149 --> 01:20:20,719

would you elaborate a little bit more

2150

01:20:25,990 --> 01:20:24,159

about the classifications of planets of

2151

01:20:28,310 --> 01:20:26,000

exoplanets and like

2152

01:20:29,910 --> 01:20:28,320

what specifically we look for and i know

2153

01:20:31,350 --> 01:20:29,920

infrared will help us with atmospheres

2154

01:20:32,470 --> 01:20:31,360

and whatnot but everyone wants to know a

2155

01:20:34,070 --> 01:20:32,480

little bit more about the search for

2156

01:20:35,430 --> 01:20:34,080

like habitable worlds and what that

2157

01:20:37,590 --> 01:20:35,440

looks like

2158

01:20:38,790 --> 01:20:37,600

yeah yeah so i think categorizing is a

2159

01:20:40,629 --> 01:20:38,800

really um

2160

01:20:42,310 --> 01:20:40,639

is an interesting way to put it yes i

2161

01:20:43,510 --> 01:20:42,320

didn't i actually didn't mention tess

2162

01:20:45,110 --> 01:20:43,520

but that's just because i ran out of

2163

01:20:47,669 --> 01:20:45,120

space on a number of space telescopes i

2164

01:20:50,149 --> 01:20:47,679

could mention in one talk but yes tess

2165

01:20:52,629 --> 01:20:50,159

is the translating exoplanet and

2166

01:20:54,390 --> 01:20:52,639

survey satellite and it has a very

2167

01:20:56,470 --> 01:20:54,400

similar job to kepler but on an even

2168

01:20:58,550 --> 01:20:56,480

bigger scale and actually one of the

2169

01:21:00,070 --> 01:20:58,560

links i put on the very last slide if

2170

01:21:01,830 --> 01:21:00,080

people want to get involved with this is

2171

01:21:03,669 --> 01:21:01,840

actually looking at tests like curves

2172

01:21:05,430 --> 01:21:03,679

and so if people are interested in that

2173

01:21:08,390 --> 01:21:05,440

then absolutely go and go and check that

2174

01:21:11,110 --> 01:21:08,400

out and be involved in it but yeah so

2175

01:21:13,430 --> 01:21:11,120

tess is doing a huge job of looking at

2176

01:21:16,070 --> 01:21:13,440

thousands and thousands of and both new

2177

01:21:19,590 --> 01:21:16,080

exoplanets and ones that have um well

2178

01:21:21,669 --> 01:21:19,600

it's staring into the sky to find um

2179

01:21:23,750 --> 01:21:21,679

both stars that may be already that we

2180

01:21:25,030 --> 01:21:23,760

know already host planets and also new

2181

01:21:25,750 --> 01:21:25,040

planets

2182

01:21:27,830 --> 01:21:25,760

and

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01:21:30,550 --> 01:21:27,840

those kind of statistics that we've got

2184

01:21:32,629 --> 01:21:30,560

from kepler but also tess are really

2185

01:21:34,390 --> 01:21:32,639

enabling the categorization of those

2186

01:21:35,910 --> 01:21:34,400

planets because you can't categorize

2187

01:21:38,390 --> 01:21:35,920

something that you have like

2188

01:21:40,070 --> 01:21:38,400



10 planets for like it doesn't mean

2189

01:21:41,590 --> 01:21:40,080

anything and so we're really starting to

2190

01:21:43,750 --> 01:21:41,600

get to this point now where we can say

2191

01:21:46,070 --> 01:21:43,760

okay this thing has a composition that's

2192

01:21:47,510 --> 01:21:46,080

similar it's rocky it's similar to earth

2193

01:21:48,870 --> 01:21:47,520

or something like that and what i was

2194

01:21:50,950 --> 01:21:48,880

saying before that you could get the

2195

01:21:52,709 --> 01:21:50,960

radius from the transit technique and

2196

01:21:54,149 --> 01:21:52,719

masses by combining

2197

01:21:56,070 --> 01:21:54,159

like radial velocity information for

2198

01:21:58,070 --> 01:21:56,080

example so that's really important and

2199

01:21:59,590 --> 01:21:58,080

once once you've got that constraint on

2200

01:22:01,270 --> 01:21:59,600

the mass and the radius and you can get

2201

01:22:04,629 --> 01:22:01,280

an idea of its composition of its

2202

01:22:06,390 --> 01:22:04,639

density um and so the categorizing is

2203

01:22:07,990 --> 01:22:06,400

going more beyond

2204

01:22:09,990 --> 01:22:08,000

what it used to be of like oh this thing

2205

01:22:11,350 --> 01:22:10,000

is this certain size it's now like oh

2206

01:22:12,790 --> 01:22:11,360

this thing maybe has this kind of

2207

01:22:15,189 --> 01:22:12,800

atmosphere or this thing has this kind

2208

01:22:17,430 --> 01:22:15,199

of composition um and it's really trying

2209

01:22:18,870 --> 01:22:17,440

to understand that um also the

2210

01:22:20,149 --> 01:22:18,880

connection between that as well between

2211

01:22:21,990 --> 01:22:20,159

the composition and the atmosphere and

2212

01:22:23,350 --> 01:22:22,000

that's something that's kind of new um

2213

01:22:25,510 --> 01:22:23,360

but yeah so

2214

01:22:28,070 --> 01:22:25,520

um as frank mentioned before super earth

2215

01:22:29,510 --> 01:22:28,080

is a category of these giant um

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01:22:31,830 --> 01:22:29,520

earth-like planets that are really

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01:22:34,390 --> 01:22:31,840

incredible and a bit of a mystery to us

2218

01:22:36,070 --> 01:22:34,400

and then the interesting thing i

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01:22:38,070 --> 01:22:36,080

find with the categories is where you

2220

01:22:39,990 --> 01:22:38,080

kind of draw the line at hot jupiters so

2221

01:22:42,070 --> 01:22:40,000

the jupiter-like planets are extremely

2222

01:22:44,470 --> 01:22:42,080

close to the star and then the warm

2223

01:22:47,350 --> 01:22:44,480

jupiters and then you start to go into

2224

01:22:50,390 --> 01:22:47,360

like warm neptunes and hot neptunes and

2225

01:22:53,270 --> 01:22:50,400

and one that really annoys me

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01:22:55,110 --> 01:22:53,280

is the when people start saying cold

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01:22:57,910 --> 01:22:55,120

jupiters but they mean something that's

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01:23:00,709 --> 01:22:57,920

maybe um has an orbital period of a few

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01:23:02,390 --> 01:23:00,719

years when i say a cold jupiter i mean

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01:23:04,550 --> 01:23:02,400

something that has an orbital period of

2231

01:23:06,070 --> 01:23:04,560

tens of years and so

2232

01:23:08,229 --> 01:23:06,080

there's still a bit of a discussion

2233

01:23:09,590 --> 01:23:08,239

within the exoplanets from astronomy

2234

01:23:11,669 --> 01:23:09,600

community about how we even really

2235

01:23:13,830 --> 01:23:11,679

categorize these things but yeah tess is

2236

01:23:16,149 --> 01:23:13,840

really driving forward a lot of that

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01:23:18,390 --> 01:23:16,159

because it's such a big survey satellite

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01:23:19,830 --> 01:23:18,400

it's able to stay it has a really

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01:23:21,669 --> 01:23:19,840

wide field of view it's able to stir a

2240

01:23:23,350 --> 01:23:21,679

lot of stars is able to

2241

01:23:25,350 --> 01:23:23,360

kind of constantly monitor a lot of

2242

01:23:27,910 --> 01:23:25,360

these things and and that will also be

2243

01:23:29,030 --> 01:23:27,920

true for the uh roman space telescope as

2244

01:23:30,950 --> 01:23:29,040

well

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01:23:31,750 --> 01:23:30,960

yeah and you know what i really love

2246

01:23:34,950 --> 01:23:31,760

about

2247

01:23:36,870 --> 01:23:34,960

that

2248

01:23:39,669 --> 01:23:36,880

you can see the succession of the the

2249

01:23:41,830 --> 01:23:39,679

missions in that uh kepler really stared

2250

01:23:44,070 --> 01:23:41,840

at one spot in the sky and got lots and

2251

01:23:45,750 --> 01:23:44,080

lots of statistics to say all right well

2252

01:23:47,830 --> 01:23:45,760

how many of these exoplanets do we

2253

01:23:49,510 --> 01:23:47,840

expect out there and then tess does

2254

01:23:50,629 --> 01:23:49,520

follow up and it's all sky and it's

2255

01:23:52,629 --> 01:23:50,639

looking all over the place and it's

2256

01:23:54,870 --> 01:23:52,639

getting the closer ones but it's finding

2257

01:23:56,870 --> 01:23:54,880

the ones that you know james webb can

2258

01:23:58,629 --> 01:23:56,880

then follow up and study in detail

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01:24:00,709 --> 01:23:58,639

because you know almost all of the stars

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01:24:03,590 --> 01:24:00,719

that almost all starts with exoplanets

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01:24:06,149 --> 01:24:03,600

found by kepler are too far away for

2262

01:24:08,790 --> 01:24:06,159

webb to study but the ones found by tess

2263

01:24:11,110 --> 01:24:08,800

will be perfect uh for web to study and

2264

01:24:13,110 --> 01:24:11,120

so this that's the succession of these

2265

01:24:14,790 --> 01:24:13,120

missions and the way they work together

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01:24:16,870 --> 01:24:14,800

you know that's exactly how we plan it

2267

01:24:18,629 --> 01:24:16,880

out and it's it's it's working out great

2268

01:24:20,790 --> 01:24:18,639

yeah that kind of mission optimization

2269

01:24:23,750 --> 01:24:20,800

is really interesting to watch um and

2270

01:24:25,430 --> 01:24:23,760

has sped up a lot um in in well at least

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01:24:27,189 --> 01:24:25,440

for the optimization of exoplanetary

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01:24:30,070 --> 01:24:27,199

science and as we've seen with the

2273

01:24:32,310 --> 01:24:30,080

mission concepts with habex and levoir

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01:24:33,750 --> 01:24:32,320

as you would really they designed to go

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01:24:35,750 --> 01:24:33,760

span across many many different

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01:24:37,590 --> 01:24:35,760

wavelengths across the wide wavelength

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01:24:40,470 --> 01:24:37,600

range and we just don't really have that

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01:24:42,149 --> 01:24:40,480

um at the moment on one telescope so

2279

01:24:44,070 --> 01:24:42,159

those will be game changes that

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01:24:45,910 --> 01:24:44,080

hopefully come about in the future um

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01:24:48,390 --> 01:24:45,920

and not too not too distant future

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01:24:50,310 --> 01:24:48,400

hopefully not too distant yes yeah

2283

01:24:51,669 --> 01:24:50,320

all of the telescopes working together

2284

01:24:53,110 --> 01:24:51,679

and everything was

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01:24:54,390 --> 01:24:53,120

where i kind of wanted to get this

2286

01:24:56,629 --> 01:24:54,400

because so

2287

01:24:59,430 --> 01:24:56,639

i mean we take it for granted in the

2288

01:25:01,110 --> 01:24:59,440



astronomy community but different

2289

01:25:03,510 --> 01:25:01,120

missions by different agencies and

2290

01:25:04,470 --> 01:25:03,520

whatnot there's a lot more cross working

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01:25:06,229 --> 01:25:04,480

to like

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01:25:07,910 --> 01:25:06,239

working together than you would explain

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01:25:10,390 --> 01:25:07,920

than you would think from the outside

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01:25:11,990 --> 01:25:10,400

looking in on a lot of these projects

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01:25:13,669 --> 01:25:12,000

okay grant we got time for one more

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01:25:15,110 --> 01:25:13,679

question you got that you got one last

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01:25:16,570 --> 01:25:15,120

one

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01:25:19,590 --> 01:25:16,580

no i'll leave that to you frank

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01:25:21,510 --> 01:25:19,600

[Laughter]

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01:25:23,750 --> 01:25:21,520

no i don't i don't have one oh you don't

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01:25:26,870 --> 01:25:23,760

have one i think i've uh i think we've

2302

01:25:28,310 --> 01:25:26,880

gone through all the ones i notated okay

2303

01:25:29,189 --> 01:25:28,320

all right so

2304

01:25:30,470 --> 01:25:29,199

um

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01:25:33,590 --> 01:25:30,480

oh here we go

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01:25:35,669 --> 01:25:33,600

um once they are located uh

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01:25:39,270 --> 01:25:35,679

they can they can be studied for

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01:25:41,350 --> 01:25:39,280

atmosphere um not well to some extent

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01:25:42,950 --> 01:25:41,360

now but obviously once james webb

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01:25:44,870 --> 01:25:42,960

launches and we're able to look further

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01:25:46,229 --> 01:25:44,880

into the spectrum that will be a case

2312

01:25:47,189 --> 01:25:46,239

that's more or less what we just talked

2313

01:25:48,629 --> 01:25:47,199

about

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01:25:52,149 --> 01:25:48,639

ah here's a good one

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01:25:54,790 --> 01:25:52,159

how long after the launch of james webb

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01:25:57,750 --> 01:25:54,800

can we start to expect to see any data

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01:25:59,189 --> 01:25:57,760

or any studies

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01:26:01,590 --> 01:25:59,199

so there's going to be a commissioning

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01:26:04,149 --> 01:26:01,600

period um well well first of all the

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01:26:06,790 --> 01:26:04,159

telescope james space telescope has to

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01:26:09,590 --> 01:26:06,800

get to its uh launch point and then it

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01:26:10,870 --> 01:26:09,600

has to deploy its sunshield and its

2323

01:26:12,870 --> 01:26:10,880

mirrors and everything else and then

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01:26:14,149 --> 01:26:12,880

we'll go for a commissioning period and

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01:26:15,430 --> 01:26:14,159

where all of the instrument teams will

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01:26:16,950 --> 01:26:15,440

make sure that everything is up and

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01:26:19,830 --> 01:26:16,960

running as expected

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01:26:22,149 --> 01:26:19,840

um and then we're gonna be on early

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01:26:22,950 --> 01:26:22,159

release science so the first data coming

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01:26:23,910 --> 01:26:22,960

through

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01:26:27,110 --> 01:26:23,920

will be

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01:26:29,430 --> 01:26:27,120

uh plus six months or so after launch um

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01:26:31,270 --> 01:26:29,440

don't quote my exact number on that

2334

01:26:33,110 --> 01:26:31,280

i'm sure someone who works for jwsu is

2335

01:26:34,950 --> 01:26:33,120

screaming at me right now um but it will

2336

01:26:37,030 --> 01:26:34,960

be it will be about six months or so

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01:26:38,870 --> 01:26:37,040

after launch will be

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01:26:40,070 --> 01:26:38,880

when the first first data starts coming

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01:26:42,950 --> 01:26:40,080

through yeah

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01:26:45,669 --> 01:26:42,960

and don't worry you can hear our anxiety

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01:26:47,910 --> 01:26:45,679

from miles away during that period i

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01:26:50,550 --> 01:26:47,920

have my own anxiety about it so

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01:26:52,790 --> 01:26:50,560

everything's gonna be fine we will all

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01:26:54,550 --> 01:26:52,800

have our lucky talismans in our ways to

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01:26:56,149 --> 01:26:54,560

deal with all this yes

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01:26:58,470 --> 01:26:56,159

actually i did find a question that i

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01:27:01,430 --> 01:26:58,480

wrote down that um bring it on pretty

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01:27:04,550 --> 01:27:01,440

good it says um when a planet is

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01:27:06,070 --> 01:27:04,560

entitled lock with its star

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01:27:07,990 --> 01:27:06,080

how does that affect the chances for

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01:27:09,830 --> 01:27:08,000

finding life on that planet

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01:27:11,669 --> 01:27:09,840

yeah that's a that's actually a really

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01:27:13,830 --> 01:27:11,679

interesting question so

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01:27:16,229 --> 01:27:13,840

in that case you would have a planet

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01:27:17,910 --> 01:27:16,239

that's orbiting very close to its star

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01:27:19,510 --> 01:27:17,920

and so close that it gets tightly locked

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01:27:20,709 --> 01:27:19,520

so one side is always staring at the

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01:27:22,870 --> 01:27:20,719

star and the other side is always

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01:27:24,790 --> 01:27:22,880

staring um out from the star but the

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01:27:26,870 --> 01:27:24,800

problem with that is the side that's

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01:27:29,750 --> 01:27:26,880

tightly locked and staring at the star

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01:27:31,510 --> 01:27:29,760

is gonna be super super hot and super

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01:27:32,709 --> 01:27:31,520

probably inhabitable and then on the

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01:27:34,629 --> 01:27:32,719

other side you're gonna have the very

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01:27:35,669 --> 01:27:34,639

much the opposite problem uh where

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01:27:37,750 --> 01:27:35,679

you're gonna have this extremely

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01:27:39,910 --> 01:27:37,760

extremely cold side um that's

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01:27:41,510 --> 01:27:39,920

potentially not habitable so

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01:27:43,669 --> 01:27:41,520

it's a little bit more complicated than

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01:27:46,709 --> 01:27:43,679

that but these aren't the most amenable

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01:27:48,629 --> 01:27:46,719

planets to look for for habitability um

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01:27:50,149 --> 01:27:48,639

the conversation is a bit more complex

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01:27:52,550 --> 01:27:50,159

than that but that's kind of the bottom

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01:27:55,030 --> 01:27:52,560

line is probably not the best ones to

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01:27:57,110 --> 01:27:55,040

look at um but yeah

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01:28:00,470 --> 01:27:57,120

yeah okay that's fantastic

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01:28:03,590 --> 01:28:00,480

all right so emily fantastic talk a

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01:28:05,430 --> 01:28:03,600

fantastic subject that we will be

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01:28:09,030 --> 01:28:05,440

revisiting over and over again through

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01:28:10,550 --> 01:28:09,040

the public lecture series um next month

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01:28:13,910 --> 01:28:10,560

on july

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01:28:17,270 --> 01:28:13,920

6th uh quinn hart will be talking on

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01:28:20,550 --> 01:28:17,280

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