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00:00:06,590 --> 00:00:05,329  
hello and welcome to NASA's Jet

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00:00:08,870 --> 00:00:06,600  
Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena

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00:00:12,080 --> 00:00:08,880  
California for our monthly public

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00:00:14,770 --> 00:00:12,090  
lecture the von Karman series the title

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00:00:17,570 --> 00:00:14,780  
of our show this month the golden age of

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00:00:20,179 --> 00:00:17,580  
exoplanet exploration as we'll discuss

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00:00:22,279 --> 00:00:20,189  
with our speakers later on there's some

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00:00:24,019 --> 00:00:22,289  
room for debate whether that's golden

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00:00:26,540 --> 00:00:24,029  
ages upon us right now or whether it's

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00:00:28,160 --> 00:00:26,550  
still to come and don't worry if you are

11  
00:00:30,980 --> 00:00:28,170  
scratching your head out there wondering

12  
00:00:32,299 --> 00:00:30,990  
just what the heck is an exoplanet we've

13  
00:00:33,740 --> 00:00:32,309

got you covered

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00:00:35,720 --> 00:00:33,750

we'll hear from two speakers this

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00:00:36,709 --> 00:00:35,730

evening followed by some discussion with

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00:00:38,690 --> 00:00:36,719

them and then we'll take your questions

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00:00:40,910 --> 00:00:38,700

and if you're watching our live webcast

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00:00:43,610 --> 00:00:40,920

you can submit questions via the YouTube

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00:00:46,130 --> 00:00:43,620

chat and we'll take some of those later

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00:00:47,990 --> 00:00:46,140

on and so to start us off our first

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00:00:50,209 --> 00:00:48,000

speaker is a research scientist at the

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00:00:52,850 --> 00:00:50,219

NASA exoplanet science Institute at

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00:00:55,970 --> 00:00:52,860

Caltech where she searches for discovers

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00:00:57,500 --> 00:00:55,980

and characterizes extrasolar planets she

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00:00:59,330 --> 00:00:57,510

also keeps track of all the known

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00:01:02,360 --> 00:00:59,340

exoplanets and their properties in

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00:01:11,760 --> 00:01:02,370

nasa's exoplanet archive please welcome

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00:01:15,130 --> 00:01:13,539

hi everybody

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00:01:17,170 --> 00:01:15,140

I'm very excited to be here tonight to

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00:01:19,480 --> 00:01:17,180

talk with you about the Golden Age of

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00:01:21,100 --> 00:01:19,490

exoplanet exploration and not just

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00:01:23,649 --> 00:01:21,110

because I believe it's the Golden Age of

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00:01:25,120 --> 00:01:23,659

exoplanet exploration for everybody but

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00:01:28,440 --> 00:01:25,130

that it really is genuinely for me

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00:01:30,460 --> 00:01:28,450

personally let me tell you a story

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00:01:32,740 --> 00:01:30,470

fifteen years ago when I was a

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00:01:35,109 --> 00:01:32,750

fresh-faced young grad student looking

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00:01:36,520 --> 00:01:35,119

for a research project exoplanets had

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00:01:39,639 --> 00:01:36,530

just started to capture the public

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00:01:42,450 --> 00:01:39,649

imagination and I thought now there's an

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00:01:45,279 --> 00:01:42,460

exciting idea I could hunt for planets

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00:01:47,950 --> 00:01:45,289

so I set out on a quest I would find an

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00:01:49,570 --> 00:01:47,960

exoplanet the first two years of my

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00:01:53,230 --> 00:01:49,580

thesis I did a survey from the South

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00:01:54,790 --> 00:01:53,240

Pole in Antarctica no exoplanets the

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00:01:56,380 --> 00:01:54,800

second two years of my thesis I did a

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00:01:57,160 --> 00:01:56,390

survey from the countryside in New South

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00:02:00,279 --> 00:01:57,170

Wales Australia

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00:02:03,910 --> 00:02:00,289

no exoplanets I got a thesis but no

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00:02:05,919 --> 00:02:03,920

exoplanets I moved to the US and did a

51  
00:02:08,199 --> 00:02:05,929  
research position at Harvard University

52  
00:02:10,540 --> 00:02:08,209  
I spent two years using the nasa EPOXI

53  
00:02:13,270 --> 00:02:10,550  
mission to look for exoplanets no

54  
00:02:14,920 --> 00:02:13,280  
exoplanets so at this point I had looked

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00:02:17,380 --> 00:02:14,930  
at literally hundreds of thousands of

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00:02:18,690 --> 00:02:17,390  
stars looking for exoplanets and I was

57  
00:02:21,310 --> 00:02:18,700  
starting to feel a little discouraged

58  
00:02:23,289 --> 00:02:21,320  
but then I got the email that would

59  
00:02:25,569 --> 00:02:23,299  
change my life which was an invitation

60  
00:02:28,390 --> 00:02:25,579  
to join NASA's spectacularly successful

61  
00:02:30,940 --> 00:02:28,400  
and sadly very recently departed Kepler

62  
00:02:32,680 --> 00:02:30,950  
mission now with Kepler I was lucky

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00:02:35,229 --> 00:02:32,690

enough to find thousands of exoplanets

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00:02:36,970 --> 00:02:35,239

so for me the quest was finally realized

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00:02:38,770 --> 00:02:36,980

and it truly is the golden age of

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00:02:40,870 --> 00:02:38,780

exoplanet exploration because those

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00:02:43,030 --> 00:02:40,880

thousands of exoplanets have turned out

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00:02:44,560 --> 00:02:43,040

to be so much more incredibly diverse

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00:02:47,400 --> 00:02:44,570

and interesting than we even could have

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00:02:50,949 --> 00:02:47,410

imagined so let's go on that journey

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00:02:55,479 --> 00:02:50,959

okay so let's start a step back for a

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00:02:57,250 --> 00:02:55,489

second what is an exoplanet okay this is

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00:02:59,699 --> 00:02:57,260

a graphic of our solar system not to

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00:03:05,880 --> 00:03:02,910

we have one star in our solar system the

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00:03:09,869 --> 00:03:05,890

Sun our Sun is a star we have eight

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00:03:11,610 --> 00:03:09,879

planets boo hiss Shh I know I know

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00:03:13,020 --> 00:03:11,620

tomorrow night Mike Brown is talking all

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00:03:15,569 --> 00:03:13,030

about why he killed a Pluto down at

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00:03:19,080 --> 00:03:15,579

Caltech so go see that talk okay we have

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00:03:20,819 --> 00:03:19,090

eight planets we also have dwarf planets

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00:03:22,649 --> 00:03:20,829

which is this new bucket that Pluto and

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00:03:24,300 --> 00:03:22,659

his friends all fell into place Edna

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00:03:27,899 --> 00:03:24,310

Makemake Eris and Sarah's they're all

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00:03:29,879 --> 00:03:27,909

dwarf planets we also have minor planets

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00:03:31,020 --> 00:03:29,889

which is basically everything in the

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00:03:32,520 --> 00:03:31,030

solar system that's bigger than a grain

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00:03:36,509 --> 00:03:32,530

of dust that we've managed to catalog

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00:03:40,559 --> 00:03:36,519

and we have found over 700,000 of those

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00:03:43,259 --> 00:03:40,569

the solar system is a dusty place but

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00:03:46,470 --> 00:03:43,269

what our exoplanets exoplanets are

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00:03:48,569 --> 00:03:46,480

planets around other stars for thousands

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00:03:51,420 --> 00:03:48,579

of years people had thought about the

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00:03:53,729 --> 00:03:51,430

idea of exoplanets our Sun is a star our

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00:03:58,740 --> 00:03:53,739

sky is full of stars do those stars have

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00:04:00,089 --> 00:03:58,750

planets around them too so over 2,000

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00:04:01,050 --> 00:04:00,099

years ago the Greek philosophers were

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00:04:03,059 --> 00:04:01,060

talking about this

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00:04:04,530 --> 00:04:03,069

they were theorizing whether earth was

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00:04:06,839 --> 00:04:04,540

singular or plural were there other

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00:04:08,580 --> 00:04:06,849

Earth's out there and they were talking

101  
00:04:09,750 --> 00:04:08,590  
about it in a very hypothetical sense

102  
00:04:11,849 --> 00:04:09,760  
kind of the way we think about

103  
00:04:13,710 --> 00:04:11,859  
multiverses today like a really cool

104  
00:04:15,960 --> 00:04:13,720  
thought experiment but like no chance of

105  
00:04:17,099 --> 00:04:15,970  
ever really testing it but they thought

106  
00:04:18,390 --> 00:04:17,109  
it was fun to talk about they did the

107  
00:04:19,140 --> 00:04:18,400  
Greek philosopher thing of just sitting

108  
00:04:20,789 --> 00:04:19,150  
around and chatting

109  
00:04:24,270 --> 00:04:20,799  
do you think that there's one earth or

110  
00:04:27,089 --> 00:04:24,280  
multiple earths so a few thousand years

111  
00:04:29,339 --> 00:04:27,099  
go by and we come up to the Renaissance

112  
00:04:31,170 --> 00:04:29,349  
the Renaissance was a good time to be a

113  
00:04:33,980 --> 00:04:31,180

scientist was a bad time to be a

114

00:04:36,290 --> 00:04:33,990

scientist who said this

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00:04:38,150 --> 00:04:36,300

there are countless sons and countless

116

00:04:40,010 --> 00:04:38,160

Earth's all rotating around to their

117

00:04:41,659 --> 00:04:40,020

sons in exactly the same way as the

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00:04:43,279 --> 00:04:41,669

seven planets of our solar system this

119

00:04:44,420 --> 00:04:43,289

was before Neptune and then Pluto and

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00:04:46,909 --> 00:04:44,430

they're not Pluto again so they were

121

00:04:48,710 --> 00:04:46,919

seven so this was Jay Don Oh Bruno who

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00:04:50,930 --> 00:04:48,720

was an Italian mathematician who was

123

00:04:52,219 --> 00:04:50,940

burned at the stake for saying this

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00:04:53,480 --> 00:04:52,229

amongst other things he said a lot of

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00:04:54,379 --> 00:04:53,490

very silly things about the church at

126  
00:04:55,730 --> 00:04:54,389  
the time when you shouldn't have said

127  
00:04:56,870 --> 00:04:55,740  
silly things about the church but this

128  
00:04:58,580 --> 00:04:56,880  
is one of the things he said that got

129  
00:05:01,010 --> 00:04:58,590  
him in hot water that there were planets

130  
00:05:02,480 --> 00:05:01,020  
going around other stars so one of the

131  
00:05:05,059 --> 00:05:02,490  
reasons I particularly want to bring up

132  
00:05:07,879 --> 00:05:05,069  
Bruno is he really articulated for the

133  
00:05:08,839 --> 00:05:07,889  
first time that we know of why we

134  
00:05:10,279 --> 00:05:08,849  
haven't found them yet we've been

135  
00:05:12,020 --> 00:05:10,289  
imagining them for thousands of years

136  
00:05:14,180 --> 00:05:12,030  
why haven't we found them yet because

137  
00:05:15,950 --> 00:05:14,190  
stars are really big and really bright

138  
00:05:18,140 --> 00:05:15,960

and planets are really small and really

139

00:05:22,490 --> 00:05:18,150

dark it's incredibly hard to solve that

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00:05:25,760 --> 00:05:22,500

problem so let's go forward another 400

141

00:05:28,279 --> 00:05:25,770

years or so and we get to 1950 52 - a

142

00:05:29,810 --> 00:05:28,289

man called Otto Struve and he comes up

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00:05:33,080 --> 00:05:29,820

with an idea of how we might do this how

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00:05:35,629 --> 00:05:33,090

we might detect these exit weapons so in

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00:05:37,760 --> 00:05:35,639

1952 we already knew about binary stars

146

00:05:39,379 --> 00:05:37,770

so two stars going around each other

147

00:05:40,909 --> 00:05:39,389

orbiting each other and they can all be

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00:05:42,140 --> 00:05:40,919

very close to each other binary stars

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00:05:45,020 --> 00:05:42,150

can orbit each other in just a few hours

150

00:05:46,969 --> 00:05:45,030

or a few days if you look at the stars

151  
00:05:48,320 --> 00:05:46,979  
in the sky you can see them doing this

152  
00:05:49,550 --> 00:05:48,330  
they move towards you and move away they

153  
00:05:50,839 --> 00:05:49,560  
move toward you they move away as

154  
00:05:54,709 --> 00:05:50,849  
they're dancing around each other we

155  
00:05:56,749 --> 00:05:54,719  
knew that already and Otto said what if

156  
00:05:58,700 --> 00:05:56,759  
we take one of those stars out and put a

157  
00:06:00,589 --> 00:05:58,710  
planet there instead it would have to be

158  
00:06:02,870 --> 00:06:00,599  
a really big planet and we'd have to be

159  
00:06:05,330 --> 00:06:02,880  
very close to the star orbiting the star

160  
00:06:06,320 --> 00:06:05,340  
in only a few days but maybe if the

161  
00:06:08,060 --> 00:06:06,330  
planet was big enough and close enough

162  
00:06:11,089 --> 00:06:08,070  
we'd be able to see the motion of That

163  
00:06:12,589 --> 00:06:11,099

star what he was proposing is the radial

164

00:06:15,469 --> 00:06:12,599

velocity method this is one of the ways

165

00:06:17,749 --> 00:06:15,479

we used to detect planets so here's this

166

00:06:20,089 --> 00:06:17,759

star in the middle of this exoplanet

167

00:06:21,860 --> 00:06:20,099

system and here is I'm still just

168

00:06:24,830 --> 00:06:21,870

getting used to this here is the planet

169

00:06:26,570 --> 00:06:24,840

going around so the star moves towards

170

00:06:28,189 --> 00:06:26,580

us at the moment and then wait a little

171

00:06:29,689 --> 00:06:28,199

bit and the Stars moving away from us

172

00:06:30,980 --> 00:06:29,699

again we can see this in the light curve

173

00:06:33,969 --> 00:06:30,990

of the star that the Stars moving

174

00:06:36,020 --> 00:06:33,979

towards us in away from us the thing is

175

00:06:38,570 --> 00:06:36,030

everybody at the time I can only imagine

176  
00:06:40,850 --> 00:06:38,580  
was like Auto that's crazy I assume his

177  
00:06:42,769 --> 00:06:40,860  
friends called him Auto the reason

178  
00:06:45,230 --> 00:06:42,779  
that's crazy is because until that point

179  
00:06:46,700 --> 00:06:45,240  
we only had one planetary system which

180  
00:06:48,710 --> 00:06:46,710  
was our solar system and I

181  
00:06:50,720 --> 00:06:48,720  
showed it to you we have rocky planets

182  
00:06:52,670 --> 00:06:50,730  
small rocky planets close to the Sun and

183  
00:06:54,260 --> 00:06:52,680  
big gas giants and ice giants further

184  
00:06:56,270 --> 00:06:54,270  
out that's what our solar system looks

185  
00:06:58,160 --> 00:06:56,280  
like so all our theories about how

186  
00:07:00,110 --> 00:06:58,170  
planet systems form and evolve and

187  
00:07:02,300 --> 00:07:00,120  
migrate we're geared towards reproducing

188  
00:07:04,130 --> 00:07:02,310

our solar system if your simulation

189

00:07:06,560 --> 00:07:04,140

created a giant planet like Jupiter and

190

00:07:08,270 --> 00:07:06,570

then moved it right next to the Sun well

191

00:07:09,440 --> 00:07:08,280

you'd be like okay I've got a I've got

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00:07:11,510 --> 00:07:09,450

something wrong I've got to go back to

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00:07:12,890 --> 00:07:11,520

my calculation to try again so this idea

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00:07:14,600 --> 00:07:12,900

that he had that we could detect these

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00:07:20,290 --> 00:07:14,610

planets the idea that these planets

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00:07:26,510 --> 00:07:24,470

let's fast forward 40 more years 1995

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00:07:28,910 --> 00:07:26,520

the first exoplanet was finally found

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00:07:29,930 --> 00:07:28,920

after thousands of years of wondering

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00:07:31,700 --> 00:07:29,940

whether there were planets around other

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00:07:34,400 --> 00:07:31,710

stars the first planet orbiting a star

201  
00:07:36,410 --> 00:07:34,410  
like our Sun was found and it was found

202  
00:07:38,690 --> 00:07:36,420  
using the radial velocity method which

203  
00:07:40,340 --> 00:07:38,700  
is an amazing thing so for 40 years this

204  
00:07:42,440 --> 00:07:40,350  
paper had like seven citations

205  
00:07:45,370 --> 00:07:42,450  
now it's had 700 because everyone's like

206  
00:07:47,600 --> 00:07:45,380  
oh he was right that's cool

207  
00:07:49,520 --> 00:07:47,610  
the other method I want to talk about

208  
00:07:53,030 --> 00:07:49,530  
because it's important for the rest of

209  
00:07:55,040 --> 00:07:53,040  
our talks is the transit method this is

210  
00:07:56,540 --> 00:07:55,050  
another way we use to define to find

211  
00:07:58,820 --> 00:07:56,550  
planets and it's the most successful one

212  
00:08:00,590 --> 00:07:58,830  
we've used so far so the transit method

213  
00:08:03,230 --> 00:08:00,600

relies on the fact that if your planet

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00:08:04,580 --> 00:08:03,240

system is lined up just right then the

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00:08:06,890 --> 00:08:04,590

planet will go in front of the star that

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00:08:08,540 --> 00:08:06,900

you're observing now we can't resolve

217

00:08:10,430 --> 00:08:08,550

this with our eyes we can't see your

218

00:08:11,810 --> 00:08:10,440

planet going in front of a star but if

219

00:08:13,660 --> 00:08:11,820

we're just measuring the brightness of

220

00:08:15,770 --> 00:08:13,670

That star over and over and over again

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00:08:17,210 --> 00:08:15,780

occasionally when the planet comes in

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00:08:18,830 --> 00:08:17,220

front there'll be a dip the star will

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00:08:20,300 --> 00:08:18,840

look like it gets dimmer just for a

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00:08:22,430 --> 00:08:20,310

little little while and then it'll get

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00:08:24,440 --> 00:08:22,440

bright again and then sometime later

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00:08:26,210 --> 00:08:24,450

it'll get dimmer again so if you were an

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00:08:27,920 --> 00:08:26,220

alien civilization looking at our Sun

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00:08:30,920 --> 00:08:27,930

and you were lined up just the right way

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00:08:32,210 --> 00:08:30,930

every 365 days you would see a little

230

00:08:34,040 --> 00:08:32,220

dip and that would be Earth going in

231

00:08:35,750 --> 00:08:34,050

front of the Sun so this is the transit

232

00:08:37,310 --> 00:08:35,760

method so what we do is monitor the

233

00:08:38,780 --> 00:08:37,320

brightness of tens or hundreds of

234

00:08:41,440 --> 00:08:38,790

thousands of stars which is what I did

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00:08:45,230 --> 00:08:41,450

during my thesis and look for these dips

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00:08:47,980 --> 00:08:45,240

and with this transit method we've

237

00:08:50,450 --> 00:08:47,990

managed to find thousands of planets and

238

00:08:51,980 --> 00:08:50,460

they were nothing like we expected so as

239

00:08:53,840 --> 00:08:51,990

I said we were expecting to find our

240

00:08:55,570 --> 00:08:53,850

solar system that's all we knew and we

241

00:08:58,640 --> 00:08:55,580

went out there and we found anything but

242

00:08:59,199 --> 00:08:58,650

so what did we find the first kind of

243

00:09:00,790 --> 00:08:59,209

new interesting

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00:09:02,650 --> 00:09:00,800

we found thing we found because it was

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00:09:04,540 --> 00:09:02,660

the easiest thing to find with these hot

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00:09:05,710 --> 00:09:04,550

Jupiters we call them hot Jupiters

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00:09:07,059 --> 00:09:05,720

because they're jupiter-sized planets

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00:09:08,980 --> 00:09:07,069

that are thousands of degrees and we

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00:09:12,069 --> 00:09:08,990

have no imagination so they're called

250

00:09:15,189 --> 00:09:12,079

hot Jupiters and the first one we found

251  
00:09:17,169 --> 00:09:15,199  
was called 51 peg so what I'm going to

252  
00:09:19,540 --> 00:09:17,179  
show tonight are a series of the

253  
00:09:21,549 --> 00:09:19,550  
exoplanet exploration officers travel

254  
00:09:22,989 --> 00:09:21,559  
Bureau posters and I believe there are a

255  
00:09:25,090 --> 00:09:22,999  
bunch of these available for people to

256  
00:09:26,439 --> 00:09:25,100  
take tonight so this is also an

257  
00:09:27,970 --> 00:09:26,449  
advertisement for the excellent

258  
00:09:30,699 --> 00:09:27,980  
excellent graphic artists we have here

259  
00:09:32,019 --> 00:09:30,709  
at JPL so this was the first planet that

260  
00:09:33,850 --> 00:09:32,029  
was discovered the reason there are

261  
00:09:35,889 --> 00:09:33,860  
several other planets on this posters

262  
00:09:37,449 --> 00:09:35,899  
there's some debate over which planet

263  
00:09:39,400 --> 00:09:37,459

was found first and by whom and when it

264

00:09:41,590 --> 00:09:39,410

was confirmed always the way everyone's

265

00:09:44,439 --> 00:09:41,600

racing but here's our first exoplanet

266

00:09:46,540 --> 00:09:44,449

and it was a hot Jupiter and so we found

267

00:09:48,340 --> 00:09:46,550

many more of these now and as I said

268

00:09:50,169 --> 00:09:48,350

they completely trashed our previous

269

00:09:52,199 --> 00:09:50,179

theories of how planets formed now we

270

00:09:54,609 --> 00:09:52,209

have to somehow form a giant planet

271

00:09:55,840 --> 00:09:54,619

probably far away from the star although

272

00:09:58,179 --> 00:09:55,850

there's a few theories that they might

273

00:10:00,340 --> 00:09:58,189

form right next to the star then we have

274

00:10:02,379 --> 00:10:00,350

to migrate it all the way in but not all

275

00:10:04,329 --> 00:10:02,389

the way into the star has to stop a few

276  
00:10:05,919 --> 00:10:04,339  
days away from the star and sit there

277  
00:10:07,379 --> 00:10:05,929  
for a while and there's all these

278  
00:10:13,569 --> 00:10:07,389  
interesting properties of these planets

279  
00:10:15,220 --> 00:10:13,579  
my favorite hd1 8 973 3 B is a is a

280  
00:10:17,199 --> 00:10:15,230  
really well study it's a really real

281  
00:10:18,819 --> 00:10:17,209  
really well study planet we've been able

282  
00:10:20,590 --> 00:10:18,829  
to measure the composition of its

283  
00:10:22,660 --> 00:10:20,600  
atmosphere and Carl will talk a little

284  
00:10:24,369 --> 00:10:22,670  
bit about how we do this we've been able

285  
00:10:25,840 --> 00:10:24,379  
to measure the wind speed in the

286  
00:10:27,009 --> 00:10:25,850  
atmosphere and we've been able to

287  
00:10:29,559 --> 00:10:27,019  
measure the temperature of the

288  
00:10:31,389 --> 00:10:29,569

atmosphere so for this planet HD one

289

00:10:33,939 --> 00:10:31,399

eight nine seven three three B when I

290

00:10:36,639 --> 00:10:33,949

say it's hot it is so hot it is raining

291

00:10:39,369 --> 00:10:36,649

liquid glass sideways in the atmosphere

292

00:10:40,689 --> 00:10:39,379

of this planet so yes we're we're

293

00:10:44,949 --> 00:10:40,699

waiting for spring to come back to LA

294

00:10:47,470 --> 00:10:44,959

there they're already deep in summer all

295

00:10:49,359 --> 00:10:47,480

right we didn't just find big hot

296

00:10:51,309 --> 00:10:49,369

planets we found small hot planets as

297

00:10:53,169 --> 00:10:51,319

well this new class of planets that we

298

00:10:56,350 --> 00:10:53,179

call larval worlds these are planets

299

00:10:58,090 --> 00:10:56,360

which are rock little rocks but they're

300

00:10:59,439 --> 00:10:58,100

so close to their star again like these

301  
00:11:01,239 --> 00:10:59,449  
hot Jupiters that there are thousands of

302  
00:11:04,780 --> 00:11:01,249  
degrees so they're so hot that their

303  
00:11:07,840 --> 00:11:04,790  
surface is a molten lava world's the

304  
00:11:09,819 --> 00:11:07,850  
first one we found was kepler-10c and

305  
00:11:12,470 --> 00:11:09,829  
now I want to say it was B I want to say

306  
00:11:15,230 --> 00:11:12,480  
C kepler-10c and which was the first

307  
00:11:17,569 --> 00:11:15,240  
sighs planet we found so this one 55

308  
00:11:20,449 --> 00:11:17,579  
Cancri E is actually twice the size of

309  
00:11:21,650 --> 00:11:20,459  
Earth which leads me to my second big

310  
00:11:25,879 --> 00:11:21,660  
class of interesting planets that we

311  
00:11:27,379 --> 00:11:25,889  
found which is super Earths because we

312  
00:11:31,370 --> 00:11:27,389  
want to get funding so we call them

313  
00:11:32,750 --> 00:11:31,380

super whatsit super earth so here I'm

314

00:11:34,970 --> 00:11:32,760

going to show all the planets in our

315

00:11:39,110 --> 00:11:34,980

solar system to scale so we've got

316

00:11:41,660 --> 00:11:39,120

Jupiter Saturn Uranus Neptune then we

317

00:11:44,030 --> 00:11:41,670

have the inner planets Venus Mars

318

00:11:45,590 --> 00:11:44,040

Mercury okay so you can see already

319

00:11:47,240 --> 00:11:45,600

there's an interesting structure just in

320

00:11:49,250 --> 00:11:47,250

our solar system we have these four

321

00:11:50,540 --> 00:11:49,260

small planets and we have a big jump to

322

00:11:53,930 --> 00:11:50,550

the ice giants and then we have another

323

00:11:56,240 --> 00:11:53,940

big jump to the gas giants this is where

324

00:11:58,579 --> 00:11:56,250

55 Cancri EU eyes it's two times the

325

00:12:00,500 --> 00:11:58,589

size of the earth and actually when we

326

00:12:02,389 --> 00:12:00,510

look with the Kepler telescope these

327

00:12:03,939 --> 00:12:02,399

super Earths or sub Neptune's depending

328

00:12:07,129 --> 00:12:03,949

on who you're trying to get funding from

329

00:12:09,139 --> 00:12:07,139

are the most common kind of planet we

330

00:12:10,670 --> 00:12:09,149

found they seem to be everywhere and

331

00:12:11,870 --> 00:12:10,680

that's a mystery because in our solar

332

00:12:13,639 --> 00:12:11,880

system we have eight planets we have

333

00:12:15,939 --> 00:12:13,649

nothing in the size range but these seem

334

00:12:18,680 --> 00:12:15,949

to be the most common planets out there

335

00:12:21,290 --> 00:12:18,690

now the reason it's a fun mystery for

336

00:12:25,100 --> 00:12:21,300

the rest of us is what are they made of

337

00:12:27,590 --> 00:12:25,110

are they rocks that got big are they ice

338

00:12:29,180 --> 00:12:27,600

giants that got small are they something

339

00:12:30,920 --> 00:12:29,190

we don't have in our solar system like

340

00:12:32,689 --> 00:12:30,930

Waterworld some of them seem to have the

341

00:12:34,460 --> 00:12:32,699

density of the same density as water is

342

00:12:37,340 --> 00:12:34,470

it just a big glob of water really hot

343

00:12:39,230 --> 00:12:37,350

water so it's a mystery and it's really

344

00:12:40,490 --> 00:12:39,240

exciting because we love mysteries so we

345

00:12:45,110 --> 00:12:40,500

have this whole new class of planets we

346

00:12:46,759 --> 00:12:45,120

found called super Earths okay so we

347

00:12:48,650 --> 00:12:46,769

haven't just found diverse kinds of

348

00:12:51,379 --> 00:12:48,660

planets we've also found them in very

349

00:12:53,439 --> 00:12:51,389

diverse situations so I stressed at the

350

00:12:56,030 --> 00:12:53,449

start that our solar system has one star

351  
00:12:59,960 --> 00:12:56,040  
now who here has seen the original Star

352  
00:13:04,009 --> 00:12:59,970  
Wars yeah yeah it seems like that kind

353  
00:13:05,900 --> 00:13:04,019  
of crowd so in in in a new hope you have

354  
00:13:09,019 --> 00:13:05,910  
Luke standing on the surface of Tatooine

355  
00:13:11,809 --> 00:13:09,029  
watching the Sun set how many stars are

356  
00:13:14,090 --> 00:13:11,819  
there two so George Lucas had this

357  
00:13:15,470 --> 00:13:14,100  
vision like 40 years ago that there

358  
00:13:17,030 --> 00:13:15,480  
could be planets around binary stars

359  
00:13:19,490 --> 00:13:17,040  
this was before we even knew there were

360  
00:13:22,660 --> 00:13:19,500  
planets and we found it we found

361  
00:13:24,550 --> 00:13:22,670  
Tatooine we call it kepler 16b but

362  
00:13:26,590 --> 00:13:24,560  
it's a planet that orbits two stars and

363  
00:13:27,790 --> 00:13:26,600

actually if you do the correction if you

364

00:13:29,530 --> 00:13:27,800

do the color correction right they're

365

00:13:31,810 --> 00:13:29,540

the same color is the two stars in

366

00:13:33,490 --> 00:13:31,820

George Lucas's imagining of this the

367

00:13:34,810 --> 00:13:33,500

sizes aren't quite right relative to

368

00:13:38,620 --> 00:13:34,820

each other but the colors are right so

369

00:13:39,910 --> 00:13:38,630

then he did really well and so far we

370

00:13:42,400 --> 00:13:39,920

found really a dozen of these

371

00:13:44,290 --> 00:13:42,410

circumbinary planets which is really

372

00:13:46,330 --> 00:13:44,300

interesting because half the stars we

373

00:13:47,770 --> 00:13:46,340

see in the sky are binary systems so

374

00:13:49,300 --> 00:13:47,780

knowing that they can have planets

375

00:13:51,010 --> 00:13:49,310

around them that you can have stable

376

00:13:52,870 --> 00:13:51,020

planetary orbits around binary systems

377

00:13:54,250 --> 00:13:52,880

really opens up the possibilities of

378

00:13:57,790 --> 00:13:54,260

where we might be finding these planets

379

00:13:59,560 --> 00:13:57,800

so that was really exciting another

380

00:14:01,810 --> 00:13:59,570

thing we found that's really different

381

00:14:04,450 --> 00:14:01,820

from our solar system is really crowded

382

00:14:06,340 --> 00:14:04,460

planetary systems so in our solar system

383

00:14:09,310 --> 00:14:06,350

mercury is the closest planet to our Sun

384

00:14:10,900 --> 00:14:09,320

it has a period or a year of 88 days it

385

00:14:13,330 --> 00:14:10,910

takes 88 days for Mercury to go all the

386

00:14:14,800 --> 00:14:13,340

way around and come back this what I'm

387

00:14:17,140 --> 00:14:14,810

about to show you is a system called k2

388

00:14:19,060 --> 00:14:17,150

138 which was found by citizen

389

00:14:22,480 --> 00:14:19,070

scientists in a project that I helped to

390

00:14:25,960 --> 00:14:22,490

start it has six planets that all have

391

00:14:27,940 --> 00:14:25,970

periods of 42 days or shorter so mercury

392

00:14:29,920 --> 00:14:27,950

is out here 88 there are six planets

393

00:14:33,840 --> 00:14:29,930

halfway between that distance and that

394

00:14:37,420 --> 00:14:33,850

star that's really incredible ecosystem

395

00:14:38,980 --> 00:14:37,430

is stable is really fascinating all the

396

00:14:40,750 --> 00:14:38,990

planets are in resonance with each other

397

00:14:43,120 --> 00:14:40,760

alright the five inter planets are all

398

00:14:44,860 --> 00:14:43,130

in resonance with each other so that

399

00:14:47,470 --> 00:14:44,870

means that their periods are related to

400

00:14:49,570 --> 00:14:47,480

each other by multiple integers so for

401  
00:14:50,770 --> 00:14:49,580  
every three times the inner planet goes

402  
00:14:53,050 --> 00:14:50,780  
around to the next planet goes around

403  
00:14:54,310 --> 00:14:53,060  
twice for every three times that planet

404  
00:14:56,950 --> 00:14:54,320  
goes around to the next planet goes

405  
00:14:59,200 --> 00:14:56,960  
around twice and so on 3 2 2 3 2 2 3 2 2

406  
00:15:00,970 --> 00:14:59,210  
all the way out through that system what

407  
00:15:03,280 --> 00:15:00,980  
that means is the system is musical

408  
00:15:04,630 --> 00:15:03,290  
because because resonances are musical

409  
00:15:12,900 --> 00:15:04,640  
intervals so let's listen to what the

410  
00:15:17,410 --> 00:15:14,980  
so every time one of the planets

411  
00:15:18,940 --> 00:15:17,420  
transits it makes a bawling sound and

412  
00:15:20,319 --> 00:15:18,950  
the bong is related to the period the

413  
00:15:22,269 --> 00:15:20,329

high-pitched one is the fastest-moving

414

00:15:26,350 --> 00:15:22,279

planet and the low-pitched one is the

415

00:15:28,300 --> 00:15:26,360

slowest moving planet the reason it

416

00:15:30,730 --> 00:15:28,310

sounds good is the three to two ratio is

417

00:15:32,519 --> 00:15:30,740

the perfect fifth interval which if you

418

00:15:35,290 --> 00:15:32,529

if you're into musical theory is a very

419

00:15:37,300 --> 00:15:35,300

standard tonic chord in the western

420

00:15:40,370 --> 00:15:37,310

music theory

421

00:15:42,260 --> 00:15:40,380

[Music]

422

00:15:44,310 --> 00:15:42,270

so this is just your moment of sin in

423

00:15:45,960 --> 00:15:44,320

the middle of my talk

424

00:15:47,759 --> 00:15:45,970

it just relax and listen to the music

425

00:15:50,040 --> 00:15:47,769

and think about the fact that these

426

00:15:52,110 --> 00:15:50,050

planets these planets are actually all

427

00:15:54,480 --> 00:15:52,120

only in less than 13 days the sixth

428

00:15:56,280 --> 00:15:54,490

planet is way out there at 42 days this

429

00:15:58,139 --> 00:15:56,290

is five planets in periods 13 days and

430

00:15:59,850 --> 00:15:58,149

shorter so I want to acknowledge that

431

00:16:02,280 --> 00:15:59,860

this animation was made by Matt Russo of

432

00:16:04,019 --> 00:16:02,290

system sounds he has made a bunch of a

433

00:16:05,550 --> 00:16:04,029

very awesome sonification of other

434

00:16:07,290 --> 00:16:05,560

exoplanet systems and solar system

435

00:16:12,449 --> 00:16:07,300

objects as well so go to system sounds

436

00:16:14,759 --> 00:16:12,459

and check that out okay so some of the

437

00:16:16,439 --> 00:16:14,769

planets in the k2 138 system are

438

00:16:18,329 --> 00:16:16,449

starting to get exciting for another

439

00:16:19,650 --> 00:16:18,339

reason not just because they're in

440

00:16:20,189 --> 00:16:19,660

compact systems and not just because

441

00:16:22,860 --> 00:16:20,199

there isn't it

442

00:16:25,220 --> 00:16:22,870

but because they're small one of our

443

00:16:27,240 --> 00:16:25,230

goals is to find planets like the earth

444

00:16:28,620 --> 00:16:27,250

so what do I mean by planets like the

445

00:16:29,999 --> 00:16:28,630

earth we have to be careful here there's

446

00:16:33,930 --> 00:16:30,009

lots of different ways a planet could be

447

00:16:35,309 --> 00:16:33,940

like the earth one is the size so we

448

00:16:37,710 --> 00:16:35,319

think planets the size of Earth are

449

00:16:39,150 --> 00:16:37,720

probably rocky if they were made of gas

450

00:16:41,160 --> 00:16:39,160

there was not enough matter that's not a

451

00:16:43,680 --> 00:16:41,170

mass to keep them as a ball so they

452

00:16:44,819 --> 00:16:43,690

probably need to be made of rock we need

453

00:16:46,559 --> 00:16:44,829

them to be the right temperature for

454

00:16:48,420 --> 00:16:46,569

liquid water and we could have a whole

455

00:16:50,970 --> 00:16:48,430

nother talk about what we mean by

456

00:16:52,439 --> 00:16:50,980

habitability and where life to be but

457

00:16:54,210 --> 00:16:52,449

the only place we know where life is is

458

00:16:56,100 --> 00:16:54,220

earth and all life on earth needs liquid

459

00:16:57,720 --> 00:16:56,110

water so we make that a criteria the

460

00:17:00,600 --> 00:16:57,730

temperature needs to be right for liquid

461

00:17:02,370 --> 00:17:00,610

water on the surface the other third

462

00:17:03,840 --> 00:17:02,380

criteria is that it's orbiting a star

463

00:17:05,280 --> 00:17:03,850

like the Sun and I'll explain a little

464

00:17:07,919 --> 00:17:05,290

bit more about why that's important in a

465

00:17:10,049 --> 00:17:07,929

minute but we have found another very

466

00:17:11,429 --> 00:17:10,059

interesting compact system of these

467

00:17:12,750 --> 00:17:11,439

small planets called Trappist one

468

00:17:14,939 --> 00:17:12,760

hopefully you've heard of Travis one

469

00:17:16,710 --> 00:17:14,949

it's one of our incredibly exciting rich

470

00:17:18,630 --> 00:17:16,720

planetary systems that we've found it

471

00:17:21,419 --> 00:17:18,640

has three planets that are the right

472

00:17:24,990 --> 00:17:21,429

size and the right temperature so that's

473

00:17:26,669 --> 00:17:25,000

really exciting it's also was discovered

474

00:17:29,010 --> 00:17:26,679

in part by the spectacular NASA

475

00:17:30,780 --> 00:17:29,020

telescope Spitzer and k2 k2 was a

476  
00:17:32,549 --> 00:17:30,790  
successor to the Kepler mission so we're

477  
00:17:34,620 --> 00:17:32,559  
particularly proud of it

478  
00:17:36,960 --> 00:17:34,630  
but this is starting to get towards the

479  
00:17:38,549 --> 00:17:36,970  
thing we're really asking about the

480  
00:17:40,620 --> 00:17:38,559  
whole purpose of the NASA Kepler mission

481  
00:17:42,810 --> 00:17:40,630  
was to measure how common are planets

482  
00:17:44,100 --> 00:17:42,820  
like the earth the right size the right

483  
00:17:47,640 --> 00:17:44,110  
temperature around the right kind of

484  
00:17:48,990 --> 00:17:47,650  
star and what we found is we think we

485  
00:17:50,299 --> 00:17:49,000  
had to make some guesses but we think

486  
00:17:55,370 --> 00:17:50,309  
that these planets are incredibly common

487  
00:18:02,940 --> 00:18:00,600  
look I lost my thing there we go okay so

488  
00:18:06,090 --> 00:18:02,950

we have found seven seven planets to the

489

00:18:08,940 --> 00:18:06,100

right size and the right temperature so

490

00:18:10,440 --> 00:18:08,950

they are Proxima Centauri B so hopefully

491

00:18:13,440 --> 00:18:10,450

you've heard of Proxima Centauri it's

492

00:18:15,420 --> 00:18:13,450

the closest star to our solar system so

493

00:18:17,820 --> 00:18:15,430

there's a our closest star system has

494

00:18:19,530 --> 00:18:17,830

three stars in it Alpha Centauri a Alpha

495

00:18:21,930 --> 00:18:19,540

Centauri B and Proxima Centauri

496

00:18:23,280 --> 00:18:21,940

and we found a rocky planet of the right

497

00:18:26,310 --> 00:18:23,290

temperature around Proxima Centauri

498

00:18:27,960 --> 00:18:26,320

that's really exciting that's that's you

499

00:18:32,190 --> 00:18:27,970

know 3.8 light-years away

500

00:18:35,310 --> 00:18:32,200

that's milliseconds or 3.8 is but it's

501  
00:18:36,810 --> 00:18:35,320  
very small here are the three Trappist

502  
00:18:38,370 --> 00:18:36,820  
planets that I just talked about trapars

503  
00:18:40,620 --> 00:18:38,380  
two one eat wrappers on F and strapless

504  
00:18:42,300 --> 00:18:40,630  
one G or rocky at the right temperature

505  
00:18:43,950 --> 00:18:42,310  
and then there are three more planets

506  
00:18:47,160 --> 00:18:43,960  
that we found with radial velocity GJ

507  
00:18:49,560 --> 00:18:47,170  
667cc or transit Kappa for four to be

508  
00:18:51,810 --> 00:18:49,570  
and kepler 186f which are also in the

509  
00:18:54,180 --> 00:18:51,820  
size range in temperature range the

510  
00:18:56,310 --> 00:18:54,190  
problem with all of these planets is the

511  
00:18:58,020 --> 00:18:56,320  
kind of star that they orbit so remember

512  
00:19:01,260 --> 00:18:58,030  
I said they need to orbit stars like the

513  
00:19:03,570 --> 00:19:01,270

Sun all seven of these planets orbit are

514

00:19:06,360 --> 00:19:03,580

much smaller much cooler kind of star

515

00:19:08,640 --> 00:19:06,370

called an M dwarf so our Sun is just a

516

00:19:10,170 --> 00:19:08,650

boring middle-aged yellow G star this is

517

00:19:13,590 --> 00:19:10,180

how astronomers classify stars with

518

00:19:15,090 --> 00:19:13,600

letters so these are all M stars so that

519

00:19:18,120 --> 00:19:15,100

most of the stars in the galaxies are

520

00:19:20,310 --> 00:19:18,130

actually M stars 75% of the stars are M

521

00:19:21,300 --> 00:19:20,320

stars or M dwarfs or red dwarfs there's

522

00:19:24,780 --> 00:19:21,310

another thing you might have heard them

523

00:19:26,910 --> 00:19:24,790

called the problem with M dwarfs is that

524

00:19:29,760 --> 00:19:26,920

relative to the Sun they put out much

525

00:19:31,410 --> 00:19:29,770

more of their energy in UV radiation so

526

00:19:33,540 --> 00:19:31,420

UV radiation is the thing that here on

527

00:19:35,760 --> 00:19:33,550

earth will give you sunburn or feel

528

00:19:38,670 --> 00:19:35,770

really unlucky cancer and that's because

529

00:19:42,000 --> 00:19:38,680

the high energy high high frequency

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00:19:44,760 --> 00:19:42,010

radiation mutates your DNA and in fact

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00:19:47,040 --> 00:19:44,770

cleanrooms around the world use UV light

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00:19:49,380 --> 00:19:47,050

to sterilize things to make sure there's

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00:19:50,820 --> 00:19:49,390

no life so we found all these rocky

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00:19:52,740 --> 00:19:50,830

planets at the right temperature but we

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00:19:54,600 --> 00:19:52,750

don't know they could all be completely

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00:19:57,060 --> 00:19:54,610

sterilized by the radiation from their M

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00:19:58,740 --> 00:19:57,070

stars so how many planets have we found

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00:20:00,180 --> 00:19:58,750

that are truly like the earth that are

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00:20:03,150 --> 00:20:00,190

the right size at the right temperature

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00:20:05,850 --> 00:20:03,160

around stars like the Sun none yeah

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00:20:07,770 --> 00:20:05,860

ah but as I said it's not because we

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00:20:09,300 --> 00:20:07,780

don't think they're common if we make

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00:20:10,650 --> 00:20:09,310

some extrapolations from the Kepler data

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00:20:12,780 --> 00:20:10,660

we think that they're actually quite

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00:20:14,130 --> 00:20:12,790

common and there could be tens or

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00:20:15,830 --> 00:20:14,140

hundreds of millions of these in the

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00:20:18,630 --> 00:20:15,840

galaxy

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00:20:20,460 --> 00:20:18,640

the problem is they're still too small

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00:20:21,920 --> 00:20:20,470

and too far away from their star and the

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00:20:24,090 --> 00:20:21,930

stars that they orbit are too far away

551  
00:20:26,160 --> 00:20:24,100  
so we're kind of stuck at this point

552  
00:20:27,510 --> 00:20:26,170  
again at this precipice where our

553  
00:20:29,130 --> 00:20:27,520  
imaginations have gotten ahead of

554  
00:20:30,900 --> 00:20:29,140  
ourselves we can't we don't have the

555  
00:20:32,010 --> 00:20:30,910  
technology to realize our dreams and

556  
00:20:34,230 --> 00:20:32,020  
find these things that we're thinking

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00:20:35,670 --> 00:20:34,240  
about like the same situations the

558  
00:20:37,280 --> 00:20:35,680  
Greeks are in 2,000 years ago they had

559  
00:20:39,510 --> 00:20:37,290  
dreams but they didn't know how to do it

560  
00:20:41,370 --> 00:20:39,520  
but what we want to do is take these

561  
00:20:44,010 --> 00:20:41,380  
realizations these these illustrations

562  
00:20:45,810 --> 00:20:44,020  
these artists concepts and turn them

563  
00:20:49,800 --> 00:20:45,820

into real observations of real planets

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00:20:51,900 --> 00:20:49,810

but this time we have a plan so this is

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00:20:54,210 --> 00:20:51,910

our NASA exoplanet mission roadmap or

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00:20:58,260 --> 00:20:54,220

our exoplanet missions swoop as we call

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00:20:59,460 --> 00:20:58,270

it we're about here so we had to say

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00:21:01,290 --> 00:20:59,470

goodbye to the Kepler mission recently

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00:21:02,700 --> 00:21:01,300

the test mission which I didn't get a

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00:21:04,200 --> 00:21:02,710

chance to talk about but is our new

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00:21:06,120 --> 00:21:04,210

planet finder we launched last year

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00:21:08,190 --> 00:21:06,130

already finding planets very exciting

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00:21:10,710 --> 00:21:08,200

the James Webb telescope is just around

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00:21:12,000 --> 00:21:10,720

the corner and then we have more

575

00:21:14,370 --> 00:21:12,010

technology in the future that we're

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00:21:16,140 --> 00:21:14,380

building towards now and I'm going to

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00:21:17,970 --> 00:21:16,150

let my colleague Kyle tell you about how

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00:21:19,140 --> 00:21:17,980

we're going to turn our dreams into

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00:21:21,780 --> 00:21:19,150

reality how we're gonna go from

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00:21:23,050 --> 00:21:21,790

imagination to real observations so

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00:21:31,780 --> 00:21:23,060

thank you very much

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00:21:35,500 --> 00:21:31,790

[Applause]

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00:21:37,990 --> 00:21:35,510

thanks Jesse SETI stuff well now that

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00:21:39,430 --> 00:21:38,000

you've heard a bit about the kinds of

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00:21:41,200 --> 00:21:39,440

exoplanets that scientists are

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00:21:42,550 --> 00:21:41,210

discovering out there our next speaker

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00:21:45,550 --> 00:21:42,560

as Jesse mentioned will shed some light

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00:21:47,770 --> 00:21:45,560

on what it takes to actually find and

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00:21:50,650 --> 00:21:47,780

study them and coming up right after

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00:21:52,330 --> 00:21:50,660

that my colleague philia will show you a

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00:21:54,220 --> 00:21:52,340

fun tool that we've developed for

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00:21:55,720 --> 00:21:54,230

imagining what it might actually look

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00:21:58,270 --> 00:21:55,730

like if you could stand on the surfaces

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00:22:00,280 --> 00:21:58,280

of some of these planets but up first

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00:22:02,800 --> 00:22:00,290

our next speaker is the chief scientist

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00:22:05,170 --> 00:22:02,810

in nasa's exoplanet exploration program

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00:22:07,390 --> 00:22:05,180

office here at JPL he acts as a

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00:22:08,950 --> 00:22:07,400

principal adviser to nasa leadership in

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00:22:10,810 --> 00:22:08,960

the development and operation of

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00:22:14,050 --> 00:22:10,820

exoplanet space missions like some of

601  
00:22:16,150 --> 00:22:14,060  
these he has extensive experience in

602  
00:22:18,310 --> 00:22:16,160  
studies of exoplanet formation and

603  
00:22:21,340 --> 00:22:18,320  
concepts for missions that could

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00:22:23,360 --> 00:22:21,350  
directly image some exoplanets so please

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00:22:30,650 --> 00:22:23,370  
welcome dr. Karl staple felt

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00:22:34,610 --> 00:22:32,900  
hey good evening everyone it's really

607  
00:22:36,320 --> 00:22:34,620  
great to be here because I have been in

608  
00:22:38,900 --> 00:22:36,330  
this audience so many times it's my

609  
00:22:42,380 --> 00:22:38,910  
first time up on the stage as part of

610  
00:22:45,230 --> 00:22:42,390  
the presentation so I've been at JPL for

611  
00:22:47,900 --> 00:22:45,240  
quite a few years now but I started out

612  
00:22:51,740 --> 00:22:47,910  
as a grad student down at Cal Tech with

613  
00:22:53,570 --> 00:22:51,750

a summer job here in 1985 and that was a

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00:22:55,130 --> 00:22:53,580

time when we did not have exoplanets I

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00:22:57,410 --> 00:22:55,140

didn't have the opportunity like Jesse

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00:22:59,240 --> 00:22:57,420

to not find planets in my thesis because

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00:23:01,040 --> 00:22:59,250

nobody was finding them we weren't even

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00:23:03,950 --> 00:23:01,050

looking really but what we did have

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00:23:05,780 --> 00:23:03,960

happening at that stage of astronomy is

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00:23:08,450 --> 00:23:05,790

we had found the first evidence for

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00:23:10,850 --> 00:23:08,460

clouds of dust and gas orbiting young

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00:23:13,400 --> 00:23:10,860

stars these orbit like in a flat pancake

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00:23:15,290 --> 00:23:13,410

like shape and theory had told us for a

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00:23:16,940 --> 00:23:15,300

long time that these would be the likely

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00:23:19,370 --> 00:23:16,950

environments where a planetary system

626  
00:23:21,800 --> 00:23:19,380  
could form so we were starting to see

627  
00:23:23,660 --> 00:23:21,810  
that maybe if the formation of them the

628  
00:23:25,430 --> 00:23:23,670  
conditions were widespread for that

629  
00:23:27,410 --> 00:23:25,440  
planets would be widespread too so I

630  
00:23:29,540 --> 00:23:27,420  
kind of had a feeling that there was

631  
00:23:31,550 --> 00:23:29,550  
going to be some real mileage in this

632  
00:23:34,160 --> 00:23:31,560  
field coming up in the future

633  
00:23:36,440 --> 00:23:34,170  
so fast forward from that grad student

634  
00:23:38,390 --> 00:23:36,450  
now I've got a chance to really direct

635  
00:23:39,860 --> 00:23:38,400  
what NASA is doing along with my

636  
00:23:42,170 --> 00:23:39,870  
colleagues in the exoplanet program

637  
00:23:44,720 --> 00:23:42,180  
office and that's really exciting

638  
00:23:46,580 --> 00:23:44,730

so Jesse's told you about how we've

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00:23:48,170 --> 00:23:46,590

counted up large numbers of planets

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00:23:50,110 --> 00:23:48,180

we've been able to measure their sizes

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00:23:53,900 --> 00:23:50,120

with missions like the Kepler telescope

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00:23:55,880 --> 00:23:53,910

so the thing that we want to be able to

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00:23:58,040 --> 00:23:55,890

do next is go to understanding what

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00:23:59,780 --> 00:23:58,050

these planets are made of how similar

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00:24:02,360 --> 00:23:59,790

are they to the earth in their

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00:24:04,430 --> 00:24:02,370

conditions and in terms of their

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00:24:06,440 --> 00:24:04,440

temperatures and their composition so

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00:24:08,330 --> 00:24:06,450

I'm here to tell you about what our

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00:24:10,910 --> 00:24:08,340

plans are for being able to do that and

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00:24:13,160 --> 00:24:10,920

in particular for small planets like the

651  
00:24:14,630 --> 00:24:13,170  
size of the earth the hot Jupiters have

652  
00:24:16,940 --> 00:24:14,640  
been very easy to find they're

653  
00:24:18,620 --> 00:24:16,950  
fascinating but even more fascinating is

654  
00:24:20,960 --> 00:24:18,630  
to know how common are planets like the

655  
00:24:23,030 --> 00:24:20,970  
earth out there so we're headed towards

656  
00:24:25,430 --> 00:24:23,040  
that goal so I'm going to show you a few

657  
00:24:27,920 --> 00:24:25,440  
graphs that tell you how astronomers

658  
00:24:30,200 --> 00:24:27,930  
expect to be able to recognize an

659  
00:24:32,390 --> 00:24:30,210  
earth-like planet when they see it or at

660  
00:24:34,430 --> 00:24:32,400  
least start debating seriously if it's

661  
00:24:37,310 --> 00:24:34,440  
earth-like so let's start here out here

662  
00:24:39,440 --> 00:24:37,320  
with this graph so I'm showing you here

663  
00:24:41,960 --> 00:24:39,450

on the horizontal Direction a color of

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00:24:43,080 --> 00:24:41,970

light here is a blue light that you can

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00:24:45,060 --> 00:24:43,090

see when you're

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00:24:46,620 --> 00:24:45,070

can I here's a red light and if you go

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00:24:48,510 --> 00:24:46,630

past where your eye can see your

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00:24:50,790 --> 00:24:48,520

wavelengths we call near-infrared

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00:24:53,040 --> 00:24:50,800

the brightness here and the blue curve

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00:24:55,710 --> 00:24:53,050

this is brighter higher up in the graph

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00:24:58,080 --> 00:24:55,720

fainter going across this shows you the

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00:24:59,100 --> 00:24:58,090

spectrum of light that is reflected off

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00:25:01,230 --> 00:24:59,110

of the earth

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00:25:03,420 --> 00:25:01,240

so all the colors broken down into a

675

00:25:05,760 --> 00:25:03,430

brightness number for every wavelength

676  
00:25:07,950 --> 00:25:05,770  
of light and what's important about this

677  
00:25:10,470 --> 00:25:07,960  
graph is that you can see number one in

678  
00:25:12,300 --> 00:25:10,480  
the blue the earth is brighter in the

679  
00:25:14,160 --> 00:25:12,310  
red it's fainter that makes you have a

680  
00:25:16,710 --> 00:25:14,170  
blue planet all right then in addition

681  
00:25:18,480 --> 00:25:16,720  
we can see that there's this big dip in

682  
00:25:20,790 --> 00:25:18,490  
the signal over here where water vapor

683  
00:25:22,590 --> 00:25:20,800  
produces an absorption and we've got

684  
00:25:25,080 --> 00:25:22,600  
that same thing here and here from water

685  
00:25:27,390 --> 00:25:25,090  
vapor but most telltale of all of the

686  
00:25:30,030 --> 00:25:27,400  
earth is this presence of molecular

687  
00:25:32,610 --> 00:25:30,040  
oxygen in our atmosphere produced by

688  
00:25:34,500 --> 00:25:32,620

life which sustains all the animals and

689

00:25:35,760 --> 00:25:34,510

so this is something that we would

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00:25:38,940 --> 00:25:35,770

really like to be able to see in an

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00:25:41,190 --> 00:25:38,950

exoplanet now compare this to Mars Mars

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00:25:43,380 --> 00:25:41,200

has very little light in the blue it has

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00:25:45,810 --> 00:25:43,390

a lot more light in the red that's a red

694

00:25:48,690 --> 00:25:45,820

planet and so going across here you

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00:25:50,670 --> 00:25:48,700

notice no oxygen signature no dip in

696

00:25:52,710 --> 00:25:50,680

Mars at the same wavelength of light and

697

00:25:54,690 --> 00:25:52,720

there really are two neat strong water

698

00:25:56,880 --> 00:25:54,700

features from Mars either there is a

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00:25:58,280 --> 00:25:56,890

little bit of a feature here which when

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00:26:01,410 --> 00:25:58,290

I go to the next slide you'll see

701  
00:26:03,360 --> 00:26:01,420  
actually is carbon dioxide because and

702  
00:26:05,640 --> 00:26:03,370  
this is the atmosphere of Venus shown in

703  
00:26:07,860 --> 00:26:05,650  
comparison to the earth and all of these

704  
00:26:09,870 --> 00:26:07,870  
strong dips in the spectrum of Venus are

705  
00:26:12,800 --> 00:26:09,880  
due to carbon dioxide in its atmosphere

706  
00:26:15,120 --> 00:26:12,810  
there's a little bit of that for Mars

707  
00:26:18,870 --> 00:26:15,130  
carbon dioxide you know here and here

708  
00:26:21,410 --> 00:26:18,880  
and there is a lot for Venus so again no

709  
00:26:25,530 --> 00:26:21,420  
oxygen and Venus and very little water

710  
00:26:26,880 --> 00:26:25,540  
so now astronomers have been imaginative

711  
00:26:28,800 --> 00:26:26,890  
they've made computer models of

712  
00:26:30,120 --> 00:26:28,810  
theoretically possible planets that

713  
00:26:32,130 --> 00:26:30,130

would be rocky like the earth that would

714

00:26:34,860 --> 00:26:32,140

have different atmospheres and so the

715

00:26:36,810 --> 00:26:34,870

orange curve here is showing a planet

716

00:26:38,910 --> 00:26:36,820

that has say no water vapor at all

717

00:26:40,650 --> 00:26:38,920

but has really huge amounts of oxygen

718

00:26:43,500 --> 00:26:40,660

maybe ten times the oxygen that we have

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00:26:45,900 --> 00:26:43,510

in our own solar system and this is an

720

00:26:48,150 --> 00:26:45,910

example of dozens of possible scenarios

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00:26:50,340 --> 00:26:48,160

that have been exploring computers so we

722

00:26:52,050 --> 00:26:50,350

have a understanding of planetary

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00:26:53,790 --> 00:26:52,060

atmospheres predictions about the

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00:26:55,710 --> 00:26:53,800

possible diversity that would be out

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00:26:57,220 --> 00:26:55,720

there so what we really want to go is

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00:27:00,100 --> 00:26:57,230

find and measure

727

00:27:02,620 --> 00:27:00,110

the spectra of lots of small planets see

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00:27:05,049 --> 00:27:02,630

what the diversity of them is and see

729

00:27:08,350 --> 00:27:05,059

how many match the spectrum of our own

730

00:27:10,870 --> 00:27:08,360

earth so let me talk to you about how we

731

00:27:12,909 --> 00:27:10,880

do that now the most normal thing you

732

00:27:14,470 --> 00:27:12,919

would do is you would just want to be

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00:27:16,150 --> 00:27:14,480

able to look at the light that reflects

734

00:27:17,590 --> 00:27:16,160

off a planet that's what we do with the

735

00:27:19,960 --> 00:27:17,600

moon at night we see the sun's light

736

00:27:21,490 --> 00:27:19,970

reflecting off of it the way we see Mars

737

00:27:23,680 --> 00:27:21,500

and Jupiter and all the great pictures

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00:27:26,220 --> 00:27:23,690

is from the light of the Sun reflected

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00:27:29,140 --> 00:27:26,230

off of it so we'd like to do that with

740

00:27:31,299 --> 00:27:29,150

exoplanets too but the problem is that

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00:27:32,890 --> 00:27:31,309

glare from the star the star is so close

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00:27:34,750 --> 00:27:32,900

together to the exoplanet when you look

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00:27:37,120 --> 00:27:34,760

out at a distance of you know many

744

00:27:38,680 --> 00:27:37,130

light-years it's very hard to separate

745

00:27:40,690 --> 00:27:38,690

the light of the exoplanet from the

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00:27:42,580 --> 00:27:40,700

light of the star so right now we have

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00:27:45,100 --> 00:27:42,590

zero exoplanets that we've been able to

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00:27:47,020 --> 00:27:45,110

measure in the reflected light that you

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00:27:50,409 --> 00:27:47,030

use your own eyes to see planets in the

750

00:27:52,090 --> 00:27:50,419

night sky here so we actually though

751  
00:27:55,120 --> 00:27:52,100  
have been able to develop a technique

752  
00:27:56,740 --> 00:27:55,130  
that can still get you a spectrum in a

753  
00:27:59,320 --> 00:27:56,750  
totally unexpected way and I want to

754  
00:28:00,789 --> 00:27:59,330  
talk to you about that here so this is

755  
00:28:02,770 --> 00:28:00,799  
an example of things that are lit from

756  
00:28:04,659 --> 00:28:02,780  
the front and the sunlight is reflecting

757  
00:28:07,870 --> 00:28:04,669  
off like a planet so here's a cloud

758  
00:28:10,630 --> 00:28:07,880  
here's me at the launch of tests this is

759  
00:28:14,020 --> 00:28:10,640  
Saturn's moon Titan and this is Venus as

760  
00:28:15,760 --> 00:28:14,030  
seen from a spacecraft now what if you

761  
00:28:17,490 --> 00:28:15,770  
give up on trying to separate the light

762  
00:28:20,020 --> 00:28:17,500  
of the star from the light of the planet

763  
00:28:21,880 --> 00:28:20,030

if you are willing to combine them

764

00:28:24,820 --> 00:28:21,890

together you can actually still see a

765

00:28:27,010 --> 00:28:24,830

signal from the planet itself so in that

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00:28:29,919 --> 00:28:27,020

case what we're doing is we're using the

767

00:28:31,810 --> 00:28:29,929

silver lining of the planet to probe its

768

00:28:34,120 --> 00:28:31,820

atmosphere so here's a cloud silver

769

00:28:35,470 --> 00:28:34,130

lining here's me in the studio back on

770

00:28:37,450 --> 00:28:35,480

Wednesday when you light me up from

771

00:28:39,430 --> 00:28:37,460

behind you can see maybe I've got gray

772

00:28:42,789 --> 00:28:39,440

hair you can see that I believe got some

773

00:28:45,159 --> 00:28:42,799

blood flow in my ears but then this is

774

00:28:47,799 --> 00:28:45,169

the picture of of Titan taken by the

775

00:28:49,810 --> 00:28:47,809

Cassini mission JPL's Cassini mission at

776

00:28:52,299 --> 00:28:49,820

the particular time when the Sun was

777

00:28:54,760 --> 00:28:52,309

directly behind Titan and you can see

778

00:28:56,110 --> 00:28:54,770

the same Silver Lining effect here that

779

00:28:58,480 --> 00:28:56,120

the light of the Sun is passing through

780

00:29:01,210 --> 00:28:58,490

the upper atmosphere here so even if the

781

00:29:04,390 --> 00:29:01,220

Sun is still in the same picture as it

782

00:29:06,250 --> 00:29:04,400

is here back in 2004 when Venus was

783

00:29:08,799 --> 00:29:06,260

crossing the face of the Sun there's

784

00:29:10,480 --> 00:29:08,809

this little thin film on this side which

785

00:29:13,810 --> 00:29:10,490

is light that's transmitted through the

786

00:29:15,400 --> 00:29:13,820

miss fear of Venus so for the time being

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00:29:17,919 --> 00:29:15,410

we're not separating the light of the

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00:29:19,750 --> 00:29:17,929

planet from the star in in in most cases

789

00:29:21,370 --> 00:29:19,760

we have only a couple dozen planets

790

00:29:23,740 --> 00:29:21,380

we've been able to get a spectrum this

791

00:29:26,020 --> 00:29:23,750

way out of the thousands that Kepler has

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00:29:28,060 --> 00:29:26,030

been able to find so far but we can use

793

00:29:31,240 --> 00:29:28,070

this technique to go and find the

794

00:29:32,590 --> 00:29:31,250

spectra of planets around stars Hubble

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00:29:34,540 --> 00:29:32,600

has been able to do this in some limited

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00:29:36,100 --> 00:29:34,550

way for hot Jupiters it's been able to

797

00:29:39,549 --> 00:29:36,110

see that yes they have water vapor in

798

00:29:42,910 --> 00:29:39,559

their atmospheres but the big coming

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00:29:44,440 --> 00:29:42,920

activity in these backlit planets is the

800

00:29:47,350 --> 00:29:44,450

James Webb telescope it's supposed to

801  
00:29:49,510 --> 00:29:47,360  
launch now in 2021 so right now James

802  
00:29:51,490 --> 00:29:49,520  
Webb is famous for being late and for

803  
00:29:53,140 --> 00:29:51,500  
costing more than expected but in like

804  
00:29:55,390 --> 00:29:53,150  
three years it's going to be famous for

805  
00:29:56,650 --> 00:29:55,400  
a lot of important discoveries and in

806  
00:29:58,600 --> 00:29:56,660  
the early universe seeing the first

807  
00:30:00,850 --> 00:29:58,610  
galaxies and it's going to be famous for

808  
00:30:03,100 --> 00:30:00,860  
what it does in exoplanets too because

809  
00:30:05,260 --> 00:30:03,110  
it's going to be much larger mirror than

810  
00:30:06,760 --> 00:30:05,270  
Hubble almost a factor of three larger

811  
00:30:08,380 --> 00:30:06,770  
mirror and it's gonna work in the

812  
00:30:10,630 --> 00:30:08,390  
infrared which is really good for

813  
00:30:13,000 --> 00:30:10,640

studying the atmospheres of planets and

814

00:30:15,430 --> 00:30:13,010

so here it is after it's deployed out in

815

00:30:17,890 --> 00:30:15,440

orbit it's got these 18 segments on the

816

00:30:19,780 --> 00:30:17,900

mirror here a sunshade to keep the whole

817

00:30:22,210 --> 00:30:19,790

telescope cold it's operating in the

818

00:30:24,250 --> 00:30:22,220

infrared almost exclusively and so James

819

00:30:26,950 --> 00:30:24,260

Webb is going to be able to do this kind

820

00:30:28,840 --> 00:30:26,960

of result in backlit planets so here's

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00:30:30,820 --> 00:30:28,850

the Trappist system Jessie mentioned to

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00:30:32,440 --> 00:30:30,830

you with that fierce little red dwarf

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00:30:36,040 --> 00:30:32,450

star with all the ultraviolet light and

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00:30:37,600 --> 00:30:36,050

the three planets here in the middle are

825

00:30:39,370 --> 00:30:37,610

the ones that have the right conditions

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00:30:41,470 --> 00:30:39,380

apparently for having liquid water on

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00:30:44,110 --> 00:30:41,480

their surface so the people who are

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00:30:46,210 --> 00:30:44,120

going to use JWST the James Webb Space

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00:30:47,650 --> 00:30:46,220

Telescope have simulated what they

830

00:30:50,940 --> 00:30:47,660

believe they'll be able to achieve on

831

00:30:54,580 --> 00:30:50,950

this planet which is planet b c d e f

832

00:30:57,100 --> 00:30:54,590

Trappist 1f and so this is a signal that

833

00:30:59,799 --> 00:30:57,110

they expect to be able to get where the

834

00:31:01,840 --> 00:30:59,809

differences between the planet when it's

835

00:31:03,340 --> 00:31:01,850

crossed in the star when it's crossing

836

00:31:04,810 --> 00:31:03,350

in front of them on the planet crosses

837

00:31:07,090 --> 00:31:04,820

in front of the star you take a spectrum

838

00:31:08,799 --> 00:31:07,100

when the star is there by itself you

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00:31:10,630 --> 00:31:08,809

take a spectrum you make the difference

840

00:31:12,610 --> 00:31:10,640

between those two so you have a

841

00:31:14,710 --> 00:31:12,620

condition where it's the star plus the

842

00:31:16,600 --> 00:31:14,720

backlit planet signal and the star by

843

00:31:19,060 --> 00:31:16,610

itself take the difference and you can

844

00:31:21,310 --> 00:31:19,070

then get this spectrum the vertical axis

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00:31:23,650 --> 00:31:21,320

here is parts per million so this is how

846

00:31:25,240 --> 00:31:23,660

much the light is going to change

847

00:31:27,880 --> 00:31:25,250

because of that planet passing in front

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00:31:29,710 --> 00:31:27,890

and these are water vapor features so we

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00:31:32,440 --> 00:31:29,720

think that there will be dozens of

850

00:31:35,770 --> 00:31:32,450

planets like the ones Kepler found that

851  
00:31:37,600 --> 00:31:35,780  
have sizes like twice in three times the

852  
00:31:40,330 --> 00:31:37,610  
earth that will get spectra from with

853  
00:31:41,800 --> 00:31:40,340  
JWST we also think there will be a few

854  
00:31:43,660 --> 00:31:41,810  
around the size of the earth like

855  
00:31:47,080 --> 00:31:43,670  
Trappist here that we should be able to

856  
00:31:49,480 --> 00:31:47,090  
characterize so but I want to get back

857  
00:31:51,700 --> 00:31:49,490  
to that first problem how are you gonna

858  
00:31:53,620 --> 00:31:51,710  
be able to see the planet the normal way

859  
00:31:56,530 --> 00:31:53,630  
lit from the front reflecting the light

860  
00:31:58,740 --> 00:31:56,540  
of its star well it's been reckoned that

861  
00:32:01,350 --> 00:31:58,750  
it's similar to the problem of seeing a

862  
00:32:03,640 --> 00:32:01,360  
firefly you know next to a searchlight

863  
00:32:05,950 --> 00:32:03,650

when you're all the way across the

864

00:32:07,630 --> 00:32:05,960

country on the East Coast from here okay

865

00:32:09,430 --> 00:32:07,640

so the brightness difference is very

866

00:32:11,350 --> 00:32:09,440

challenging and the tiny separation

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00:32:13,000 --> 00:32:11,360

between the two is very challenging

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00:32:15,940 --> 00:32:13,010

think about also like you're driving on

869

00:32:17,530 --> 00:32:15,950

a road at night and you're trying to

870

00:32:18,970 --> 00:32:17,540

make sure you can see the road and the

871

00:32:21,400 --> 00:32:18,980

car is coming at you with with

872

00:32:23,530 --> 00:32:21,410

headlights and there's billions of

873

00:32:24,670 --> 00:32:23,540

headlights in your rear-view mirror that

874

00:32:25,810 --> 00:32:24,680

that's the kind of you're trying to look

875

00:32:27,070 --> 00:32:25,820

out the window at the same time and

876

00:32:29,230 --> 00:32:27,080

you've got all this light shining in you

877

00:32:31,330 --> 00:32:29,240

from the cars behind you it's just very

878

00:32:33,550 --> 00:32:31,340

very difficult to be able to do that but

879

00:32:36,010 --> 00:32:33,560

that's our job and the NASA exoplanet

880

00:32:37,420 --> 00:32:36,020

program is to develop the technology

881

00:32:39,880 --> 00:32:37,430

that will make this brightness

882

00:32:41,950 --> 00:32:39,890

difference problem go away to get the

883

00:32:45,040 --> 00:32:41,960

glare of the star under control to see

884

00:32:47,680 --> 00:32:45,050

those faint planets so now I'm going to

885

00:32:51,250 --> 00:32:47,690

show you another graph this is a showing

886

00:32:52,900 --> 00:32:51,260

two different directions up on this

887

00:32:55,780 --> 00:32:52,910

direction is the brightness difference

888

00:32:57,970 --> 00:32:55,790

so up here are the few planets have been

889

00:33:00,220 --> 00:32:57,980

able to image today using telescopes

890

00:33:02,830 --> 00:33:00,230

like Gemini in Hawaii and in South

891

00:33:05,890 --> 00:33:02,840

America and there's a roughly a dozen or

892

00:33:08,440 --> 00:33:05,900

so of these and these are about 10,000

893

00:33:10,300 --> 00:33:08,450

times fainter than their star and you

894

00:33:12,700 --> 00:33:10,310

can see they're out at this separation

895

00:33:14,140 --> 00:33:12,710

of about one arc seconds so that's easy

896

00:33:16,180 --> 00:33:14,150

that's only one tenth of the way to the

897

00:33:19,090 --> 00:33:16,190

East Coast to be able to see those

898

00:33:20,770 --> 00:33:19,100

planets so but the we've got to go from

899

00:33:23,110 --> 00:33:20,780

a factor of sort of ten thousand to a

900

00:33:25,090 --> 00:33:23,120

million where these are down to where

901  
00:33:27,910 --> 00:33:25,100  
the earth where it would be as if you

902  
00:33:29,500 --> 00:33:27,920  
were seen from 30 light-years away this

903  
00:33:31,000 --> 00:33:29,510  
so you can see Venus is closer and

904  
00:33:32,350 --> 00:33:31,010  
brighter than the earth Jupiter is

905  
00:33:34,420 --> 00:33:32,360  
further out because it's such a large

906  
00:33:36,640 --> 00:33:34,430  
planet it reflects a lot of light and so

907  
00:33:37,090 --> 00:33:36,650  
it's brighter and that's down here at

908  
00:33:43,330 --> 00:33:37,100  
one

909  
00:33:45,669 --> 00:33:43,340  
down here at 10 billion to 1 contrast so

910  
00:33:47,830 --> 00:33:45,679  
you may be surprised to learn that we

911  
00:33:50,320 --> 00:33:47,840  
have about two minutes walk from here a

912  
00:33:53,110 --> 00:33:50,330  
vacuum chamber testing facility where we

913  
00:33:55,210 --> 00:33:53,120

have a coronagraph instrument which

914

00:33:56,470 --> 00:33:55,220

blocks the light of the star to let you

915

00:33:59,460 --> 00:33:56,480

see something faint next to it and we

916

00:34:02,860 --> 00:33:59,470

have already achieved 1 billion to 1

917

00:34:05,110 --> 00:34:02,870

contrast that a few beam with separation

918

00:34:06,760 --> 00:34:05,120

from the star it's in the lab it works

919

00:34:09,159 --> 00:34:06,770

we've been developing an instrument

920

00:34:11,050 --> 00:34:09,169

concept based on it and so we think we

921

00:34:13,090 --> 00:34:11,060

have done all gone a lot of the way

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00:34:14,800 --> 00:34:13,100

toward demonstrating that we can do this

923

00:34:16,750 --> 00:34:14,810

kind of measurement we just want to get

924

00:34:18,669 --> 00:34:16,760

it out of the lab and onto a space

925

00:34:21,550 --> 00:34:18,679

mission and that next space mission for

926  
00:34:23,379 --> 00:34:21,560  
that is called w first so this is a

927  
00:34:26,349 --> 00:34:23,389  
telescope that was recommended by the

928  
00:34:28,090 --> 00:34:26,359  
2010 to Cadle survey of astrophysics its

929  
00:34:30,099 --> 00:34:28,100  
primary goal is a really wide angle

930  
00:34:32,320 --> 00:34:30,109  
camera view of the sky for dark energy

931  
00:34:34,210 --> 00:34:32,330  
extra galactic science and also for

932  
00:34:35,590 --> 00:34:34,220  
counting planets by the micro lensing

933  
00:34:38,230 --> 00:34:35,600  
technique I won't go into that but you

934  
00:34:40,149 --> 00:34:38,240  
could ask me after the talk but W first

935  
00:34:41,770 --> 00:34:40,159  
has a second instrument in addition to

936  
00:34:44,020 --> 00:34:41,780  
its wide field camera it has a

937  
00:34:45,820 --> 00:34:44,030  
coronagraph like the one in our test bed

938  
00:34:48,430 --> 00:34:45,830

facility so we're gonna get a first

939

00:34:50,200 --> 00:34:48,440

chance to go and see planets around

940

00:34:52,000 --> 00:34:50,210

other stars that have been found by the

941

00:34:55,659 --> 00:34:52,010

radial velocity wobble technique that

942

00:34:58,210 --> 00:34:55,669

Jesse spoke of so that's the first step

943

00:35:01,120 --> 00:34:58,220

W first will get us to a Jupiter around

944

00:35:03,609 --> 00:35:01,130

another star factor of a billion to one

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00:35:07,240 --> 00:35:03,619

they won't get us to ten billion to one

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00:35:09,970 --> 00:35:07,250

which is an earth-like planet so just as

947

00:35:12,970 --> 00:35:09,980

W first was recommended in 2010 we have

948

00:35:14,260 --> 00:35:12,980

in 2020 another time on the National

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00:35:16,030 --> 00:35:14,270

Academy of Sciences is going to

950

00:35:18,250 --> 00:35:16,040

recommend what should NASA do as this

951  
00:35:19,900 --> 00:35:18,260  
next large telescope project there are a

952  
00:35:21,730 --> 00:35:19,910  
lot of ideas some of them are not

953  
00:35:23,530 --> 00:35:21,740  
exoplanets they all have strong merit

954  
00:35:26,050 --> 00:35:23,540  
but there are two ideas that our

955  
00:35:27,700 --> 00:35:26,060  
exoplanet focused the NASA's invested in

956  
00:35:29,650 --> 00:35:27,710  
the developing the concept I just want

957  
00:35:31,510 --> 00:35:29,660  
to tell you about them briefly now one

958  
00:35:34,060 --> 00:35:31,520  
of them is called hey BECs it stands for

959  
00:35:36,250 --> 00:35:34,070  
the habitable exoplanet Observatory so

960  
00:35:38,470 --> 00:35:36,260  
it's a telescope about 60 percent larger

961  
00:35:40,780 --> 00:35:38,480  
than Hubble with one of us coronagraph

962  
00:35:42,310 --> 00:35:40,790  
instruments put inside tuned up to go to

963  
00:35:45,070 --> 00:35:42,320

ten billion to one using the lessons

964

00:35:46,870 --> 00:35:45,080

from the W first coronagraph and then it

965

00:35:49,270 --> 00:35:46,880

also has a separate formation flying

966

00:35:50,910 --> 00:35:49,280

star shade spacecraft which provides an

967

00:35:53,970 --> 00:35:50,920

alternate way of blocking out the

968

00:35:55,470 --> 00:35:53,980

of the star and seeing the planet the

969

00:35:57,660 --> 00:35:55,480

star shade is particularly useful for

970

00:35:59,280 --> 00:35:57,670

letting a smaller sized telescope look

971

00:36:02,039 --> 00:35:59,290

closer in than it otherwise would be

972

00:36:04,530 --> 00:36:02,049

able to do so hey BECs is something that

973

00:36:06,750 --> 00:36:04,540

would probably able to see hundreds of

974

00:36:08,039 --> 00:36:06,760

planets of different types and planets

975

00:36:10,380 --> 00:36:08,049

that are like the Earth's size in the

976  
00:36:11,819 --> 00:36:10,390  
habitable zone probably about ten is our

977  
00:36:13,799 --> 00:36:11,829  
current estimate those estimates all

978  
00:36:16,230 --> 00:36:13,809  
rely on what Kepler told us about the

979  
00:36:18,960 --> 00:36:16,240  
frequency of planets and so this is one

980  
00:36:22,430 --> 00:36:18,970  
of the two ideas the next one is called

981  
00:36:25,859 --> 00:36:22,440  
leVoir so Louvois R stands for large

982  
00:36:28,440 --> 00:36:25,869  
ultraviolet optical infrared telescope

983  
00:36:30,870 --> 00:36:28,450  
and so this is much bigger than Havoc's

984  
00:36:33,630 --> 00:36:30,880  
this is a telescope now that is about a

985  
00:36:36,270 --> 00:36:33,640  
factor of let's say this is this is also

986  
00:36:37,680 --> 00:36:36,280  
three times bigger than Hubble for the

987  
00:36:40,380 --> 00:36:37,690  
eight meter version I'm showing you here

988  
00:36:43,049 --> 00:36:40,390

there's also a 15 meter version and so

989

00:36:44,579 --> 00:36:43,059

this is a telescope that because of its

990

00:36:46,380 --> 00:36:44,589

larger size and would have a better

991

00:36:49,770 --> 00:36:46,390

ability to look in close to other stars

992

00:36:52,010 --> 00:36:49,780

this would be able to get 30 or so

993

00:36:54,750 --> 00:36:52,020

earth-like planets we believe for a

994

00:36:56,819 --> 00:36:54,760

rocky planets in a habitable zone for

995

00:36:58,470 --> 00:36:56,829

the small version that you're seeing

996

00:37:00,630 --> 00:36:58,480

here and a larger version not shown

997

00:37:03,539 --> 00:37:00,640

you'll be able to get about 60 of them

998

00:37:06,299 --> 00:37:03,549

so like JWST it has a segmented mirror

999

00:37:07,950 --> 00:37:06,309

that would have to unfold on orbit it

1000

00:37:09,569 --> 00:37:07,960

has a very large sunshade to keep the

1001  
00:37:12,059 --> 00:37:09,579  
temperature of the telescope regulated

1002  
00:37:12,990 --> 00:37:12,069  
so these this is a mission concept it's

1003  
00:37:15,240 --> 00:37:13,000  
not approved

1004  
00:37:18,089 --> 00:37:15,250  
it's an as a suggestion for what we

1005  
00:37:20,160 --> 00:37:18,099  
could do as the next major goal so what

1006  
00:37:22,620 --> 00:37:20,170  
will our de kado Survey coming up decide

1007  
00:37:24,120 --> 00:37:22,630  
they're just starting to meet now we

1008  
00:37:26,309 --> 00:37:24,130  
think we are close to being ready to

1009  
00:37:27,990 --> 00:37:26,319  
build these kind of instruments these

1010  
00:37:29,880 --> 00:37:28,000  
kind of missions but it's up to our

1011  
00:37:31,829 --> 00:37:29,890  
peers in the community to trade off this

1012  
00:37:34,200 --> 00:37:31,839  
possibility versus other things that

1013  
00:37:38,940 --> 00:37:34,210

might be done and say whether we get the

1014

00:37:40,970 --> 00:37:38,950

signal for go in 2022 so let me try to

1015

00:37:43,620 --> 00:37:40,980

say where we're gonna end up with this

1016

00:37:45,420 --> 00:37:43,630

Galileo with his first telescope was

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00:37:47,190 --> 00:37:45,430

able to look at Jupiter and see the

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00:37:48,539 --> 00:37:47,200

moons of Jupiter he took what was a

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00:37:50,640 --> 00:37:48,549

point of light in the star and showed

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00:37:52,470 --> 00:37:50,650

that it was a system and at that time he

1021

00:37:53,789 --> 00:37:52,480

could only hand draw what he was seeing

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00:37:55,559 --> 00:37:53,799

so that's what you have here on the left

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00:37:58,500 --> 00:37:55,569

from night tonight the moons moved

1024

00:38:00,390 --> 00:37:58,510

around so it with modern ground-based

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00:38:02,309 --> 00:38:00,400

telescopes we've been able to see one

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00:38:04,620 --> 00:38:02,319

really fantastic system with four

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00:38:07,200 --> 00:38:04,630

planets that actually

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00:38:09,480 --> 00:38:07,210

over the past you know ten years or so

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00:38:11,910 --> 00:38:09,490

have been shown to orbit around this is

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00:38:15,300 --> 00:38:11,920

a time-lapse photo by Jason Wang at

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00:38:17,700 --> 00:38:15,310

Caltech and if we're successful both in

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00:38:19,500 --> 00:38:17,710

our technical work and in convincing the

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00:38:23,160 --> 00:38:19,510

community this is what we hope to be

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00:38:25,530 --> 00:38:23,170

able to do around 2035 with a loofah or

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00:38:28,560 --> 00:38:25,540

a head next mission see our solar system

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00:38:31,290 --> 00:38:28,570

the analog of it around many many other

1037

00:38:32,730 --> 00:38:31,300

stars and tell us if planets were the

1038

00:38:36,510 --> 00:38:32,740

properties like the earth are really

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00:38:40,050 --> 00:38:36,520

common or very unusual and so another

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00:38:42,000 --> 00:38:40,060

point when I conclude on is that once we

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00:38:43,290 --> 00:38:42,010

find out that there is a planet at the

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00:38:44,880 --> 00:38:43,300

right distance from its Sun to be the

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00:38:47,630 --> 00:38:44,890

right temperature and it has the

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00:38:50,070 --> 00:38:47,640

composition of the Earth's atmosphere

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00:38:51,870 --> 00:38:50,080

that's going to captivate people if

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00:38:53,610 --> 00:38:51,880

you're ever going to go and try to have

1047

00:38:55,170 --> 00:38:53,620

interstellar travel you've got to know

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00:38:57,330 --> 00:38:55,180

what the destination is first you have

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00:38:58,920 --> 00:38:57,340

to get the map for the travelers well

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00:39:01,050 --> 00:38:58,930

this is the kind of way we could get

1051  
00:39:03,000 --> 00:39:01,060  
started on this in the next decade

1052  
00:39:05,160 --> 00:39:03,010  
having these missions that can find

1053  
00:39:07,200 --> 00:39:05,170  
where are the nearest earth-like planets

1054  
00:39:08,670 --> 00:39:07,210  
so with that I'll turn it back over to

1055  
00:39:23,460 --> 00:39:08,680  
Preston

1056  
00:39:29,530 --> 00:39:25,900  
so we will not be turning it over to

1057  
00:39:31,290 --> 00:39:29,540  
Preston hello my name is Talia Rivera

1058  
00:39:34,060 --> 00:39:31,300  
and I work for NASA exoplanet

1059  
00:39:35,980 --> 00:39:34,070  
exploration program I do communications

1060  
00:39:38,620 --> 00:39:35,990  
and one of the things that was mentioned

1061  
00:39:41,230 --> 00:39:38,630  
earlier was the exoplanet travel Bureau

1062  
00:39:43,030 --> 00:39:41,240  
so Jessie in her talk earlier showed you

1063  
00:39:45,880 --> 00:39:43,040

the posters that we have created to

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00:39:47,530 --> 00:39:45,890

visualize some of these exoplanets but

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00:39:51,280 --> 00:39:47,540

what I will be showing you is where they

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00:39:52,870 --> 00:39:51,290

live and also a an immersive 360 VR

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00:39:57,760 --> 00:39:52,880

experience that you can all enjoy at

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00:39:59,590 --> 00:39:57,770

home so let's explore the galaxy so you

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00:40:02,140 --> 00:39:59,600

guys will be able to find full

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00:40:04,810 --> 00:40:02,150

resolution files of the exoplanet travel

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00:40:07,660 --> 00:40:04,820

Bureau posters available at exoplanets

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00:40:10,090 --> 00:40:07,670

nasa.gov but you will also be able to

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00:40:11,470 --> 00:40:10,100

explore these surfaces of four different

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00:40:14,320 --> 00:40:11,480

exoplanets that we've actually

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00:40:17,170 --> 00:40:14,330

discovered so this planet right here is

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00:40:19,930 --> 00:40:17,180

called 55 Cancri E it is one of the lava

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00:40:26,500 --> 00:40:19,940

worlds that Jesse mentioned earlier so

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00:40:29,470 --> 00:40:26,510

let's explore the surface so these 360

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00:40:32,260 --> 00:40:29,480

VR experiences work on your desktop a

1080

00:40:36,370 --> 00:40:32,270

tablet or your mobile device so you can

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00:40:38,260 --> 00:40:36,380

use them as a 360 experience on a

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00:40:41,860 --> 00:40:38,270

desktop or tablet but if you have a

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00:40:44,650 --> 00:40:41,870

Google cardboard or a similar device you

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00:40:46,630 --> 00:40:44,660

can get it on your phone split it into a

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00:40:50,830 --> 00:40:46,640

stereoscopic view pop it into your

1086

00:40:53,890 --> 00:40:50,840

device and view it in the or mode so

1087

00:40:55,930 --> 00:40:53,900

some really interesting features here on

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00:40:59,440 --> 00:40:55,940

this planet that we've highlighted with

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00:41:01,390 --> 00:40:59,450

these text hotspots are the star so if

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00:41:02,800 --> 00:41:01,400

you click that text hotspot it actually

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00:41:05,470 --> 00:41:02,810

gives you some more information about

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00:41:07,150 --> 00:41:05,480

what you're looking at so here it gives

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00:41:09,550 --> 00:41:07,160

information about this star which

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00:41:12,310 --> 00:41:09,560

appears to be really close it is not a

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00:41:15,400 --> 00:41:12,320

fountain of lava but it is the star in

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00:41:20,110 --> 00:41:15,410

this system so this star is 65 times

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00:41:22,450 --> 00:41:20,120

closer to this planet than our Sun is to

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00:41:24,430 --> 00:41:22,460

earth which is why it looks so big and

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00:41:27,130 --> 00:41:24,440

one of my favorite features when I was

1100

00:41:29,120 --> 00:41:27,140

working on developing this product is

1101

00:41:32,210 --> 00:41:29,130

right here what appears

1102

00:41:35,390 --> 00:41:32,220

sparkles in the sky the these are

1103

00:41:37,220 --> 00:41:35,400

actually sparkly clouds of silicate in

1104

00:41:39,920 --> 00:41:37,230

this planet as Jessie mentioned earlier

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00:41:42,799 --> 00:41:39,930

is so hot that silicate would evaporate

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00:41:44,240 --> 00:41:42,809

and create clouds so if you click on

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00:41:45,920 --> 00:41:44,250

that it tells you a little bit more and

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00:41:48,440 --> 00:41:45,930

these clouds would reflect reflect the

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00:41:53,839 --> 00:41:48,450

surface of the lava so they would look

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00:41:55,700 --> 00:41:53,849

sparkly so again you guys can find the

1111

00:41:57,680 --> 00:41:55,710

VR and all of the travel posters

1112

00:41:59,809 --> 00:41:57,690

available for download and used at home

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00:42:01,670 --> 00:41:59,819

you do not have to download any apps to

1114

00:42:04,730 --> 00:42:01,680

use the VR it runs directly from our

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00:42:13,980 --> 00:42:04,740

website and that is all available at

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00:42:19,620 --> 00:42:17,130

all right Thank You Philly and if my my

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00:42:22,050 --> 00:42:19,630

speakers will join us so over here and

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00:42:25,530 --> 00:42:22,060

we'll get started soon with the

1119

00:42:27,030 --> 00:42:25,540

discussion part of our show tonight be

1120

00:42:29,880 --> 00:42:27,040

sure though to check out the exoplanet

1121

00:42:31,320 --> 00:42:29,890

travel Bureau online Philly I don't

1122

00:42:33,060 --> 00:42:31,330

think it was mentioned she's actually

1123

00:42:34,680 --> 00:42:33,070

instrumental in making those

1124

00:42:36,660 --> 00:42:34,690

visualizations and so she's really

1125

00:42:38,099 --> 00:42:36,670

talented and I think it really does a

1126  
00:42:40,800 --> 00:42:38,109  
nice job of demonstrating how there are

1127  
00:42:42,570 --> 00:42:40,810  
careers for all kinds of folks at NASA

1128  
00:42:44,460 --> 00:42:42,580  
working as part of the space Crypt

1129  
00:42:46,410 --> 00:42:44,470  
program whether you're a scientist an

1130  
00:42:47,579 --> 00:42:46,420  
engineer or a communicator and all kinds

1131  
00:42:49,740 --> 00:42:47,589  
of other things so I think it's a great

1132  
00:42:51,510 --> 00:42:49,750  
way to highlight that so let's move on

1133  
00:42:59,060 --> 00:42:51,520  
to the discussion part of our show with

1134  
00:43:02,820 --> 00:42:59,070  
Jessie and Carl hey guys but thank you

1135  
00:43:04,320 --> 00:43:02,830  
so I wanted to start by asking you a

1136  
00:43:06,690 --> 00:43:04,330  
question I told you I was going to ask

1137  
00:43:08,609 --> 00:43:06,700  
which was about the names we wanted to

1138  
00:43:12,480 --> 00:43:08,619

talk about the names of the planets and

1139

00:43:14,120 --> 00:43:12,490

why they're so funky yes so I want to

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00:43:18,300 --> 00:43:14,130

apologize on behalf of my entire

1141

00:43:20,609 --> 00:43:18,310

profession the names of garbage they're

1142

00:43:22,859 --> 00:43:20,619

almost always either named after the

1143

00:43:25,140 --> 00:43:22,869

star if the star already had a name and

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00:43:25,980 --> 00:43:25,150

the star names usually start out as

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00:43:28,530 --> 00:43:25,990

garbage

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00:43:30,359 --> 00:43:28,540

they're almost all numbered so HD one

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00:43:34,470 --> 00:43:30,369

eight nine seven three three was Henry

1148

00:43:37,620 --> 00:43:34,480

Draper's 189733 star that he put in his

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00:43:39,150 --> 00:43:37,630

catalog so then we add a little B to the

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00:43:40,710 --> 00:43:39,160

end to say that's the first planet we

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00:43:41,970 --> 00:43:40,720

found or little C is the second planet

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00:43:44,339 --> 00:43:41,980

or little D is the third planet so you

1153

00:43:45,870 --> 00:43:44,349

end up with these big names if the star

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00:43:47,310 --> 00:43:45,880

didn't already have a name then it's

1155

00:43:50,490 --> 00:43:47,320

named after the mission that found it so

1156

00:43:52,079 --> 00:43:50,500

Kepler 442 B for instance was a 440

1157

00:43:54,089 --> 00:43:52,089

second planetary system found by Kepler

1158

00:44:03,570 --> 00:43:54,099

That star didn't already have a name

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00:44:05,240 --> 00:44:03,580

that was in common use we do give some

1160

00:44:06,870 --> 00:44:05,250

of them names sometimes where there's

1161

00:44:09,240 --> 00:44:06,880

occasionally there will be there will be

1162

00:44:12,030 --> 00:44:09,250

in a kind of an exciting name right and

1163

00:44:14,010 --> 00:44:12,040

they're like a marathon or so I you had

1164

00:44:16,200 --> 00:44:14,020

this name EXO world's competition a few

1165

00:44:18,210 --> 00:44:16,210

years ago where they there were like 50

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00:44:19,920 --> 00:44:18,220

planets that they had a basically a vote

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00:44:21,750 --> 00:44:19,930

where you could vote for very cool names

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00:44:23,880 --> 00:44:21,760

so some some of them do have I a you

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00:44:25,680 --> 00:44:23,890

names the professionals never use them

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00:44:27,660 --> 00:44:25,690

there will be a second round of I

1171

00:44:31,740 --> 00:44:27,670

you naming coming up I believe this year

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00:44:34,890 --> 00:44:31,750

so stay tuned to websites you might be

1173

00:44:37,560 --> 00:44:34,900

able to submit your own suggestions so

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00:44:40,620 --> 00:44:37,570

are the title of our show the Golden Age

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00:44:42,930 --> 00:44:40,630

of exoplanet exploration I wanted to ask

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00:44:45,960 --> 00:44:42,940

you for your take on that

1177

00:44:47,970 --> 00:44:45,970

is this the golden age now and I think

1178

00:44:51,360 --> 00:44:47,980

you mentioned that you sort of had it

1179

00:44:54,180 --> 00:44:51,370

had that opinion is it with us now or is

1180

00:44:56,310 --> 00:44:54,190

it still in the future I'm going to be

1181

00:44:59,220 --> 00:44:56,320

evasive and give two answers I think of

1182

00:45:02,700 --> 00:44:59,230

counting planets it really is the golden

1183

00:45:04,290 --> 00:45:02,710

age finding so many and their sizes and

1184

00:45:06,150 --> 00:45:04,300

you haven't even heard the half of it

1185

00:45:08,370 --> 00:45:06,160

because the test mission that launched

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00:45:11,100 --> 00:45:08,380

last April is going to be expected to

1187

00:45:14,100 --> 00:45:11,110

find another 10,000 or so planets above

1188

00:45:16,110 --> 00:45:14,110

the 4,000 we have now and the European

1189

00:45:18,480 --> 00:45:16,120

Space Agency has a mission called Gaia

1190

00:45:21,000 --> 00:45:18,490

which uses another wobble technique to

1191

00:45:23,220 --> 00:45:21,010

measure the stars and we're expecting

1192

00:45:25,610 --> 00:45:23,230

tens of thousands of planets to be found

1193

00:45:28,920 --> 00:45:25,620

through that again indirectly so

1194

00:45:30,270 --> 00:45:28,930

counting it's the golden age in terms of

1195

00:45:32,580 --> 00:45:30,280

characterizing and measuring their

1196

00:45:33,290 --> 00:45:32,590

properties I think that age is still to

1197

00:45:36,890 --> 00:45:33,300

come

1198

00:45:40,830 --> 00:45:36,900

well then so let's talk about that how

1199

00:45:42,690 --> 00:45:40,840

far can we get down this path of

1200

00:45:44,520 --> 00:45:42,700

studying exoplanets and finding them and

1201

00:45:47,850 --> 00:45:44,530

studying them with telescopes alone I

1202

00:45:49,380 --> 00:45:47,860

mean is there a limit to how much we can

1203

00:45:52,020 --> 00:45:49,390

learn about exoplanets without actually

1204

00:45:53,670 --> 00:45:52,030

going to one well we can look at our own

1205

00:45:55,440 --> 00:45:53,680

solar system for the answers to that

1206

00:45:57,510 --> 00:45:55,450

there's a lot of planets that we haven't

1207

00:45:59,760 --> 00:45:57,520

gone and landed on yet we can learn a

1208

00:46:01,440 --> 00:45:59,770

lot by looking at them remotely but we

1209

00:46:03,210 --> 00:46:01,450

always get more answers when we go there

1210

00:46:04,770 --> 00:46:03,220

and land a robot or a person on the

1211

00:46:06,390 --> 00:46:04,780

surface and they can actually bring

1212

00:46:08,160 --> 00:46:06,400

stuff back or take instruments to

1213

00:46:11,220 --> 00:46:08,170

actually measure so we can get very

1214

00:46:13,050 --> 00:46:11,230

exciting and very interesting ways there

1215

00:46:15,510 --> 00:46:13,060

but there's so much more we can get if

1216

00:46:17,250 --> 00:46:15,520

we get there one of the jobs of our

1217

00:46:18,840 --> 00:46:17,260

office is to plan the future of

1218

00:46:20,670 --> 00:46:18,850

exoplanet exploration at least the

1219

00:46:24,240 --> 00:46:20,680

options that can be presented to the

1220

00:46:25,560 --> 00:46:24,250

community to evaluate and so of course

1221

00:46:28,290 --> 00:46:25,570

we've thought about what might happen

1222

00:46:30,270 --> 00:46:28,300

after a have X or a leVoir if they might

1223

00:46:32,130 --> 00:46:30,280

get suggested so keep in mind all those

1224

00:46:34,050 --> 00:46:32,140

future missions would only be able to

1225

00:46:35,910 --> 00:46:34,060

show you a point of light and measure

1226  
00:46:38,340 --> 00:46:35,920  
its spectrum they wouldn't show you the

1227  
00:46:40,050 --> 00:46:38,350  
geography or the cloud patterns

1228  
00:46:41,490 --> 00:46:40,060  
on those planets but you can think about

1229  
00:46:43,980 --> 00:46:41,500  
what a mission would be like that could

1230  
00:46:46,380 --> 00:46:43,990  
do that so right now we've only planned

1231  
00:46:48,900 --> 00:46:46,390  
to make our missions good enough to

1232  
00:46:51,270 --> 00:46:48,910  
separate the planet from its star well

1233  
00:46:54,120 --> 00:46:51,280  
it turns out that the Earth's size is

1234  
00:46:56,670 --> 00:46:54,130  
about 120 thousandth of the separation

1235  
00:46:58,940 --> 00:46:56,680  
between the Earth and the Sun so if we

1236  
00:47:01,650 --> 00:46:58,950  
just scale up leVair by a factor of

1237  
00:47:03,930 --> 00:47:01,660  
20,000 then we'll be in a position to

1238  
00:47:07,050 --> 00:47:03,940

start seeing features on the surface of

1239

00:47:09,140 --> 00:47:07,060

that planet now that's actually too big

1240

00:47:11,550 --> 00:47:09,150

of a telescope to make all in one piece

1241

00:47:13,080 --> 00:47:11,560

but there are techniques in astronomy to

1242

00:47:15,240 --> 00:47:13,090

combine the light of two separated

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00:47:17,700 --> 00:47:15,250

telescopes so these would be separated

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00:47:20,280 --> 00:47:17,710

by quite a while so take 8 meters for Lu

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00:47:22,920 --> 00:47:20,290

4r x 20,000 so you need things that are

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00:47:27,390 --> 00:47:22,930

separated by a hundred thousand meters

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00:47:29,760 --> 00:47:27,400

or so to be able to do this more than

1248

00:47:31,850 --> 00:47:29,770

that 160,000 but you can think about

1249

00:47:36,450 --> 00:47:31,860

being able to make a mission like that

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00:47:39,420 --> 00:47:36,460

physically possible so then what happens

1251  
00:47:42,030 --> 00:47:39,430  
whether it's soon or much farther down

1252  
00:47:45,330 --> 00:47:42,040  
the road though what happens when you

1253  
00:47:47,610 --> 00:47:45,340  
find something that might be an

1254  
00:47:50,460 --> 00:47:47,620  
earth-like planet what will that do to

1255  
00:47:54,030 --> 00:47:50,470  
the search and the study of exoplanets

1256  
00:47:55,770 --> 00:47:54,040  
right well before 1995 there was

1257  
00:47:57,660 --> 00:47:55,780  
actually a hundred and fifty years of

1258  
00:47:59,100 --> 00:47:57,670  
claimed exoplanet detection that were

1259  
00:48:00,630 --> 00:47:59,110  
then retracted and then claimed

1260  
00:48:02,040 --> 00:48:00,640  
exoplanet detections that were then

1261  
00:48:03,630 --> 00:48:02,050  
retracted when you're trying to make

1262  
00:48:05,430 --> 00:48:03,640  
these really difficult measurements

1263  
00:48:07,290 --> 00:48:05,440

right at the edge of your ability to do

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00:48:10,770 --> 00:48:07,300

it you're going to get it wrong a few

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00:48:14,340 --> 00:48:10,780

times so the very first time we think we

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00:48:16,170 --> 00:48:14,350

found a black planet it might not stick

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00:48:17,490 --> 00:48:16,180

we're gonna have to go and look at it

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00:48:19,290 --> 00:48:17,500

with bigger telescopes different

1269

00:48:21,000 --> 00:48:19,300

instruments and then we'll see but

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00:48:22,410 --> 00:48:21,010

everybody on earth will throw every

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00:48:23,490 --> 00:48:22,420

telescope at it essentially as soon as

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00:48:28,280 --> 00:48:23,500

we find one we're just going to

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00:48:33,510 --> 00:48:31,770

well for the imaging method that we're

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00:48:34,950 --> 00:48:33,520

really focusing on you have to do a

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00:48:36,750 --> 00:48:34,960

series of checks you have to make sure

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00:48:38,670 --> 00:48:36,760

that something that's really faint next

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00:48:40,740 --> 00:48:38,680

to your star actually belongs to that

1278

00:48:42,450 --> 00:48:40,750

star that it's not in the background so

1279

00:48:44,610 --> 00:48:42,460

we have to do a check and wait to see if

1280

00:48:46,800 --> 00:48:44,620

that planet candidate moves with a star

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00:48:48,840 --> 00:48:46,810

then if you see that it has that the

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00:48:50,820 --> 00:48:48,850

right spectrum to be the earth we have

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00:48:51,269 --> 00:48:50,830

to ask well is there life on there or

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00:48:53,579 --> 00:48:51,279

not

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00:48:55,499 --> 00:48:53,589

clever chemical modelers have figured

1286

00:48:57,239 --> 00:48:55,509

out a way to have oxygen in the

1287

00:48:59,849 --> 00:48:57,249

atmosphere of a planet without life a

1288

00:49:01,140 --> 00:48:59,859

completely abiotic oxygen atmosphere so

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00:49:02,789 --> 00:49:01,150

we have some tests that are being flown

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00:49:04,979 --> 00:49:02,799

up now about how you might be able to

1291

00:49:07,979 --> 00:49:04,989

tell that kind of oxygen atmosphere from

1292

00:49:09,299 --> 00:49:07,989

a life-bearing oxygen atmosphere so I

1293

00:49:11,249 --> 00:49:09,309

think there will be a lot of discussion

1294

00:49:14,339 --> 00:49:11,259

and debate and just as Jessie says maybe

1295

00:49:16,140 --> 00:49:14,349

some retractions but I'll just spur you

1296

00:49:19,499 --> 00:49:16,150

know further progress towards a really

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00:49:21,509 --> 00:49:19,509

solid result ok then and then on that

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00:49:23,189 --> 00:49:21,519

thread thinking about looking for

1299

00:49:26,489 --> 00:49:23,199

earth-like planets and considering life

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00:49:28,399 --> 00:49:26,499

do you guys have a belief personal or

1301

00:49:33,089 --> 00:49:28,409

professional about the likelihood of

1302

00:49:35,999 --> 00:49:33,099

that there is life beyond Earth well

1303

00:49:37,829 --> 00:49:36,009

it's hard to imagine that that if the

1304

00:49:39,959 --> 00:49:37,839

planets are as numerous as Kepler is

1305

00:49:41,099 --> 00:49:39,969

telling us and the conditions that the

1306

00:49:43,349 --> 00:49:41,109

universe is made of the same substance

1307

00:49:45,509 --> 00:49:43,359

as we have here on earth the conditions

1308

00:49:48,169 --> 00:49:45,519

seem to be possible for life in many

1309

00:49:51,259 --> 00:49:48,179

settings but whether that actually

1310

00:49:54,149 --> 00:49:51,269

progresses the star is quiet enough

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00:49:56,249 --> 00:49:54,159

long-lived enough whether it progresses

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00:49:58,109 --> 00:49:56,259

to multicellular life and then

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00:49:59,999 --> 00:49:58,119

intelligent life is something that's

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00:50:02,399 --> 00:50:00,009

still a totally open question and we

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00:50:07,249 --> 00:50:02,409

have room for speculation as you see in

1316

00:50:10,829 --> 00:50:07,259

the movies and on TV yeah so on earth

1317

00:50:12,539 --> 00:50:10,839

basically as soon as Earth was able to

1318

00:50:14,729 --> 00:50:12,549

support simple life

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00:50:16,829 --> 00:50:14,739

you see simple life start to emerge like

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00:50:18,809 --> 00:50:16,839

single celled things but then it's

1321

00:50:20,099 --> 00:50:18,819

millions billions of years before the

1322

00:50:22,049 --> 00:50:20,109

single-celled things turn into

1323

00:50:23,849 --> 00:50:22,059

multi-celled things so like Carl said it

1324

00:50:26,519 --> 00:50:23,859

might be the case that single-celled

1325

00:50:28,380 --> 00:50:26,529

life is easy to make and can be found

1326

00:50:30,659 --> 00:50:28,390

but that the progression to multi cell

1327

00:50:32,630 --> 00:50:30,669

life is very difficult and and maybe not

1328

00:50:37,079 --> 00:50:32,640

driven in some way it's as an accident

1329

00:50:38,489 --> 00:50:37,089

so that not really an answer but we

1330

00:50:42,120 --> 00:50:38,499

don't really have an answer and you're

1331

00:50:43,469 --> 00:50:42,130

not the type to speculate you have an

1332

00:50:45,209 --> 00:50:43,479

angle to get an answer if you can

1333

00:50:47,489 --> 00:50:45,219

measure the atmospheres of enough

1334

00:50:49,559 --> 00:50:47,499

planets and see how common these oxygen

1335

00:50:52,140 --> 00:50:49,569

features really are then maybe you can

1336

00:50:54,749 --> 00:50:52,150

start to say well life could be no more

1337

00:50:56,880 --> 00:50:54,759

common than this or as common as that I

1338

00:50:58,399 --> 00:50:56,890

think a large sample does a lot for

1339

00:51:02,279 --> 00:50:58,409

helping to understand what's happening

1340

00:51:03,930 --> 00:51:02,289

well going back to then how non

1341

00:51:08,789 --> 00:51:03,940

scientists like me

1342

00:51:10,339 --> 00:51:08,799

approach astronomy the idea that you can

1343

00:51:13,410 --> 00:51:10,349

tell what's in a planet's atmosphere

1344

00:51:14,910 --> 00:51:13,420

that that that the light from that

1345

00:51:16,950 --> 00:51:14,920

planet star goes through that atmosphere

1346

00:51:19,140 --> 00:51:16,960

and travels through space to your

1347

00:51:22,730 --> 00:51:19,150

telescope and that there's information

1348

00:51:27,539 --> 00:51:22,740

hidden in the light is just this a

1349

00:51:30,930 --> 00:51:27,549

magical idea right has there been a

1350

00:51:34,740 --> 00:51:30,940

moment where you found yourself stunned

1351  
00:51:36,299 --> 00:51:34,750  
by a realization like that either as you

1352  
00:51:38,519 --> 00:51:36,309  
were training to become a researcher or

1353  
00:51:41,190 --> 00:51:38,529  
since you've started working as a

1354  
00:51:44,039 --> 00:51:41,200  
professional scientist that just stunned

1355  
00:51:45,960 --> 00:51:44,049  
you like that I would say the first time

1356  
00:51:48,480 --> 00:51:45,970  
I looked at Kepler data real Kepler data

1357  
00:51:50,190 --> 00:51:48,490  
from the spacecraft so I hadn't spent as

1358  
00:51:53,309 --> 00:51:50,200  
I mentioned a long time looking at

1359  
00:51:55,650 --> 00:51:53,319  
crappy crappy data from the ground that

1360  
00:51:58,859 --> 00:51:55,660  
was had weather and gaps because of the

1361  
00:52:00,749 --> 00:51:58,869  
Sun coming up and telescopes breaking

1362  
00:52:02,819 --> 00:52:00,759  
and all of these reasons why I didn't

1363  
00:52:04,289 --> 00:52:02,829

have good data and then the first and it

1364

00:52:05,730 --> 00:52:04,299

was in the first week after I joined the

1365

00:52:07,680 --> 00:52:05,740

cap of Science office we sat down to

1366

00:52:10,019 --> 00:52:07,690

look at the new batch of data and it was

1367

00:52:11,940 --> 00:52:10,029

just exquisite everything just looked

1368

00:52:13,710 --> 00:52:11,950

like a model like this was exactly what

1369

00:52:15,930 --> 00:52:13,720

they told you a transit would look like

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00:52:17,579 --> 00:52:15,940

and it was a real data and so after

1371

00:52:18,900 --> 00:52:17,589

years of not finding planets we

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00:52:22,140 --> 00:52:18,910

literally sat there for an hour like

1373

00:52:24,690 --> 00:52:22,150

that's one that's one oh that one's

1374

00:52:26,370 --> 00:52:24,700

interesting this one and I was just

1375

00:52:28,019 --> 00:52:26,380

blown away I was just like this was like

1376

00:52:30,480 --> 00:52:28,029

the culmination of all of those years

1377

00:52:33,120 --> 00:52:30,490

it's just like they're everywhere so it

1378

00:52:35,069 --> 00:52:33,130

was amazing anything like that for you

1379

00:52:36,329 --> 00:52:35,079

call ynv Jesse's experience with the

1380

00:52:39,120 --> 00:52:36,339

Kepler mission this was such a great

1381

00:52:40,799 --> 00:52:39,130

mission the opportunity I had that was

1382

00:52:41,970 --> 00:52:40,809

similar to that was to be involved in

1383

00:52:44,759 --> 00:52:41,980

the repair of the Hubble Space Telescope

1384

00:52:46,440 --> 00:52:44,769

back in 1993 and when it when those

1385

00:52:47,910 --> 00:52:46,450

images came down and showed that finally

1386

00:52:49,980 --> 00:52:47,920

things were in proper focus and we could

1387

00:52:52,230 --> 00:52:49,990

start to see all the things that we had

1388

00:52:54,029 --> 00:52:52,240

expected to see and that that then led

1389

00:52:57,569 --> 00:52:54,039

to this fantastic set of Hubble results

1390

00:52:58,829 --> 00:52:57,579

over the past you know 25 years I'm that

1391

00:53:00,660 --> 00:52:58,839

that was that kind of moment for me that

1392

00:53:04,249 --> 00:53:00,670

I realized I you know hit the big time

1393

00:53:07,740 --> 00:53:04,259

of science what motivates you guys

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00:53:10,289 --> 00:53:07,750

personally to study exoplanets what is

1395

00:53:14,430 --> 00:53:10,299

it that makes this particular field of

1396

00:53:16,620 --> 00:53:14,440

science of astronomy so compelling well

1397

00:53:17,760 --> 00:53:16,630

I think it's the opportunity to see the

1398

00:53:19,620 --> 00:53:17,770

diversity of what

1399

00:53:21,540 --> 00:53:19,630

there I enjoy going on travel or hiking

1400

00:53:23,010 --> 00:53:21,550

and seeing the diversity that we have on

1401  
00:53:24,480 --> 00:53:23,020  
earth all the different environments and

1402  
00:53:25,980 --> 00:53:24,490  
the earth is so fascinating and

1403  
00:53:28,140 --> 00:53:25,990  
intricate the idea that there are

1404  
00:53:30,630 --> 00:53:28,150  
thousands more out there with different

1405  
00:53:32,640 --> 00:53:30,640  
kinds of life-forms perhaps that that's

1406  
00:53:34,470 --> 00:53:32,650  
really exciting that that possibility

1407  
00:53:36,870 --> 00:53:34,480  
and so if we can just take a step toward

1408  
00:53:40,350 --> 00:53:36,880  
making civilizations discover all that

1409  
00:53:42,840 --> 00:53:40,360  
extra stuff I would be thrilled for me

1410  
00:53:45,270 --> 00:53:42,850  
it's really the discovery like the

1411  
00:53:48,720 --> 00:53:45,280  
exploration the fact that I get to find

1412  
00:53:50,670 --> 00:53:48,730  
new worlds you know it's one of those

1413  
00:53:52,260 --> 00:53:50,680

the this idiom that you hear that you

1414

00:53:53,910 --> 00:53:52,270

know you were born too late to explore

1415

00:53:55,950 --> 00:53:53,920

the earth but born too early to explore

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00:53:57,990 --> 00:53:55,960

space I don't feel that way because I'm

1417

00:53:59,310 --> 00:53:58,000

exploring space everyday I'm finding new

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00:54:00,720 --> 00:53:59,320

planets all the time and there are new

1419

00:54:02,910 --> 00:54:00,730

worlds and each one is unique and

1420

00:54:04,320 --> 00:54:02,920

interesting so for me it's just it's

1421

00:54:07,109 --> 00:54:04,330

like that hit of dimpling it's like

1422

00:54:11,760 --> 00:54:07,119

another one another one another one so I

1423

00:54:14,760 --> 00:54:11,770

think it's fantastic it's fantastic so

1424

00:54:17,970 --> 00:54:14,770

we wanted to talk a little bit I know

1425

00:54:20,340 --> 00:54:17,980

about about letting how other people can

1426  
00:54:21,359 --> 00:54:20,350  
be involved in that process of discovery

1427  
00:54:23,160 --> 00:54:21,369  
even if they're not professional

1428  
00:54:25,290 --> 00:54:23,170  
scientists the whole idea of citizen

1429  
00:54:27,240 --> 00:54:25,300  
science and there there are some ways

1430  
00:54:29,670 --> 00:54:27,250  
that you wanted to talk about about how

1431  
00:54:31,349 --> 00:54:29,680  
citizen scientists can help with the

1432  
00:54:34,349 --> 00:54:31,359  
discovery of exoplanets what is what is

1433  
00:54:36,720 --> 00:54:34,359  
that right so so looking for transits

1434  
00:54:39,300 --> 00:54:36,730  
around stars I told you you're just

1435  
00:54:40,680 --> 00:54:39,310  
looking for dips so we have software

1436  
00:54:41,880 --> 00:54:40,690  
that can do that we have codes that we

1437  
00:54:43,380 --> 00:54:41,890  
write to look through all these stuff

1438  
00:54:46,230 --> 00:54:43,390

that light curves and look for the dips

1439

00:54:49,200 --> 00:54:46,240

but software is not infallible it's not

1440

00:54:51,570 --> 00:54:49,210

perfect what's really good at finding

1441

00:54:53,580 --> 00:54:51,580

dips is the human brain so we're

1442

00:54:54,900 --> 00:54:53,590

excellent at pattern recognition was the

1443

00:54:57,300 --> 00:54:54,910

reason why we knew the difference

1444

00:54:58,560 --> 00:54:57,310

between a tiger and grass right like

1445

00:55:01,109 --> 00:54:58,570

being able to see those stripes was

1446

00:55:02,880 --> 00:55:01,119

important so we're excellent to pattern

1447

00:55:04,770 --> 00:55:02,890

recognition and I can teach you in less

1448

00:55:06,510 --> 00:55:04,780

than five minutes how to find planets

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00:55:08,160 --> 00:55:06,520

using the transit method so there's a

1450

00:55:11,490 --> 00:55:08,170

few different websites that you can go

1451  
00:55:13,740 --> 00:55:11,500  
to launched hosted by the Zooniverse

1452  
00:55:16,470 --> 00:55:13,750  
platforms universe is a citizen science

1453  
00:55:17,970 --> 00:55:16,480  
online program where scientists can

1454  
00:55:19,349 --> 00:55:17,980  
bring their data and then citizen

1455  
00:55:20,640 --> 00:55:19,359  
scientists can come and help them

1456  
00:55:22,859 --> 00:55:20,650  
analyze it so there's two different

1457  
00:55:24,750 --> 00:55:22,869  
exoplanet programs one is called planet

1458  
00:55:27,510 --> 00:55:24,760  
hunters and one is called exoplanet

1459  
00:55:29,700 --> 00:55:27,520  
explorers exoplanet explorers was k2

1460  
00:55:30,300 --> 00:55:29,710  
data planet hunters was kepler daughter

1461  
00:55:32,700 --> 00:55:30,310  
and

1462  
00:55:34,800 --> 00:55:32,710  
test data so if you're interested in

1463  
00:55:36,720 --> 00:55:34,810

going and looking for these transits so

1464

00:55:38,730 --> 00:55:36,730

the k2 138 system that I showed the

1465

00:55:40,380 --> 00:55:38,740

musical system was discovered by citizen

1466

00:55:42,030 --> 00:55:40,390

scientists they found this amazing

1467

00:55:44,340 --> 00:55:42,040

incredible resonance system which is so

1468

00:55:45,960 --> 00:55:44,350

rich so I encourage you if you're

1469

00:55:47,700 --> 00:55:45,970

interested to go home tonight and go to

1470

00:55:49,320 --> 00:55:47,710

planet hunters org and start looking for

1471

00:55:52,980 --> 00:55:49,330

planets around test data because we need

1472

00:55:54,630 --> 00:55:52,990

your help yeah well there's a 10 million

1473

00:55:57,860 --> 00:55:54,640

stars or so that that test will be

1474

00:56:00,240 --> 00:55:57,870

monitoring over its lifetime yes so

1475

00:56:03,900 --> 00:56:00,250

every one of you could go adopt a star

1476

00:56:05,220 --> 00:56:03,910

and see if it's got a planet or not so

1477

00:56:06,660 --> 00:56:05,230

as you can see as you've heard there are

1478

00:56:08,790 --> 00:56:06,670

all kinds of ways that you can you can

1479

00:56:10,410 --> 00:56:08,800

get involved learn a whole lot more and

1480

00:56:12,330 --> 00:56:10,420

even explore some of these planets and

1481

00:56:14,370 --> 00:56:12,340

and what they might might look like I

1482

00:56:16,530 --> 00:56:14,380

think this is a good place for us to

1483

00:56:20,130 --> 00:56:16,540

hear from you and the audience though

1484

00:56:22,530 --> 00:56:20,140

now and transition to your questions so

1485

00:56:24,660 --> 00:56:22,540

we'll have a microphone down front and

1486

00:56:26,760 --> 00:56:24,670

if you have a question please come on

1487

00:56:28,560 --> 00:56:26,770

down and give us your question and then

1488

00:56:32,520 --> 00:56:28,570

we'll get a few of the questions from

1489

00:56:34,890 --> 00:56:32,530

YouTube in here as well so hi there go

1490

00:56:37,860 --> 00:56:34,900

ahead hi how are you guys tonight

1491

00:56:40,230 --> 00:56:37,870

how do you first I want to thank you

1492

00:56:43,260 --> 00:56:40,240

both for a great lecture not only that

1493

00:56:44,610 --> 00:56:43,270

but also your continued work it gives me

1494

00:56:47,030 --> 00:56:44,620

something to look forward to

1495

00:56:50,070 --> 00:56:47,040

always the data you guys give it back

1496

00:56:52,110 --> 00:56:50,080

but I guess I'd like to combine two

1497

00:56:55,710 --> 00:56:52,120

things you were at the beginning talking

1498

00:56:57,330 --> 00:56:55,720

about how you named stars and planets

1499

00:56:58,380 --> 00:56:57,340

that you find and then you just

1500

00:57:02,010 --> 00:56:58,390

mentioned that I might be able to find

1501  
00:57:05,970 --> 00:57:02,020  
some I was wondering if I can name one

1502  
00:57:07,260 --> 00:57:05,980  
Jeff you can give them unofficial names

1503  
00:57:09,660 --> 00:57:07,270  
and a lot of them actually do have

1504  
00:57:11,760 --> 00:57:09,670  
unofficial names so the first one that

1505  
00:57:14,790 --> 00:57:11,770  
we found that has the pure density of

1506  
00:57:19,590 --> 00:57:14,800  
pure pure water we call it Kevin after

1507  
00:57:21,330 --> 00:57:19,600  
Kevin Costner Waterworld so some of them

1508  
00:57:23,430 --> 00:57:21,340  
do have nicknames so I will find one

1509  
00:57:26,060 --> 00:57:23,440  
where Jeff is appropriate thank you guys

1510  
00:57:33,930 --> 00:57:27,990  
how's it going thank you for a great

1511  
00:57:36,660 --> 00:57:33,940  
talk I had two questions the couple

1512  
00:57:39,990 --> 00:57:36,670  
together given detection from the

1513  
00:57:42,330 --> 00:57:40,000

transit method if some other

1514

00:57:43,490 --> 00:57:42,340

civilization somewhere out there is

1515

00:57:45,020 --> 00:57:43,500

looking at

1516

00:57:47,450 --> 00:57:45,030

there would be a good chance that they

1517

00:57:49,820 --> 00:57:47,460

might reciprocally detect us via the

1518

00:57:52,310 --> 00:57:49,830

transit method and so the question I had

1519

00:57:55,280 --> 00:57:52,320

was a test question of the four cameras

1520

00:57:58,430 --> 00:57:55,290

that are displayed on the 13 shots they

1521

00:57:59,690 --> 00:57:58,440

have the pol gets imaged 13 times and in

1522

00:58:01,940 --> 00:57:59,700

the north Northern Hemisphere and

1523

00:58:05,000 --> 00:58:01,950

southern hemisphere we're skipping the

1524

00:58:06,380 --> 00:58:05,010

ecliptic and if anybody is going to see

1525

00:58:06,830 --> 00:58:06,390

us they're gonna see us along the

1526  
00:58:15,020 --> 00:58:06,840  
ecliptic

1527  
00:58:18,290 --> 00:58:15,030  
and plans for TST and torching sensors

1528  
00:58:20,690 --> 00:58:18,300  
with the Sun and the and the moon what

1529  
00:58:22,010 --> 00:58:20,700  
is the main reason for not scanning the

1530  
00:58:23,360 --> 00:58:22,020  
ecliptic because wouldn't that be the

1531  
00:58:27,260 --> 00:58:23,370  
neighborhood we want to look at to find

1532  
00:58:29,210 --> 00:58:27,270  
fine friends sure so actually said the

1533  
00:58:30,830 --> 00:58:29,220  
prime the prime test mission the first

1534  
00:58:31,790 --> 00:58:30,840  
two years is doing it as you said the

1535  
00:58:33,710 --> 00:58:31,800  
southern hemisphere and then the

1536  
00:58:35,480 --> 00:58:33,720  
northern hemisphere and the reason they

1537  
00:58:36,650 --> 00:58:35,490  
they kind of skipped the ecliptic was

1538  
00:58:38,870 --> 00:58:36,660

because they really wanted to have that

1539

00:58:40,340 --> 00:58:38,880

overlap region at the poles so that they

1540

00:58:41,060 --> 00:58:40,350

could look for longer period planets

1541

00:58:43,160 --> 00:58:41,070

down there

1542

00:58:44,660 --> 00:58:43,170

the extended test mission there's no

1543

00:58:46,430 --> 00:58:44,670

reason why the test spacecraft has to

1544

00:58:48,350 --> 00:58:46,440

stop after two years in the orbit that

1545

00:58:49,310 --> 00:58:48,360

it's in actually the moon keeps it in

1546

00:58:51,590 --> 00:58:49,320

the orbit that it's in so it doesn't

1547

00:58:54,290 --> 00:58:51,600

need any fuel unlike Kepler which ran

1548

00:58:55,760 --> 00:58:54,300

out of fuel recently so in the extended

1549

00:58:57,350 --> 00:58:55,770

mission there is a proposal which still

1550

00:58:58,970 --> 00:58:57,360

has to get accepted by NASA for them to

1551  
00:59:01,250 --> 00:58:58,980  
turn those four cameras sideways and do

1552  
00:59:02,960 --> 00:59:01,260  
the ecliptic in a few chunks so we are

1553  
00:59:04,490 --> 00:59:02,970  
trying to get back to the ecliptic it's

1554  
00:59:06,080 --> 00:59:04,500  
just for the first two years we wanted

1555  
00:59:07,850 --> 00:59:06,090  
to get that coverage at the poles those

1556  
00:59:09,590 --> 00:59:07,860  
poles are also the James Webb Webb

1557  
00:59:10,940 --> 00:59:09,600  
continuous viewing zones of planets we

1558  
00:59:13,610 --> 00:59:10,950  
find they will be able to be observed by

1559  
00:59:15,320 --> 00:59:13,620  
James Webb all the time okay and the

1560  
00:59:18,200 --> 00:59:15,330  
companion question is what are your

1561  
00:59:21,880 --> 00:59:18,210  
thoughts on Drake's and new exoplanet

1562  
00:59:25,090 --> 00:59:21,890  
data and where the numbers kind of sit

1563  
00:59:27,680 --> 00:59:25,100

the Drake Equation oh the Drake a 2's

1564

00:59:29,390 --> 00:59:27,690

right so this is something that is

1565

00:59:30,890 --> 00:59:29,400

important to the Future missions and

1566

00:59:33,170 --> 00:59:30,900

estimating how many plants you might see

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00:59:34,370 --> 00:59:33,180

is what's the frequency of them so I

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00:59:36,470 --> 00:59:34,380

mean jesse has really been one of the

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00:59:40,070 --> 00:59:36,480

leaders and telling how much Kepler was

1570

00:59:42,830 --> 00:59:40,080

able to add to that question I should

1571

00:59:44,740 --> 00:59:42,840

really defer to your answer I need the

1572

00:59:48,880 --> 00:59:44,750

new answer I always ask you the the

1573

00:59:51,890 --> 00:59:48,890

we've assumed about a 25% frequency for

1574

00:59:53,390 --> 00:59:51,900

rocky planets in habitable zones when

1575

00:59:55,539 --> 00:59:53,400

we've been planning the hab X and Louvre

1576

00:59:57,849 --> 00:59:55,549

our mission I

1577

00:59:59,200 --> 00:59:57,859

so some reanalysis of the Kepler data is

1578

01:00:00,910 --> 00:59:59,210

showing some smaller numbers some is

1579

01:00:02,200 --> 01:00:00,920

showing some larger numbers but that's

1580

01:00:04,329 --> 01:00:02,210

sort of the first step in the Drake

1581

01:00:05,650 --> 01:00:04,339

Equation that you've referred to is you

1582

01:00:07,989 --> 01:00:05,660

know how many stars are there like the

1583

01:00:09,370 --> 01:00:07,999

Sun how many of them have planets like

1584

01:00:11,200 --> 01:00:09,380

the earth at the right temperature how

1585

01:00:13,599 --> 01:00:11,210

many of them have the right composition

1586

01:00:15,370 --> 01:00:13,609

how many of them have life develop and

1587

01:00:16,930 --> 01:00:15,380

so forth we don't know how to answer

1588

01:00:19,299 --> 01:00:16,940

some of the terms in that equation but

1589

01:00:22,630 --> 01:00:19,309

the ones at the start we are really

1590

01:00:29,319 --> 01:00:22,640

answering scientifically now yeah thank

1591

01:00:31,960 --> 01:00:29,329

you so my understanding is that both the

1592

01:00:35,049 --> 01:00:31,970

transit method and the the Doppler where

1593

01:00:37,059 --> 01:00:35,059

you look for the who is is a highly

1594

01:00:39,730 --> 01:00:37,069

biased toward edge on it has to be edge

1595

01:00:42,579 --> 01:00:39,740

on systems you're looking at but my

1596

01:00:44,910 --> 01:00:42,589

understanding is the image message that

1597

01:00:48,249 --> 01:00:44,920

you're hoping to do could look at a

1598

01:00:53,380 --> 01:00:48,259

system that is not edge-on correct so

1599

01:00:55,269 --> 01:00:53,390

what is the expected gain how much how

1600

01:00:58,239 --> 01:00:55,279

many more systems would you see at a

1601  
01:01:01,059 --> 01:00:58,249  
given distance that are I mean just what

1602  
01:01:02,950 --> 01:01:01,069  
is the geometry in terms of of how many

1603  
01:01:05,739 --> 01:01:02,960  
more systems you would see right well so

1604  
01:01:07,239 --> 01:01:05,749  
the 25% number that I gave for the

1605  
01:01:08,620 --> 01:01:07,249  
frequency of rocky planets in a

1606  
01:01:10,420 --> 01:01:08,630  
habitable zone that came out of Kepler

1607  
01:01:12,430 --> 01:01:10,430  
it already includes a correction factor

1608  
01:01:14,140 --> 01:01:12,440  
for the fact that the Kepler could only

1609  
01:01:16,029 --> 01:01:14,150  
see the ones that were in edge-on orbits

1610  
01:01:18,190 --> 01:01:16,039  
so we've gone from a much you know lower

1611  
01:01:20,729 --> 01:01:18,200  
detection rate of Kepler to an estimated

1612  
01:01:23,559 --> 01:01:20,739  
detection at all inclination angles of

1613  
01:01:26,710 --> 01:01:23,569

25% you are right that the imaging

1614

01:01:28,749 --> 01:01:26,720

missions can show us the planets and the

1615

01:01:30,519 --> 01:01:28,759

entire system at once without waiting

1616

01:01:32,470 --> 01:01:30,529

for them to transit and for any

1617

01:01:35,349 --> 01:01:32,480

inclination of the orbit so that'll let

1618

01:01:37,630 --> 01:01:35,359

us really investigate our neighbors more

1619

01:01:40,150 --> 01:01:37,640

fully than the transit method can yeah

1620

01:01:41,140 --> 01:01:40,160

but it'll be limited to shorter range is

1621

01:01:43,239 --> 01:01:41,150

what you're saying so would you say

1622

01:01:45,039 --> 01:01:43,249

neighbors yeah that's right I mean with

1623

01:01:46,960 --> 01:01:45,049

the transit method it doesn't really

1624

01:01:48,519 --> 01:01:46,970

matter how far away the star is just has

1625

01:01:51,130 --> 01:01:48,529

to be bright enough to give you enough

1626  
01:01:53,170 --> 01:01:51,140  
signal whereas in imaging if the system

1627  
01:01:54,999 --> 01:01:53,180  
is twice as far away then the planet

1628  
01:01:57,069 --> 01:01:55,009  
appears to be in a smaller angular

1629  
01:01:59,859 --> 01:01:57,079  
separation from its star so it's harder

1630  
01:02:02,529 --> 01:01:59,869  
to do so imaging is the nearby system

1631  
01:02:04,239 --> 01:02:02,539  
approach thank you United States the

1632  
01:02:07,530 --> 01:02:04,249  
further way that star is the further you

1633  
01:02:11,380 --> 01:02:07,540  
have to drive to see your spotlight yeah

1634  
01:02:15,460 --> 01:02:11,390  
it strikes me that much of the exoplanet

1635  
01:02:19,569 --> 01:02:15,470  
research is is based upon finding life

1636  
01:02:22,890 --> 01:02:19,579  
on other you know other planets assuming

1637  
01:02:26,829 --> 01:02:22,900  
the same chemical properties as on earth

1638  
01:02:29,770 --> 01:02:26,839

do you think that's necessarily so I

1639

01:02:33,490 --> 01:02:29,780

mean even even on earth four billion

1640

01:02:38,200 --> 01:02:33,500

years ago I would the the atmosphere was

1641

01:02:42,760 --> 01:02:38,210

Today would be toxic to us so how are we

1642

01:02:45,789 --> 01:02:42,770

going to I mean you can have like silica

1643

01:02:48,339 --> 01:02:45,799

can make self-replicating crystals of

1644

01:02:52,450 --> 01:02:48,349

itself which could be construed as life

1645

01:02:54,789 --> 01:02:52,460

right so I'm curious as to ask your

1646

01:02:56,349 --> 01:02:54,799

biological research into other chemical

1647

01:02:58,030 --> 01:02:56,359

pathways that life could follow that

1648

01:03:00,069 --> 01:02:58,040

doesn't rely on the same chemistry that

1649

01:03:01,569 --> 01:03:00,079

we do for instance Titan with its

1650

01:03:04,599 --> 01:03:01,579

methane lakes like could you have

1651  
01:03:06,579 --> 01:03:04,609  
something that lived in that in terms of

1652  
01:03:09,490 --> 01:03:06,589  
how we look for that because it's such

1653  
01:03:11,740 --> 01:03:09,500  
an unconstrained problem we don't really

1654  
01:03:13,329 --> 01:03:11,750  
have plans to like design missions to

1655  
01:03:14,770 --> 01:03:13,339  
look for that kind of thing because we

1656  
01:03:16,690 --> 01:03:14,780  
don't know what we're looking for you if

1657  
01:03:18,069 --> 01:03:16,700  
something if something emerges on our

1658  
01:03:19,599 --> 01:03:18,079  
studies that we're doing at the moment

1659  
01:03:21,940 --> 01:03:19,609  
we're like here's another critical

1660  
01:03:23,319 --> 01:03:21,950  
pathway where you could have some kind

1661  
01:03:25,839 --> 01:03:23,329  
of you know it's all about energy

1662  
01:03:27,910 --> 01:03:25,849  
gradients right if there's something

1663  
01:03:29,140 --> 01:03:27,920

that works if there's some alternative

1664

01:03:30,700 --> 01:03:29,150

biology that works that can give

1665

01:03:32,079 --> 01:03:30,710

predictions we can go look for that but

1666

01:03:34,359 --> 01:03:32,089

at the moment we have no predictions and

1667

01:03:35,710 --> 01:03:34,369

it's hard to go to NASA and say please

1668

01:03:37,089 --> 01:03:35,720

give me money to build a big telescope

1669

01:03:39,099 --> 01:03:37,099

but I don't know what I'm looking for

1670

01:03:43,329 --> 01:03:39,109

yet but I know it when I see it I'm sure

1671

01:03:47,109 --> 01:03:43,339

it is let's take a question from the

1672

01:03:49,390 --> 01:03:47,119

YouTube audience blacks and asks us what

1673

01:03:53,220 --> 01:03:49,400

is the most distant exoplanet ever

1674

01:03:55,450 --> 01:03:53,230

detected are they all in our galaxy or

1675

01:03:57,910 --> 01:03:55,460

there was a claim of one of them in the

1676

01:03:59,770 --> 01:03:57,920

Magellanic Clouds a claim of a micro

1677

01:04:03,970 --> 01:03:59,780

lensing event in another galaxy but it

1678

01:04:07,329 --> 01:04:03,980

was fairly dicey dicey is the word I

1679

01:04:08,950 --> 01:04:07,339

would use so the most distant planets we

1680

01:04:11,260 --> 01:04:08,960

found are actually towards the middle of

1681

01:04:13,059 --> 01:04:11,270

the galaxy and that's using this method

1682

01:04:16,030 --> 01:04:13,069

that I just mentioned the car mentioned

1683

01:04:17,559 --> 01:04:16,040

the micro lensing method which is you

1684

01:04:18,579 --> 01:04:17,569

need to have basically from our

1685

01:04:18,990 --> 01:04:18,589

cleansing director you need to have this

1686

01:04:20,700 --> 01:04:19,000

back

1687

01:04:22,290 --> 01:04:20,710

on the screen of stars and then a star

1688

01:04:24,240 --> 01:04:22,300

in the foreground it has a planet around

1689

01:04:25,830 --> 01:04:24,250

it and then the movement of this star on

1690

01:04:27,660 --> 01:04:25,840

the background star you can work out

1691

01:04:28,830 --> 01:04:27,670

that there's a planet there so we need

1692

01:04:30,270 --> 01:04:28,840

to be looking towards the center of the

1693

01:04:32,070 --> 01:04:30,280

galaxy where we have this big background

1694

01:04:33,780 --> 01:04:32,080

screen of stars to find these so all of

1695

01:04:37,530 --> 01:04:33,790

the most distant star distant planets

1696

01:04:39,930 --> 01:04:37,540

that we found which are in the like hmm

1697

01:04:41,280 --> 01:04:39,940

about ten thousand parsecs I think is

1698

01:04:43,230 --> 01:04:41,290

like the farthest one away we found our

1699

01:04:45,600 --> 01:04:43,240

all towards the center of the galaxy ten

1700

01:04:48,150 --> 01:04:45,610

thousand parsecs and light-years like

1701  
01:04:51,990 --> 01:04:48,160  
that means anything to anybody but our

1702  
01:04:55,230 --> 01:04:52,000  
second between here and the alright hi

1703  
01:04:57,390 --> 01:04:55,240  
there okay I guess it connects a little

1704  
01:04:59,220 --> 01:04:57,400  
bit to what you just said the the

1705  
01:05:02,520 --> 01:04:59,230  
microlensing you've been talking about

1706  
01:05:04,530 --> 01:05:02,530  
you sort of promised to maybe explain a

1707  
01:05:08,400 --> 01:05:04,540  
little bit more about it I was just

1708  
01:05:11,430 --> 01:05:08,410  
wondering what the technology there is

1709  
01:05:15,060 --> 01:05:11,440  
in compostable opposed to what we had

1710  
01:05:18,300 --> 01:05:15,070  
before and is it already developed or is

1711  
01:05:20,520 --> 01:05:18,310  
it is there tests that have you have you

1712  
01:05:22,050 --> 01:05:20,530  
shot something from Earth is it possible

1713  
01:05:23,640 --> 01:05:22,060

to see it somewhere is it even possible

1714

01:05:25,620 --> 01:05:23,650

I mean I don't understand how it works

1715

01:05:28,230 --> 01:05:25,630

completely micro buzzing technique is

1716

01:05:29,790 --> 01:05:28,240

another way of counting planets it uses

1717

01:05:31,200 --> 01:05:29,800

the same kind of measurement as the

1718

01:05:33,060 --> 01:05:31,210

transit method where he watched the

1719

01:05:35,610 --> 01:05:33,070

brightness of a star for something to

1720

01:05:36,990 --> 01:05:35,620

change but instead of the planet passing

1721

01:05:39,300 --> 01:05:37,000

in front of the star I'm blocking some

1722

01:05:40,950 --> 01:05:39,310

of its light now what's happening is for

1723

01:05:43,170 --> 01:05:40,960

a very distant star and a planet in

1724

01:05:45,030 --> 01:05:43,180

between the planet passes in front of

1725

01:05:47,370 --> 01:05:45,040

the star in actually gravitationally

1726

01:05:50,430 --> 01:05:47,380

magnifies the star according to the

1727

01:05:52,530 --> 01:05:50,440

theory of general relativity I mean how

1728

01:05:55,320 --> 01:05:52,540

do you capture it is it so you just very

1729

01:05:58,080 --> 01:05:55,330

patiently take image after image after

1730

01:06:00,150 --> 01:05:58,090

image staring at a very dense field of

1731

01:06:02,010 --> 01:06:00,160

stars and you'll see some star whose

1732

01:06:04,470 --> 01:06:02,020

brightness slowly starts to go up and

1733

01:06:06,930 --> 01:06:04,480

then after the lensing is finished it

1734

01:06:08,970 --> 01:06:06,940

starts to go back down and then if that

1735

01:06:10,530 --> 01:06:08,980

foreground star has a planet around it

1736

01:06:12,540 --> 01:06:10,540

there'll be a little blip that lasts for

1737

01:06:14,040 --> 01:06:12,550

a day or two where the planet lens is

1738

01:06:16,470 --> 01:06:14,050

the light of that distant background

1739

01:06:18,540 --> 01:06:16,480

star so these are great for telling us

1740

01:06:20,730 --> 01:06:18,550

how many more planets are out there it's

1741

01:06:23,280 --> 01:06:20,740

it's also though frustrating because

1742

01:06:24,930 --> 01:06:23,290

once the event is over it never repeats

1743

01:06:27,060 --> 01:06:24,940

so you could never go back and study

1744

01:06:29,340 --> 01:06:27,070

that planet again and get a spectrum of

1745

01:06:31,440 --> 01:06:29,350

it for example but nevertheless this has

1746

01:06:32,220 --> 01:06:31,450

got you know such promise for explaining

1747

01:06:33,780 --> 01:06:32,230

how many

1748

01:06:36,329 --> 01:06:33,790

kinds of planets there are out there

1749

01:06:38,370 --> 01:06:36,339

that w first emission is going to do a

1750

01:06:42,569 --> 01:06:38,380

lot of this when it launches in the mid

1751

01:06:44,520 --> 01:06:42,579

2020s so exoplanet study studies in

1752

01:06:47,370 --> 01:06:44,530

general involve a lot of staring and

1753

01:06:49,020 --> 01:06:47,380

waiting one patch of sky that's what

1754

01:06:50,460 --> 01:06:49,030

Kepler did right I mean it you just pick

1755

01:06:52,560 --> 01:06:50,470

they picked a patch of sky why do they

1756

01:06:54,540 --> 01:06:52,570

pick that particular direction to look

1757

01:06:56,430 --> 01:06:54,550

in with Kepler oh that's a good question

1758

01:06:59,910 --> 01:06:56,440

so not that your other questions have

1759

01:07:03,450 --> 01:06:59,920

been good precedent so it was a balance

1760

01:07:04,950 --> 01:07:03,460

they had to trade having enough stars so

1761

01:07:06,180 --> 01:07:04,960

that there was some chance of some of

1762

01:07:07,859 --> 01:07:06,190

them transiting so as we've talked about

1763

01:07:09,030 --> 01:07:07,869

there's a lot of stars that won't have

1764

01:07:10,980 --> 01:07:09,040

transiting planets cuz they're just not

1765

01:07:12,750 --> 01:07:10,990

lined up the right way so you have to

1766

01:07:14,250 --> 01:07:12,760

survey hundreds of thousands of stars to

1767

01:07:15,930 --> 01:07:14,260

have a good chance of finding the ones

1768

01:07:18,000 --> 01:07:15,940

that are lined up the right way so it's

1769

01:07:19,560 --> 01:07:18,010

an inefficient survey mechanism but if

1770

01:07:22,020 --> 01:07:19,570

you get too crowded if you're staring at

1771

01:07:23,730 --> 01:07:22,030

the Galactic bulge then you have many

1772

01:07:24,839 --> 01:07:23,740

stars along the same line of sight and

1773

01:07:27,270 --> 01:07:24,849

you don't know where the planet is and

1774

01:07:28,589 --> 01:07:27,280

it's very confusing so we had to kind of

1775

01:07:30,750 --> 01:07:28,599

get a little bit out of the Galactic

1776

01:07:32,609 --> 01:07:30,760

plane but not too far so they chose this

1777

01:07:33,870 --> 01:07:32,619

specific field of fuel to balance that

1778

01:07:37,460 --> 01:07:33,880

there were two hundred thousand stars

1779

01:07:39,540 --> 01:07:37,470

there that were enough but not too many

1780

01:07:42,210 --> 01:07:39,550

another question from our YouTube

1781

01:07:44,790 --> 01:07:42,220

audience Gary Hampton asks have we

1782

01:07:47,099 --> 01:07:44,800

noticed patterns in the materials

1783

01:07:49,500 --> 01:07:47,109

exoplanets contain in certain systems

1784

01:07:52,710 --> 01:07:49,510

are there I think that's asking about

1785

01:07:53,910 --> 01:07:52,720

the composition right well certainly in

1786

01:07:57,059 --> 01:07:53,920

terms of density there have been

1787

01:07:58,710 --> 01:07:57,069

patterns that have been seen yes so one

1788

01:08:00,349 --> 01:07:58,720

of the interesting things we found the

1789

01:08:03,059 --> 01:08:00,359

super-earths that I was talking about

1790

01:08:04,559 --> 01:08:03,069

there actually seemed to be two kinds of

1791

01:08:06,180 --> 01:08:04,569

super Earths the ones that are more

1792

01:08:08,640 --> 01:08:06,190

rocky and the ones that are more

1793

01:08:12,180 --> 01:08:08,650

volatile rich they have things more like

1794

01:08:14,010 --> 01:08:12,190

Neptune or Uranus and why some planets

1795

01:08:15,210 --> 01:08:14,020

end up becoming the the smaller ones and

1796

01:08:16,590 --> 01:08:15,220

why some of them end up becoming the

1797

01:08:17,940 --> 01:08:16,600

bigger ones is still a mystery there's a

1798

01:08:19,829 --> 01:08:17,950

bunch of different theories about why a

1799

01:08:21,300 --> 01:08:19,839

planet would decide to shed its

1800

01:08:22,890 --> 01:08:21,310

atmosphere and get us to become small

1801  
01:08:24,900 --> 01:08:22,900  
rocky or hold on to a bigger atmosphere

1802  
01:08:26,550 --> 01:08:24,910  
so that's one of the questions we're

1803  
01:08:28,229 --> 01:08:26,560  
trying to answer the other thing that's

1804  
01:08:30,300 --> 01:08:28,239  
really interesting that we'd really love

1805  
01:08:32,220 --> 01:08:30,310  
to know for jay diversity some planets

1806  
01:08:34,559 --> 01:08:32,230  
we looked at a cloudy and some of them

1807  
01:08:36,959 --> 01:08:34,569  
are clear so when a planet is cloudy

1808  
01:08:38,370 --> 01:08:36,969  
it's hard to see into its atmosphere so

1809  
01:08:40,470 --> 01:08:38,380  
this transmission spectroscopy this

1810  
01:08:42,249 --> 01:08:40,480  
backlit spectroscopy that Kyle was

1811  
01:08:43,479 --> 01:08:42,259  
talking about if there's just cry

1812  
01:08:44,769 --> 01:08:43,489  
the atmosphere and the atmosphere is

1813  
01:08:47,079 --> 01:08:44,779

just opaque and you don't get to see

1814

01:08:48,849 --> 01:08:47,089

anything in there and so far it's been

1815

01:08:50,079 --> 01:08:48,859

hard for us to predict which planets are

1816

01:08:52,269 --> 01:08:50,089

gonna be cloudy and which ones are gonna

1817

01:08:54,189 --> 01:08:52,279

be clear so there's a lot of work going

1818

01:08:55,329 --> 01:08:54,199

into trying to see if there's a pattern

1819

01:08:57,339 --> 01:08:55,339

because if there is an underlying

1820

01:08:58,599 --> 01:08:57,349

pattern we know not to point j2 as tier

1821

01:09:01,689 --> 01:08:58,609

the cloudy ones will point about the

1822

01:09:02,620 --> 01:09:01,699

clear ones yeah having more spectra is

1823

01:09:04,059 --> 01:09:02,630

really going to help answer that

1824

01:09:06,609 --> 01:09:04,069

question if we only have a couple dozen

1825

01:09:08,200 --> 01:09:06,619

planets with spectra right now it's hard

1826  
01:09:10,240 --> 01:09:08,210  
to see patterns in a sample that's small

1827  
01:09:14,379 --> 01:09:10,250  
so ask again when we've got a couple

1828  
01:09:16,930 --> 01:09:14,389  
hundred there's also if I'm not mistaken

1829  
01:09:19,329 --> 01:09:16,940  
there's a there are patterns in in the

1830  
01:09:20,769 --> 01:09:19,339  
stars in the composition if we're

1831  
01:09:23,109 --> 01:09:20,779  
talking about composition this the

1832  
01:09:25,209 --> 01:09:23,119  
compositions of the stars that have the

1833  
01:09:26,919 --> 01:09:25,219  
planets that can help you predict some

1834  
01:09:28,899 --> 01:09:26,929  
things about the planetary system right

1835  
01:09:29,979 --> 01:09:28,909  
yes so actually this is very relevant to

1836  
01:09:31,930 --> 01:09:29,989  
my interest because I just put in a

1837  
01:09:34,509 --> 01:09:31,940  
proposal today to the NASA test mission

1838  
01:09:36,789 --> 01:09:34,519

to look around the most metal-poor stars

1839

01:09:38,319 --> 01:09:36,799

so stars have a certain amount of heavy

1840

01:09:39,849 --> 01:09:38,329

elements in them mostly their hydrogen

1841

01:09:41,799 --> 01:09:39,859

and helium but they have some heavier

1842

01:09:44,140 --> 01:09:41,809

things in them too but some stars have a

1843

01:09:45,519 --> 01:09:44,150

lot more of that than other stars and we

1844

01:09:47,649 --> 01:09:45,529

think that the amount of heavy elements

1845

01:09:49,479 --> 01:09:47,659

that a star has in it might be related

1846

01:09:50,950 --> 01:09:49,489

to how many planets that can form so

1847

01:09:52,269 --> 01:09:50,960

stars with a lot of heavy elements might

1848

01:09:53,890 --> 01:09:52,279

be able to form more planets because

1849

01:09:55,299 --> 01:09:53,900

there's just more heavy stuff in the

1850

01:09:57,580 --> 01:09:55,309

disk that the star and the planets form

1851

01:10:00,729 --> 01:09:57,590

out of but no one's been able to study

1852

01:10:02,169 --> 01:10:00,739

the very most metal-poor stars but tests

1853

01:10:04,120 --> 01:10:02,179

because it's doing almost the whole sky

1854

01:10:06,069 --> 01:10:04,130

is looking at tens of thousands of these

1855

01:10:07,600 --> 01:10:06,079

very metal-poor stars so the proposal

1856

01:10:09,430 --> 01:10:07,610

that I put in today was to let me look

1857

01:10:11,229 --> 01:10:09,440

for planets around those because if we

1858

01:10:13,870 --> 01:10:11,239

find planets around these stars it'll be

1859

01:10:15,100 --> 01:10:13,880

you know like a bus coming through these

1860

01:10:16,330 --> 01:10:15,110

theories that says you can't form

1861

01:10:19,899 --> 01:10:16,340

planets around them and I love that kind

1862

01:10:21,910 --> 01:10:19,909

of thing well there are it was evidence

1863

01:10:23,919 --> 01:10:21,920

already for stars that have a lot of

1864

01:10:25,720 --> 01:10:23,929

metal in them that has elements other

1865

01:10:27,970 --> 01:10:25,730

than hydrogen and helium that they have

1866

01:10:29,470 --> 01:10:27,980

a more frequent occurrence of giant

1867

01:10:31,479 --> 01:10:29,480

planets like Jupiter this was found from

1868

01:10:34,720 --> 01:10:31,489

the early studies with a radial velocity

1869

01:10:36,850 --> 01:10:34,730

method in the 2000s so there's a very

1870

01:10:38,560 --> 01:10:36,860

definitely this trend that the the stars

1871

01:10:42,279 --> 01:10:38,570

that have more metal content seem to

1872

01:10:43,959 --> 01:10:42,289

have more giant planets that's my while

1873

01:10:45,160 --> 01:10:43,969

that is fascinating my favorite take

1874

01:10:47,350 --> 01:10:45,170

away from tonight is the fact that

1875

01:10:50,470 --> 01:10:47,360

astronomers refer to everything heavier

1876

01:10:52,500 --> 01:10:50,480

than helium as metal well look at your

1877

01:10:54,790 --> 01:10:52,510

periodic table

1878

01:10:56,950 --> 01:10:54,800

okay so we have one more question

1879

01:11:00,120 --> 01:10:56,960

tonight and it comes from YouTube it's

1880

01:11:02,560 --> 01:11:00,130

Gary Hampton who asks do we know about

1881

01:11:05,230 --> 01:11:02,570

exoplanets that are close to black holes

1882

01:11:07,120 --> 01:11:05,240

and I'm actually going to add on to

1883

01:11:09,580 --> 01:11:07,130

Gary's question because black holes are

1884

01:11:13,150 --> 01:11:09,590

dead stars I do we know about black

1885

01:11:15,700 --> 01:11:13,160

holes or any kind of you know star at

1886

01:11:17,080 --> 01:11:15,710

the end of its life or a dead star well

1887

01:11:19,270 --> 01:11:17,090

that refers back to this slide that

1888

01:11:22,150 --> 01:11:19,280

Jesse showed with the the different

1889

01:11:24,790 --> 01:11:22,160

choices for the first exoplanet in 1992

1890

01:11:27,460 --> 01:11:24,800

radio astronomers found that a pulsar

1891

01:11:30,190 --> 01:11:27,470

which is a dead remnant of a supernova

1892

01:11:32,080 --> 01:11:30,200

explosion from a massive star was

1893

01:11:33,250 --> 01:11:32,090

actually jiggling around because it had

1894

01:11:35,350 --> 01:11:33,260

a planet around it that seemed to be

1895

01:11:37,360 --> 01:11:35,360

roughly the mass of the moon and it was

1896

01:11:39,430 --> 01:11:37,370

even a second planet or asteroid like

1897

01:11:42,010 --> 01:11:39,440

object that was detected just from

1898

01:11:44,470 --> 01:11:42,020

watching how the radio signals played

1899

01:11:46,180 --> 01:11:44,480

out so not a black hole but something

1900

01:11:48,670 --> 01:11:46,190

pretty close to it the dead remnant of a

1901

01:11:51,640 --> 01:11:48,680

star having a planet searches of other

1902

01:11:54,010 --> 01:11:51,650

neutron stars and pulsars have not found

1903

01:11:55,750 --> 01:11:54,020

that this is very common and I can't

1904

01:11:57,700 --> 01:11:55,760

think I'm scanning my brain I'm scanning

1905

01:11:59,680 --> 01:11:57,710

my mental NASA exoplanet archive I don't

1906

01:12:00,760 --> 01:11:59,690

think we have found any that are in any

1907

01:12:02,620 --> 01:12:00,770

way associated with black holes

1908

01:12:05,230 --> 01:12:02,630

unfortunately we haven't found them but

1909

01:12:07,630 --> 01:12:05,240

are they are they conceivable there is

1910

01:12:10,150 --> 01:12:07,640

it possible for a for a system to have a

1911

01:12:11,590 --> 01:12:10,160

black hole with planets interesting so

1912

01:12:13,330 --> 01:12:11,600

when the star gets to end of its life

1913

01:12:15,640 --> 01:12:13,340

and go supernova and collapses down into

1914

01:12:17,620 --> 01:12:15,650

a black hole if there were planets

1915

01:12:18,790 --> 01:12:17,630

around them what would happen to them so

1916

01:12:20,800 --> 01:12:18,800

I think a lot of them would get blown

1917

01:12:22,510 --> 01:12:20,810

away by the supernova explosion there

1918

01:12:24,100 --> 01:12:22,520

might be remnants left behind the

1919

01:12:25,930 --> 01:12:24,110

question about these pulsar planets is

1920

01:12:27,400 --> 01:12:25,940

whether they're leftovers of the

1921

01:12:29,320 --> 01:12:27,410

original planets that were there or

1922

01:12:31,450 --> 01:12:29,330

whether after the explosion some matter

1923

01:12:34,240 --> 01:12:31,460

in the disk re coalesced and reforms

1924

01:12:35,860 --> 01:12:34,250

like second-generation planets so there

1925

01:12:37,600 --> 01:12:35,870

could be second-generation planets

1926

01:12:39,790 --> 01:12:37,610

around black holes they would be

1927

01:12:41,560 --> 01:12:39,800

incredibly difficult to find black holes

1928

01:12:42,790 --> 01:12:41,570

are notoriously hard to find you know

1929

01:12:47,410 --> 01:12:42,800

there's no transit method with black

1930

01:12:49,510 --> 01:12:47,420

holes yeah I think that's all the time

1931

01:12:51,220 --> 01:12:49,520

we have for tonight thanks to everyone

1932

01:12:53,650 --> 01:12:51,230

for being here and for watching online

1933

01:12:56,290 --> 01:12:53,660

and of course to our speakers please

1934

01:12:58,390 --> 01:12:56,300

join us again next month for a look at

1935

01:13:00,280 --> 01:12:58,400

clouds and their relationship to our

1936

01:13:10,350 --> 01:13:00,290

climate so we'll see you then good night