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00:00:07,550 --> 00:00:03,350  
NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory

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00:00:09,980 --> 00:00:07,560  
presents the von Karman lecture a series

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00:00:12,350 --> 00:00:09,990  
of talks by scientists and engineers who

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00:00:24,460 --> 00:00:12,360  
are exploring our planet our solar

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00:00:29,269 --> 00:00:27,109  
hello everybody welcome to the von

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00:00:33,410 --> 00:00:29,279  
Karman series from NASA's Jet Propulsion

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00:00:35,869 --> 00:00:33,420  
Laboratory I'm Preston dykes well this

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00:00:39,259 --> 00:00:35,879  
is our monthly series of public talks

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00:00:42,140 --> 00:00:39,269  
and discussions usually brought to you

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00:00:44,960 --> 00:00:42,150  
live from our von Karman auditorium at

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00:00:48,020 --> 00:00:44,970  
JPL and hence the name of the series but

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00:00:50,420 --> 00:00:48,030  
like so many other shows and live events

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00:00:52,970 --> 00:00:50,430

right now we're coming to you remotely

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00:00:56,510 --> 00:00:52,980

from our homes spread out across the Los

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00:00:58,670 --> 00:00:56,520

Angeles area so thank you so much for

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00:01:00,740 --> 00:00:58,680

joining us in trying something a little

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00:01:03,349 --> 00:01:00,750

different and especially if you're

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00:01:05,450 --> 00:01:03,359

watching us live because we feel like

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00:01:06,650 --> 00:01:05,460

shared experiences like this are

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00:01:09,139 --> 00:01:06,660

important right now

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00:01:11,240 --> 00:01:09,149

so and if you're watching live on

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00:01:13,880 --> 00:01:11,250

Facebook and YouTube you can submit

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00:01:15,850 --> 00:01:13,890

questions via the chat and we'll work in

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00:01:18,710 --> 00:01:15,860

some of those questions during our show

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00:01:21,410 --> 00:01:18,720

okay and to help us with that I am

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00:01:24,680 --> 00:01:21,420

really grateful to have my colleague

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00:01:26,480 --> 00:01:24,690

from JPL Shannon 4e who is part of the

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00:01:30,650 --> 00:01:26,490

NASA earth public engagement team hey

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00:01:31,820 --> 00:01:30,660

Shannon hi everybody thanks for watching

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00:01:33,320 --> 00:01:31,830

I'll be sharing your questions with our

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00:01:35,059 --> 00:01:33,330

guests at several points in the show so

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00:01:36,410 --> 00:01:35,069

keep them coming and in the YouTube and

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00:01:37,910 --> 00:01:36,420

the facebook chats and if you're not

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00:01:41,210 --> 00:01:37,920

seeing the chat window just refresh your

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00:01:43,460 --> 00:01:41,220

browser and it should appear all right

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00:01:45,350 --> 00:01:43,470

well thanks Shannon I just want to note

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00:01:48,260 --> 00:01:45,360

that since this is an experiment and we

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00:01:49,969 --> 00:01:48,270

are recording live if we run into any

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00:01:51,650 --> 00:01:49,979

technical challenges we will roll with

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them and we hope you'll hang in there

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with us as well so that brings me to a

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00:02:00,020 --> 00:01:57,420

program note we had planned to bring you

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00:02:02,930 --> 00:02:00,030

two speakers tonight with one of them

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00:02:05,479 --> 00:02:02,940

being a scientist on NASA's Delta X

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00:02:07,190 --> 00:02:05,489

mission but unfortunately due to a

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00:02:09,859 --> 00:02:07,200

technical issue we weren't able to have

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00:02:11,690 --> 00:02:09,869

them join us but we will still have a

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00:02:13,520 --> 00:02:11,700

great discussion with our other speaker

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00:02:15,890 --> 00:02:13,530

and will actually talk a little bit

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00:02:18,559 --> 00:02:15,900

about the Delta X mission anyway and

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00:02:21,910 --> 00:02:18,569  
hopefully we can share more about that

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00:02:29,119 --> 00:02:21,920  
really exciting mission in future show

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00:02:30,920 --> 00:02:29,129  
so perhaps because of the extraordinary

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00:02:33,740 --> 00:02:30,930  
situation that we're all in right now

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00:02:36,700 --> 00:02:33,750  
around the world it feels like a

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00:02:39,220 --> 00:02:36,710  
particularly relevant time

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00:02:41,800 --> 00:02:39,230  
remember our shared responsibility for

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00:02:44,350 --> 00:02:41,810  
planet Earth and remember that in the

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00:02:44,920 --> 00:02:44,360  
biggest sense we really are all in this

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00:02:48,460 --> 00:02:44,930  
together

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00:02:51,280 --> 00:02:48,470  
and so to that end we're coming up on

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00:02:53,290 --> 00:02:51,290  
Earth Day and that's on April 22nd and

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00:02:55,510 --> 00:02:53,300

it's not just any Earth Day this is the

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00:02:58,210 --> 00:02:55,520

fiftieth anniversary of Earth Day this

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00:03:00,610 --> 00:02:58,220

year and Shannon you've been deeply

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involved in NASA's planning for what

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we're calling Earth Day at home

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00:03:07,420 --> 00:03:03,830

so can you tell us what NASA has got

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00:03:09,370 --> 00:03:07,430

planned yeah well like we do every year

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00:03:10,870 --> 00:03:09,380

NASA plans to observe Earth Day and

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00:03:12,610 --> 00:03:10,880

share a variety of resources about the

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beauty and wonder of our amazing home

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00:03:15,850 --> 00:03:14,420

planet and what we're doing at NASA to

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00:03:18,580 --> 00:03:15,860

study and better understand it's

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00:03:20,770 --> 00:03:18,590

changing how it's changing and so you

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00:03:22,360 --> 00:03:20,780

can visit [nasa.gov](https://nasa.gov) slash Earth Day to

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find all of our Earth Day resources in

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one place and you can also follow us on

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at NASA Earth on social media channels

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and follow along with all of our Earth

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Day activities on hashtag Earth Day at

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home fantastic

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so to connect to Earth Day as Shannon

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00:03:42,490 --> 00:03:39,590

talked about we're talking this month

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00:03:44,680 --> 00:03:42,500

about observing our home planet and

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we're fortunate to have with us a NASA

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00:03:49,780 --> 00:03:47,060

earth scientist who is helping to lead

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an important mission to learn more about

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planet Earth and we'll talk with him

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00:03:56,610 --> 00:03:54,050

about his mission and also the bigger

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00:04:00,310 --> 00:03:56,620

picture of the whys and how's of

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00:04:02,560 --> 00:04:00,320

studying earth from above and below and

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00:04:08,110 --> 00:04:02,570

so I want to welcome our guest Paul

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00:04:10,840 --> 00:04:08,120

Rozin Paul Sundaram hey Paul Paul serves

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00:04:13,570 --> 00:04:10,850

as the project scientist for NASA's nice

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00:04:17,350 --> 00:04:13,580

our mission so great to have you with us

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Paul thank you so I want to start off

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really big picture why is it that we

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need to study our home planet it seems

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like it's pretty well explored at least

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00:04:31,510 --> 00:04:29,060  
the land surface what what else do we

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00:04:35,320 --> 00:04:31,520  
need to understand about Earth beyond

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00:04:36,820 --> 00:04:35,330  
just keeping up with the weather well it

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00:04:38,920 --> 00:04:36,830  
is true that people have been living on

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00:04:40,630 --> 00:04:38,930  
the earth for a very long time and we've

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00:04:44,950 --> 00:04:40,640  
measured quite a few things on the earth

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00:04:47,080 --> 00:04:44,960  
over over the centuries so I like to

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00:04:50,500 --> 00:04:47,090  
think of it in terms of medical research

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00:04:53,880 --> 00:04:50,510  
we're very familiar with our bodies

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00:04:57,280 --> 00:04:53,890  
and our minds yet we continue to study

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00:05:00,100 --> 00:04:57,290  
our bodies and our minds and invest very

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00:05:02,190 --> 00:05:00,110  
heavily in doing that when we're Wells

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00:05:04,780 --> 00:05:02,200

we don't usually think very much about

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what's going on with our bodies but when

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00:05:10,750 --> 00:05:07,100

we're sick and when we recover we often

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want to understand why that's the case

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00:05:14,920 --> 00:05:12,920

and we want to figure out ways to

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prevent ourselves from getting sick in

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the future at this particular time as

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you mentioned with the corona virus

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epidemic biological forces on our bodies

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are at the forefront of our mind right

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now but there's other forces as well

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there's stresses of everyday life

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there's environmental stresses

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there's geophysical stresses such as

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earthquakes and volcanoes sea level rise

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of many many factors that go into

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understanding us as human beings and the

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same is true for the earth itself

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00:05:55,470 --> 00:05:51,590

there's inputs and outputs there's

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00:05:58,600 --> 00:05:55,480

energy and sources and energy sinks and

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it's a very complex system just as our

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bodies and minds are very complex

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systems so it's important for us to

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study the oceans study the atmospheres

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study the solid earth the crust and how

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it changes with time study the ice

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sheets and have a change and how they

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interact with the oceans and the

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00:06:19,960 --> 00:06:17,390

atmosphere in order to answer some very

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important questions to all of us what's

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going to happen to to my house when the

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next earthquake occurs here in

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California if there's a drought in a

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particular country or region what does

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that mean

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in terms of this year versus 10 years is

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this a permanent condition as our

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climate changing in the sense that we

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would expect this forever when the

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Amazon burns as we observed last summer

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how is that actually changing things is

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it a long-term effect or a small term

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effect this is all very complex system

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science at the earth level and there's a

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lot at stake in these observations so

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it's extremely important to study

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well you know everyone who's watching

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00:07:11,860 --> 00:07:08,870

may not be aware that NASA actually

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studies earth both from high up in space

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in orbit and also down from closer to

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the ground from using airplanes and and

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and surface instruments and boats and

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things so why that kind of gets to the

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theme of our show so why is it important

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to study Earth from different vantage

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points you know from from space and from

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closer to the surface well there's many

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different reasons for it I'll try to

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summarize quickly some things you simply

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can't measure very easily from space or

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as well as you could do from say the

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ground an example might be if you want

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to study the age of a tree by measuring

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tree rings it's much more simple to get

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a tree coring device and cut a hole into

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the tree and look at the Rings or if

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you're looking at the ages of the ice

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sheets over the last two hundred

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thousand years it's easier to drill a

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hole and core the ice and look at the

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layers of the ice than it is to measure

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that from space there are space

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techniques to do those kinds of things

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but certainly an in situ in-place

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measurements such as that is quite

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effective and very quite cost effective

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however if you want to do that

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everywhere it's very difficult to send

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an army of people to every tree in the

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entire forest of the Amazon or the Congo

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or of the northeastern United States and

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measure such a such detailed set of

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measurements so we often then go up to

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the air or we go up to space in the air

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we will look for some other techniques

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some other instrument that could be a

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proxy for something like measuring the

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tree rings the age of a tree and some of

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the measurements we'll talk about later

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today are related to that in air we

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would perhaps focus on things that are

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best observed in a way that satellites

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from space could not do so for example

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we're going to talk about a mission

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later Delta X mission briefly I

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understand the speakers are not here

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tonight but in that particular

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case it's an airborne mission to look at

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Delta regions of rivers and they are

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extremely dynamic and they can change

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with the tides they can change on a

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daily basis as the weather conditions

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are changing so you need to sample those

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in space and time

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quite quite effectively quite quite fast

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effectively so that's very difficult to

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do from space because you are fixed in a

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particular set of orbits and so that

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particular observation is best suited to

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an airborne system from space of course

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we get the vantage point of looking at

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the entire planet

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assuming we pick an orbit that's

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associated with that and and there's a

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there's a particular orbit that we use

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and we can have a swath that will cover

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the entire Earth and then give us that

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global perspective so that's the reason

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why we sometimes look on the earth

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sometimes we look on in air and

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sometimes we look in space yeah it

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sounds like it sounds like you really do

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need a multi-faceted perspective to kind

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of see the big picture is what you're

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saying that's exactly right and I think

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Shannon you've got our first question

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from the live audience once you go ahead

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I do yeah so Chris on YouTube asks do we

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ever consider the Earth's carrying

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capacity world population and its impact

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on climate change yes we certainly do

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worry about that food security is is one

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very important factor in sustainability

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of the human condition and food security

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is related to agricultural production

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and agricultural production is related

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to how we treat our environment and

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climate and that kind of thing so yes

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so Paul earth is earth science is one of

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those areas where NASA collaborates a

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lot with

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other other agencies like NOAA and the

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u.s. geologic survey as well as other

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countries but we'll talk a little more

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about that in a minute but for if other

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government agencies are are studying

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Earth and observing it what why does

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NASA do that - what is our role in the

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story well the simple answer is that

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NASA has a charter to study earth

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science from space using new

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technologies that are developed through

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the space program driven by those

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science requirements that's the simple

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answer now of course it's a little bit

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more complex than that

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NOAA has satellites they measure whether

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it's an operational agency to measure

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the weather it's not really science

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00:12:23,010 --> 00:12:20,890

driven some science can be done with

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00:12:25,740 --> 00:12:23,020

their satellites but generally speaking

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00:12:29,220 --> 00:12:25,750

they take proven techniques proven

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00:12:30,720 --> 00:12:29,230

satellites fly them and give us the

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00:12:33,030 --> 00:12:30,730

weather on the weather channel every

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00:12:35,840 --> 00:12:33,040

every night that's one of their main

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00:12:38,340 --> 00:12:35,850

roles NSF the National Science

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00:12:39,870 --> 00:12:38,350

Foundation they have a charter to do

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00:12:42,090 --> 00:12:39,880

earth science as well as many other

281

00:12:45,270 --> 00:12:42,100

sciences but they generally are not a

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00:12:47,160 --> 00:12:45,280

spacefaring agency they are they have

283

00:12:49,020 --> 00:12:47,170

programs that are related to those but

284

00:12:51,510 --> 00:12:49,030

that's not their charter to actually do

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00:12:54,570 --> 00:12:51,520

that with new technologies and USGS

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00:12:57,030 --> 00:12:54,580

similarly has a mandate to monitor

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00:12:59,340 --> 00:12:57,040

everything about the country basically

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00:13:02,910 --> 00:12:59,350

not necessarily the globe although they

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00:13:06,210 --> 00:13:02,920

do have global initiatives as well about

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00:13:08,160 --> 00:13:06,220

water quality and management of forests

291

00:13:12,030 --> 00:13:08,170

and things like that they tend to be

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00:13:14,400 --> 00:13:12,040

less focused on this charter of whole

293

00:13:16,590 --> 00:13:14,410

system science using new technology from

294

00:13:19,910 --> 00:13:16,600

space so NASA does have a unique role in

295

00:13:22,140 --> 00:13:19,920

this capacity all right well let's

296

00:13:25,560 --> 00:13:22,150

Shannon you got another question once

297

00:13:28,110 --> 00:13:25,570

you go ahead I do and I might be getting

298

00:13:30,900 --> 00:13:28,120

a little head of myself here but Venetia

299

00:13:34,050 --> 00:13:30,910

on YouTube asks how will we benefit from

300

00:13:36,110 --> 00:13:34,060

nice arse mission research why don't we

301

00:13:40,380 --> 00:13:36,120

come back to that one in just a minute

302

00:13:43,800 --> 00:13:40,390

look I think about that as we go forward

303

00:13:44,220 --> 00:13:43,810

so so how about this let's answer that

304

00:13:48,390 --> 00:13:44,230

question

305

00:13:51,360 --> 00:13:48,400

right now alright let's get started then

306

00:13:53,460 --> 00:13:51,370

talking about these two examples these

307

00:13:55,980 --> 00:13:53,470

kind of specific examples from the many

308

00:13:58,430 --> 00:13:55,990

and I mean many different science

309

00:14:02,430 --> 00:13:58,440

missions and programs that NASA supports

310

00:14:04,770 --> 00:14:02,440

these are two upcoming missions nice R

311

00:14:06,770 --> 00:14:04,780

and Delta X meaning they're still in

312

00:14:09,450 --> 00:14:06,780

development getting ready to to deploy

313

00:14:12,660 --> 00:14:09,460

and there are very different types of

314

00:14:14,910 --> 00:14:12,670

missions and so together they give a

315

00:14:17,640 --> 00:14:14,920

sense of the wide range of methods and

316

00:14:19,590 --> 00:14:17,650

and perspectives that nASA uses to help

317

00:14:23,040 --> 00:14:19,600

understand how our planet works and how

318

00:14:24,950 --> 00:14:23,050

it changes so let's let's answer that

319

00:14:27,590 --> 00:14:24,960

question let's talk about nice R palla

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00:14:31,350 --> 00:14:27,600

starting with what is it

321

00:14:33,510 --> 00:14:31,360

well nice R is a fantastic mission that

322

00:14:35,940 --> 00:14:33,520

I have the honor and privilege to be the

323

00:14:38,790 --> 00:14:35,950

project scientist for nice R is an

324

00:14:41,910 --> 00:14:38,800

acronym so it's a set of words that are

325

00:14:45,990 --> 00:14:41,920

put together into an acronym n stands

326

00:14:48,480 --> 00:14:46,000

for NASA so that's another acronym the

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00:14:50,790 --> 00:14:48,490

AIA stands for is Rho which is another

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00:14:54,330 --> 00:14:50,800

acronym stands for the Indian Space

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00:14:57,450 --> 00:14:54,340

Research Organization and the S stands

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00:15:01,560 --> 00:14:57,460

for synthetic the a stands for aperture

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00:15:05,160 --> 00:15:01,570

and the R stands for radar so NASA is

332

00:15:08,130 --> 00:15:05,170

Rho synthetic aperture radar mission

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00:15:10,200 --> 00:15:08,140

very complicated we tried to come up

334

00:15:12,990 --> 00:15:10,210

with a better name but it was very

335

00:15:14,430 --> 00:15:13,000

difficult and we just stuck with that so

336

00:15:16,500 --> 00:15:14,440

it describes that we are in a

337

00:15:19,020 --> 00:15:16,510

partnership with the Indian Space

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00:15:20,610 --> 00:15:19,030

## Research Organization NASA and Israel

339

00:15:23,490 --> 00:15:20,620  
are equal partners building this

340

00:15:27,650 --> 00:15:23,500  
satellite together and I like to think

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00:15:33,870 --> 00:15:27,660  
of the satellite as a effectively a

342

00:15:36,770 --> 00:15:33,880  
radar that makes 3d time-lapse movies of

343

00:15:39,330 --> 00:15:36,780  
the earth and we'll talk about the

344

00:15:41,310 --> 00:15:39,340  
aspects of that in a bit but first I

345

00:15:43,320 --> 00:15:41,320  
thought I'd kick it off by showing an

346

00:15:46,110 --> 00:15:43,330  
animation which is kind of like a 3d

347

00:15:48,480 --> 00:15:46,120  
animation of the spacecraft itself that

348

00:15:52,350 --> 00:15:48,490  
would be graphic number one that could

349

00:15:54,630 --> 00:15:52,360  
be brought up so this is showing in two

350

00:15:57,330 --> 00:15:54,640  
years from now and we launched in 2022

351

00:16:00,120 --> 00:15:57,340

the spacecraft is

352

00:16:02,850 --> 00:16:00,130

stuffed into an indian space vehicle and

353

00:16:05,940 --> 00:16:02,860

then it has to be deployed so here you

354

00:16:09,180 --> 00:16:05,950

can see the deployment of a very complex

355

00:16:11,940 --> 00:16:09,190

boom with four joints you can see the

356

00:16:15,500 --> 00:16:11,950

boom is now being extended to its nine

357

00:16:19,650 --> 00:16:15,510

meter length and then it rotates up and

358

00:16:23,090 --> 00:16:19,660

gets into its final position to deploy a

359

00:16:27,090 --> 00:16:23,100

12 meter diameter that's 36 feet roughly

360

00:16:29,190 --> 00:16:27,100

reflector gold mesh reflector so this is

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00:16:31,920 --> 00:16:29,200

a huge system that we are launching into

362

00:16:35,910 --> 00:16:31,930

space 12 meter reflector 9 meter boom

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00:16:38,910 --> 00:16:35,920

and a 5 meter spacecraft with packed

364

00:16:42,440 --> 00:16:38,920

with a lot electronics 2 radars one from

365

00:16:44,220 --> 00:16:42,450

the NASA one from Israel and a lot of

366

00:16:46,560 --> 00:16:44,230

telecommunications equipment to get a

367

00:16:50,250 --> 00:16:46,570

huge volume of data from space to the

368

00:16:53,850 --> 00:16:50,260

ground so that's what the system is and

369

00:16:55,890 --> 00:16:53,860

these these 3d IMAX movies are to

370

00:16:58,650 --> 00:16:55,900

measure deformation and the technique

371

00:17:01,020 --> 00:16:58,660

that we use for that is by taking an

372

00:17:03,150 --> 00:17:01,030

image comparing it to the image of

373

00:17:05,840 --> 00:17:03,160

another time step and another time step

374

00:17:09,210 --> 00:17:05,850

and another time step and looking at

375

00:17:12,690 --> 00:17:09,220

these images as a meter stick to measure

376

00:17:15,360 --> 00:17:12,700

the motion of the earth two millimeter

377

00:17:18,990 --> 00:17:15,370

precision and the changes in the

378

00:17:20,610 --> 00:17:19,000

reflectivity of the earth to a very very

379

00:17:23,400 --> 00:17:20,620

high precision as well

380

00:17:26,520 --> 00:17:23,410

over time so we can see changes of all

381

00:17:29,420 --> 00:17:26,530

the land and all the ice-covered

382

00:17:33,690 --> 00:17:29,430

surfaces over the life of the mission

383

00:17:37,920 --> 00:17:33,700

Wow so two millimeter precision from yes

384

00:17:40,410 --> 00:17:37,930

that's a problem 8 1 million meters base

385

00:17:42,770 --> 00:17:40,420

you can measure to one thousandth of a

386

00:17:46,590 --> 00:17:42,780

meter precision it's really phenomenal

387

00:17:49,260 --> 00:17:46,600

very cool well tell us more about how

388

00:17:54,030 --> 00:17:49,270

you do it I mean you use you use radar

389

00:17:57,420 --> 00:17:54,040

right yes okay well let's see first of

390

00:18:02,760 --> 00:17:57,430

all let's look at the graphic number

391

00:18:07,950 --> 00:18:02,770

three which shows you an animation now

392

00:18:11,190 --> 00:18:07,960

of how the how the system operates so

393

00:18:12,930 --> 00:18:11,200

we're flying along at 7,500

394

00:18:16,470 --> 00:18:12,940

meters per second and we're sending

395

00:18:18,419 --> 00:18:16,480

pulses to the ground roughly 1,000 times

396

00:18:20,159 --> 00:18:18,429

per second so each one of these little

397

00:18:21,629 --> 00:18:20,169

potato chips you see flying to the

398

00:18:26,129 --> 00:18:21,639

ground is traveling at the speed of

399

00:18:28,110 --> 00:18:26,139

light measuring that then reflects off

400

00:18:31,500 --> 00:18:28,120

the surface and some of that energy goes

401  
00:18:35,430 --> 00:18:31,510  
back to the radar and is received

402  
00:18:37,649 --> 00:18:35,440  
now as you collect that data you can see

403  
00:18:41,070 --> 00:18:37,659  
that as you collect more and more pulses

404  
00:18:43,259 --> 00:18:41,080  
you can build up resolution of the image

405  
00:18:44,850 --> 00:18:43,269  
that's in the top right portion of your

406  
00:18:46,919 --> 00:18:44,860  
image you get a radar image like that

407  
00:18:49,080 --> 00:18:46,929  
that is high resolution after you

408  
00:18:51,539 --> 00:18:49,090  
collect enough of these pulses to do so

409  
00:18:53,940 --> 00:18:51,549  
so that's the synthetic aperture part

410  
00:18:57,570 --> 00:18:53,950  
it's like having a very large lens in

411  
00:18:59,340 --> 00:18:57,580  
space that's ten kilometers long it's

412  
00:19:01,710 --> 00:18:59,350  
not that long but it's synthetically

413  
00:19:03,210 --> 00:19:01,720

that long by processing the data in a

414

00:19:05,759 --> 00:19:03,220

particular way to get this

415

00:19:07,860 --> 00:19:05,769

high-resolution imagery then once we

416

00:19:10,680 --> 00:19:07,870

have that image we fly over the same

417

00:19:13,019 --> 00:19:10,690

spot again make another image that looks

418

00:19:15,269 --> 00:19:13,029

just like it and you can think of the

419

00:19:17,279 --> 00:19:15,279

radar wave that we transmit kind of like

420

00:19:19,529 --> 00:19:17,289

a meter stick and we're measuring the

421

00:19:22,200 --> 00:19:19,539

changes in the length of that meter

422

00:19:27,000 --> 00:19:22,210

stick as the earth moves below the

423

00:19:28,879 --> 00:19:27,010

satellite very cool so Shannon did you

424

00:19:31,649 --> 00:19:28,889

you say you have another question for us

425

00:19:33,659 --> 00:19:31,659

yeah actually I'm gonna throw two at you

426

00:19:35,820 --> 00:19:33,669

right now Paul so we have William on

427

00:19:37,830 --> 00:19:35,830

YouTube asks how do we prevent

428

00:19:39,389 --> 00:19:37,840

congestion or collisions around Earth

429

00:19:43,350 --> 00:19:39,399

with so many missions and satellites

430

00:19:50,250 --> 00:19:43,360

observing earth well that's an excellent

431

00:19:54,509 --> 00:19:50,260

question and I wish I had a really good

432

00:19:57,570 --> 00:19:54,519

answer to that but at some level there

433

00:19:59,940 --> 00:19:57,580

is coordination internationally too when

434

00:20:01,970 --> 00:19:59,950

you launch a satellite to make sure that

435

00:20:06,029 --> 00:20:01,980

you're not launching it in a place that

436

00:20:09,210 --> 00:20:06,039

another satellite exists so so there is

437

00:20:12,029 --> 00:20:09,220

that degree of coordination there are

438

00:20:13,440 --> 00:20:12,039

sometimes places where you don't want to

439

00:20:15,090 --> 00:20:13,450

launch the satellite because you know

440

00:20:18,750 --> 00:20:15,100

there's a lot of debris there from

441

00:20:21,049 --> 00:20:18,760

perhaps a collision previous collision

442

00:20:24,590 --> 00:20:21,059

where there's debris all over the place

443

00:20:27,889 --> 00:20:24,600

you want to avoid that but

444

00:20:30,230 --> 00:20:27,899

at some level sometimes these things do

445

00:20:31,940 --> 00:20:30,240

hit other other objects in space and you

446

00:20:33,799 --> 00:20:31,950

do have to be a little bit careful but

447

00:20:35,690 --> 00:20:33,809

from spacecraft to spacecraft it's

448

00:20:37,850 --> 00:20:35,700

pretty well coordinated all the

449

00:20:39,649 --> 00:20:37,860

spacecraft you're tracked everybody

450

00:20:42,080 --> 00:20:39,659

knows where they are and they tend not

451  
00:20:45,470 --> 00:20:42,090  
to collide space is also extremely large

452  
00:20:48,379 --> 00:20:45,480  
so it's relatively easy to avoid hitting

453  
00:20:51,379 --> 00:20:48,389  
another satellite so in addition to

454  
00:20:53,330 --> 00:20:51,389  
solving the the pressing problems of

455  
00:20:55,009 --> 00:20:53,340  
space travel you do you do actually have

456  
00:20:56,810 --> 00:20:55,019  
to worry about that you know to some

457  
00:20:58,639 --> 00:20:56,820  
extent with with nice are right you're

458  
00:21:00,080 --> 00:20:58,649  
you you're you will be concerned about

459  
00:21:02,509 --> 00:21:00,090  
the safe health and safety of your

460  
00:21:04,850 --> 00:21:02,519  
spacecraft but I guess you're saying we

461  
00:21:08,149 --> 00:21:04,860  
we do a pretty good job of watching out

462  
00:21:11,330 --> 00:21:08,159  
for the for the dangerous stuff we do we

463  
00:21:14,419 --> 00:21:11,340

do and and in fact there are there are

464

00:21:16,639 --> 00:21:14,429

people who monitor the environment that

465

00:21:19,310 --> 00:21:16,649

we're flying in on a daily basis and

466

00:21:21,919 --> 00:21:19,320

they they will make a recommendation to

467

00:21:23,720 --> 00:21:21,929

the project to tweak the orbit a little

468

00:21:26,029 --> 00:21:23,730

bit to move one side or the other in

469

00:21:27,860 --> 00:21:26,039

order to avoid a piece of space debris

470

00:21:29,899 --> 00:21:27,870

it's generally not another satellite

471

00:21:32,180 --> 00:21:29,909

because we know where they all are but

472

00:21:35,990 --> 00:21:32,190

for space debris sometimes we have to

473

00:21:39,320 --> 00:21:36,000

worry okay hit us again we do track that

474

00:21:41,990 --> 00:21:39,330

and then a little bit earlier point as

475

00:21:44,360 --> 00:21:42,000

Lauren on YouTube was wondering how do

476  
00:21:47,570 --> 00:21:44,370  
these partnerships and collaborations

477  
00:21:51,139 --> 00:21:47,580  
start with other countries well that's

478  
00:21:53,060 --> 00:21:51,149  
also fascinating it's a very long story

479  
00:21:56,960 --> 00:21:53,070  
for an icer we actually started this

480  
00:22:00,009 --> 00:21:56,970  
back in 2008 to try to get a partnership

481  
00:22:03,169 --> 00:22:00,019  
going it's partly a result of

482  
00:22:04,909 --> 00:22:03,179  
persistence and knowing your colleagues

483  
00:22:07,490 --> 00:22:04,919  
around the world and trying to line up

484  
00:22:10,879 --> 00:22:07,500  
your program with their program for this

485  
00:22:13,940 --> 00:22:10,889  
particular mission we talked to many

486  
00:22:17,899 --> 00:22:13,950  
different countries trying to find a way

487  
00:22:20,330 --> 00:22:17,909  
to partner with them NASA told us quite

488  
00:22:22,700 --> 00:22:20,340

explicitly you must partner because this

489

00:22:24,669 --> 00:22:22,710

is a very large mission doing very large

490

00:22:26,810 --> 00:22:24,679

science and it's quite expensive so

491

00:22:30,080 --> 00:22:26,820

finding a partner was essential to

492

00:22:32,750 --> 00:22:30,090

making it happen and it just turned up

493

00:22:36,799 --> 00:22:32,760

after talking to maybe four or five six

494

00:22:38,150 --> 00:22:36,809

different possible partners I actually

495

00:22:41,060 --> 00:22:38,160

went to India all

496

00:22:44,360 --> 00:22:41,070

myself for the first time back in 2011

497

00:22:46,580 --> 00:22:44,370

and told them about the mission and it

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00:22:49,750 --> 00:22:46,590

turned out that they were thinking about

499

00:22:54,470 --> 00:22:49,760

almost the same concept for observation

500

00:22:56,330 --> 00:22:54,480

with the same kind of radar and the

501  
00:22:59,060 --> 00:22:56,340  
timing of the program was roughly

502  
00:23:02,330 --> 00:22:59,070  
equivalent to our timing so we were very

503  
00:23:04,730 --> 00:23:02,340  
lucky in this case but in general it

504  
00:23:06,260 --> 00:23:04,740  
requires persistence and coordination at

505  
00:23:10,640 --> 00:23:06,270  
the international level to make these

506  
00:23:12,560 --> 00:23:10,650  
happen so we'll come back to the science

507  
00:23:14,210 --> 00:23:12,570  
I will I know we want to talk about the

508  
00:23:15,740 --> 00:23:14,220  
science of nicer but let's stick with

509  
00:23:18,470 --> 00:23:15,750  
that the partnership just for a moment

510  
00:23:19,850 --> 00:23:18,480  
and just ask what what India's role in

511  
00:23:22,450 --> 00:23:19,860  
the mission is going to be they're

512  
00:23:25,490 --> 00:23:22,460  
launching the spacecraft for one thing

513  
00:23:27,470 --> 00:23:25,500

yes yes they're an equal partner in

514

00:23:29,300 --> 00:23:27,480

every sense of the word they have a

515

00:23:30,950 --> 00:23:29,310

science team that is joint with our

516

00:23:33,440 --> 00:23:30,960

science team and they have their

517

00:23:35,450 --> 00:23:33,450

objectives tend to focus in India and

518

00:23:38,930 --> 00:23:35,460

the surrounding countries but they also

519

00:23:42,620 --> 00:23:38,940

have objectives globally for looking at

520

00:23:44,710 --> 00:23:42,630

ice sheets and and forests and and other

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00:23:48,890 --> 00:23:44,720

things like that

522

00:23:51,500 --> 00:23:48,900

they are also building the we call it

523

00:23:54,170 --> 00:23:51,510

the spacecraft bus that part of the

524

00:23:56,930 --> 00:23:54,180

satellite that controls the orbit and

525

00:23:59,500 --> 00:23:56,940

that can has the power system that

526

00:24:04,580 --> 00:23:59,510

provides the power to all of the radars

527

00:24:07,820 --> 00:24:04,590

and they also are providing one of the

528

00:24:12,350 --> 00:24:07,830

two radars so let's see if we could go

529

00:24:14,710 --> 00:24:12,360

back to that that very first graphic I

530

00:24:18,050 --> 00:24:14,720

don't know if you can graphic number one

531

00:24:19,460 --> 00:24:18,060

sort of in the middle I don't know if

532

00:24:22,100 --> 00:24:19,470

you can start in the middle or not but

533

00:24:26,180 --> 00:24:22,110

in any case in that graphic you'll see

534

00:24:28,100 --> 00:24:26,190

that octagonal structure with the little

535

00:24:30,830 --> 00:24:28,110

ladder hanging down that is where the

536

00:24:33,350 --> 00:24:30,840

radar instrument is the cube behind it

537

00:24:36,650 --> 00:24:33,360

is actually the spacecraft bus that's

538

00:24:39,500 --> 00:24:36,660

provided by Israel so JPL NASA is

539

00:24:42,410 --> 00:24:39,510

building the octagonal structure with

540

00:24:44,930 --> 00:24:42,420

the long wavelength radar that NASA is

541

00:24:48,290 --> 00:24:44,940

providing and also in that structure is

542

00:24:51,919 --> 00:24:48,300

mounted the shorter wavelength radar

543

00:24:55,330 --> 00:24:51,929

that the Indians are providing so bus

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00:24:58,249 --> 00:24:55,340

launch vehicle science team s-band radar

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00:25:01,430 --> 00:24:58,259

short wavelength radar Mission

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00:25:03,080 --> 00:25:01,440

Operations they're providing an enormous

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00:25:05,480 --> 00:25:03,090

and the data is freely and openly

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00:25:10,100 --> 00:25:05,490

available to the world both in India and

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00:25:12,129 --> 00:25:10,110

in the US so it's it's a very balanced

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00:25:14,450 --> 00:25:12,139

partnership they're providing a lot

551  
00:25:15,980 --> 00:25:14,460  
well these international partnerships

552  
00:25:17,539 --> 00:25:15,990  
seem to be increasingly important in

553  
00:25:19,759 --> 00:25:17,549  
space exploration and they're a

554  
00:25:21,460 --> 00:25:19,769  
wonderful thing and it's one of the

555  
00:25:23,629 --> 00:25:21,470  
things that I when I first heard about

556  
00:25:26,119 --> 00:25:23,639  
Shannon talent I think you told me about

557  
00:25:28,279 --> 00:25:26,129  
nice are and and what's so wonderful

558  
00:25:30,139 --> 00:25:28,289  
about it in in this context in

559  
00:25:31,399 --> 00:25:30,149  
particular for Earth Day is it you know

560  
00:25:32,450 --> 00:25:31,409  
that's a country on the other side of

561  
00:25:34,879 --> 00:25:32,460  
the planet that we are working

562  
00:25:36,529 --> 00:25:34,889  
hand-in-hand with for the good of

563  
00:25:39,320 --> 00:25:36,539

everybody and that's kind of what we're

564

00:25:42,139 --> 00:25:39,330

all about at NASA just we're just trying

565

00:25:45,580 --> 00:25:42,149

to to learn and to study and provide

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00:25:48,200 --> 00:25:45,590

information just to help everybody out

567

00:25:51,379 --> 00:25:48,210

it's so it's a fabulous experience

568

00:25:54,259 --> 00:25:51,389

except for the telecoms that occur at

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00:25:56,749 --> 00:25:54,269

nine o'clock at night they're literally

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00:25:59,350 --> 00:25:56,759

halfway around the world from Los

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00:26:02,379 --> 00:25:59,360

Angeles but it's a it's a wonderful

572

00:26:05,239 --> 00:26:02,389

rewarding experience oh that's great

573

00:26:06,710 --> 00:26:05,249

well so let's go back and get into some

574

00:26:08,690 --> 00:26:06,720

of the science because I want you I want

575

00:26:10,220 --> 00:26:08,700

your you are the project scientist

576

00:26:12,649 --> 00:26:10,230

you're the lead scientist on on the

577

00:26:16,159 --> 00:26:12,659

mission so tell us about what nice our

578

00:26:18,470 --> 00:26:16,169

will study what it will observe all

579

00:26:20,359 --> 00:26:18,480

right so I mentioned that it's like a

580

00:26:24,109 --> 00:26:20,369

meter stick so if you could bring up

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00:26:26,480 --> 00:26:24,119

graphic number five this will show you

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00:26:28,789 --> 00:26:26,490

an example of one of these 3d movies

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00:26:31,480 --> 00:26:28,799

that we see so this what you're looking

584

00:26:34,669 --> 00:26:31,490

at here is the Los Angeles basin

585

00:26:36,919 --> 00:26:34,679

breathing so here you can see the some

586

00:26:39,200 --> 00:26:36,929

of the faults in the Los Angeles base

587

00:26:42,220 --> 00:26:39,210

and they're depicted the color here

588

00:26:45,859 --> 00:26:42,230

going from red to blue and back again is

589

00:26:48,649 --> 00:26:45,869

basically the the surface level

590

00:26:51,320 --> 00:26:48,659

elevation of the earth and you can see

591

00:26:54,200 --> 00:26:51,330

it's going up and down on a seasonal

592

00:26:58,519 --> 00:26:54,210

basis a yearly basis as water is

593

00:27:01,700 --> 00:26:58,529

extracted from the LA basin the surface

594

00:27:03,950 --> 00:27:01,710

sinks and as it's reinjected naturally

595

00:27:06,010 --> 00:27:03,960

and by people in the wintertime when it

596

00:27:11,300 --> 00:27:06,020

rains is surface

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00:27:13,880 --> 00:27:11,310

so this is again about one inch plus or

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00:27:16,880 --> 00:27:13,890

minus one inch or two and a half

599

00:27:18,890 --> 00:27:16,890

centimeters of motion that we're

600

00:27:21,050 --> 00:27:18,900

measuring from space this is from a

601  
00:27:22,970 --> 00:27:21,060  
European satellite that flew many years

602  
00:27:25,340 --> 00:27:22,980  
ago and you can see there's some holes

603  
00:27:27,200 --> 00:27:25,350  
in the data and it's it's not as

604  
00:27:29,030 --> 00:27:27,210  
accurate as we would like but

605  
00:27:31,760 --> 00:27:29,040  
nonetheless it shows you quite clearly

606  
00:27:34,280 --> 00:27:31,770  
that we can measure down to millimeter

607  
00:27:36,380 --> 00:27:34,290  
precision the motion of the earth so

608  
00:27:39,380 --> 00:27:36,390  
we're studying that kind of motion this

609  
00:27:42,320 --> 00:27:39,390  
happened to be for studying the aquifers

610  
00:27:44,420 --> 00:27:42,330  
the subsurface water within the Los

611  
00:27:46,790 --> 00:27:44,430  
Angeles basin but you can see quite

612  
00:27:49,310 --> 00:27:46,800  
clearly it was related to also the

613  
00:27:51,680 --> 00:27:49,320

earthquake system the fault system

614

00:27:53,630 --> 00:27:51,690

that's in the Los Angeles basin so we

615

00:27:56,510 --> 00:27:53,640

use this technique to look at the motion

616

00:27:58,370 --> 00:27:56,520

of the of the tectonic plates to look at

617

00:28:01,160 --> 00:27:58,380

volcanoes actually if you could bring up

618

00:28:03,410 --> 00:28:01,170

gap graphic number six that shows you

619

00:28:05,510 --> 00:28:03,420

something very very interesting I don't

620

00:28:07,310 --> 00:28:05,520

know if you can see it from very clearly

621

00:28:10,940 --> 00:28:07,320

I can barely see it on my screen here

622

00:28:14,330 --> 00:28:10,950

but you can see sort of a bull's-eye

623

00:28:18,040 --> 00:28:14,340

pattern which is again a depiction of

624

00:28:22,550 --> 00:28:18,050

the the elevation the rising of the

625

00:28:25,100 --> 00:28:22,560

surface there due to pressure building

626

00:28:26,840 --> 00:28:25,110

in the magma below the surface in this

627

00:28:28,760 --> 00:28:26,850

particular area so I think it's up in

628

00:28:31,160 --> 00:28:28,770

Oregon someplace but what's very

629

00:28:33,620 --> 00:28:31,170

interesting about this is that the three

630

00:28:36,320 --> 00:28:33,630

peaks where you would expect to see the

631

00:28:39,410 --> 00:28:36,330

bulging because volcanoes tend to have

632

00:28:42,170 --> 00:28:39,420

these beautiful edifice 'iz that then

633

00:28:45,280 --> 00:28:42,180

explode in a in an eruption the three

634

00:28:48,260 --> 00:28:45,290

peaks are not centered on that bullseye

635

00:28:50,870 --> 00:28:48,270

so what we learn by looking at these

636

00:28:52,880 --> 00:28:50,880

kinds of observations is you know what

637

00:28:56,060 --> 00:28:52,890

is happening below the surface it's

638

00:28:58,790 --> 00:28:56,070

clearly not something that we might

639

00:29:01,400 --> 00:28:58,800

might expect that you'd see that bull's

640

00:29:03,950 --> 00:29:01,410

eye pattern centered on one of those

641

00:29:06,920 --> 00:29:03,960

three peaks or maybe all of the three

642

00:29:10,280 --> 00:29:06,930

peaks as the pressure is building so we

643

00:29:12,800 --> 00:29:10,290

study earthquakes we study volcanoes we

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00:29:16,040 --> 00:29:12,810

study landslides using similar

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00:29:19,250 --> 00:29:16,050

techniques we study aquifer systems

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00:29:21,590 --> 00:29:19,260

these are pure scientific questions

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00:29:24,110 --> 00:29:21,600

understanding the physics the geophysics

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00:29:27,800 --> 00:29:24,120

of our crust that we live on they're

649

00:29:31,280 --> 00:29:27,810

also very applied problems what do you

650

00:29:36,340 --> 00:29:31,290

do about people living in earthquake

651  
00:29:43,160 --> 00:29:36,350  
prone areas in volcanic areas how do you

652  
00:29:47,390 --> 00:29:43,170  
design society around these these these

653  
00:29:50,210 --> 00:29:47,400  
fit these physical phenomena so that's

654  
00:29:52,460 --> 00:29:50,220  
one of the three main disciplines that

655  
00:29:55,760 --> 00:29:52,470  
we have that's enough perhaps for one

656  
00:29:57,980 --> 00:29:55,770  
mission but we have actually three main

657  
00:30:00,980 --> 00:29:57,990  
disciplines and then about 20 or 30

658  
00:30:03,320 --> 00:30:00,990  
other kinds of applications that spin

659  
00:30:05,000 --> 00:30:03,330  
off from those science disciplines so so

660  
00:30:06,800 --> 00:30:05,010  
solid earth is one of the main

661  
00:30:09,830 --> 00:30:06,810  
disciplines that other is the cryosphere

662  
00:30:11,150 --> 00:30:09,840  
studying the ice sheets and sea ice so

663  
00:30:15,770 --> 00:30:11,160

if you could bring up graphic number

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00:30:20,150 --> 00:30:15,780

seven I think many of you know that that

665

00:30:22,910 --> 00:30:20,160

the ice sheets are intimately related to

666

00:30:26,090 --> 00:30:22,920

the sea level as the ice that's on the

667

00:30:28,670 --> 00:30:26,100

ground melts and disappears that water

668

00:30:30,950 --> 00:30:28,680

tends to go into the sea and that tends

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00:30:33,830 --> 00:30:30,960

to contribute to the rise of sea level

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00:30:36,050 --> 00:30:33,840

so understanding the dynamics of the ice

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00:30:38,420 --> 00:30:36,060

is extremely important for understanding

672

00:30:40,670 --> 00:30:38,430

how the ice sheets are changing and

673

00:30:43,340 --> 00:30:40,680

therefore how the sea level is going to

674

00:30:47,570 --> 00:30:43,350

change so in this graphic you see on the

675

00:30:50,420 --> 00:30:47,580

left of it it's a colorful image of a

676

00:30:53,630 --> 00:30:50,430

glacier happens to be in Greenland

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00:30:55,550 --> 00:30:53,640

called Jakob saw and glacier and the one

678

00:30:57,440 --> 00:30:55,560

on the left is from one time period I

679

00:31:01,070 --> 00:30:57,450

think around 2000 the one on the right

680

00:31:03,200 --> 00:31:01,080

is from another time period about eight

681

00:31:06,110 --> 00:31:03,210

years later if I recall the numbers and

682

00:31:09,740 --> 00:31:06,120

what you can see is that the the

683

00:31:11,900 --> 00:31:09,750

location of where that color band ends

684

00:31:16,010 --> 00:31:11,910

and turns into gray has changed it's

685

00:31:17,270 --> 00:31:16,020

receded so the ice has receded and the

686

00:31:19,460 --> 00:31:17,280

other thing you can see is that the

687

00:31:21,380 --> 00:31:19,470

color is very different meaning the

688

00:31:23,780 --> 00:31:21,390

velocity color it represents the

689

00:31:26,420 --> 00:31:23,790

velocity of that glacier so the speed at

690

00:31:28,970 --> 00:31:26,430

which the ice is moving you can see that

691

00:31:31,250 --> 00:31:28,980

over that eight-year period the speed of

692

00:31:33,100 --> 00:31:31,260

that glacier especially in the main part

693

00:31:35,850 --> 00:31:33,110

has increased

694

00:31:39,070 --> 00:31:35,860

sniffing Lee so it's shrinking and

695

00:31:41,350 --> 00:31:39,080

receding and this is one glacier out of

696

00:31:43,750 --> 00:31:41,360

hundreds in Greece in Greenland and

697

00:31:48,310 --> 00:31:43,760

maybe hundreds or thousands in

698

00:31:50,770 --> 00:31:48,320

Antarctica where C I where ice has a has

699

00:31:54,490 --> 00:31:50,780

a mechanism for flowing out into the sea

700

00:31:58,390 --> 00:31:54,500

so making these substantial global

701  
00:32:00,520 --> 00:31:58,400  
measurements as movies allows us to get

702  
00:32:03,100 --> 00:32:00,530  
a complete picture of their dynamics

703  
00:32:05,860 --> 00:32:03,110  
over the life of the mission and put

704  
00:32:08,919 --> 00:32:05,870  
that into geophysical models that allow

705  
00:32:11,130 --> 00:32:08,929  
us then to predict what might happen to

706  
00:32:13,810 --> 00:32:11,140  
these ice sheets over time

707  
00:32:16,320 --> 00:32:13,820  
factoring into other measurements as

708  
00:32:19,630 --> 00:32:16,330  
well the ocean temperature and

709  
00:32:22,060 --> 00:32:19,640  
accumulation of snow in the winter and

710  
00:32:25,450 --> 00:32:22,070  
and and things like that

711  
00:32:28,270 --> 00:32:25,460  
so that's another major thing it's just

712  
00:32:30,880 --> 00:32:28,280  
really amazing if I can joke I think I

713  
00:32:33,640 --> 00:32:30,890

think what's baffle or or are really

714

00:32:37,570 --> 00:32:33,650

just astounding is that you can measure

715

00:32:39,610 --> 00:32:37,580

that that kind of movement of the solid

716

00:32:43,210 --> 00:32:39,620

earth and and what you're talking about

717

00:32:47,440 --> 00:32:43,220

nicely ice now the cryosphere with such

718

00:32:49,120 --> 00:32:47,450

precision and and and and and what

719

00:32:52,240 --> 00:32:49,130

you're really looking for is is change

720

00:32:55,750 --> 00:32:52,250

over time like you say right that's

721

00:32:58,630 --> 00:32:55,760

correct yes so prior to the modern era

722

00:33:01,539 --> 00:32:58,640

people didn't think much about the the

723

00:33:04,299 --> 00:33:01,549

ice sheets they they assumed that you

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00:33:06,549 --> 00:33:04,309

know it's snowed it accumulated ice the

725

00:33:08,049 --> 00:33:06,559

the gravity pushed the ice out into the

726

00:33:10,990 --> 00:33:08,059

ocean and it was a sort of a steady

727

00:33:12,909 --> 00:33:11,000

state process but as we're learning and

728

00:33:16,539 --> 00:33:12,919

making more and more observations we see

729

00:33:19,450 --> 00:33:16,549

that it changes on a on a seasonal basis

730

00:33:22,150 --> 00:33:19,460

it changes over the years it's driven by

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00:33:25,780 --> 00:33:22,160

tides and you can see some absolutely

732

00:33:29,350 --> 00:33:25,790

fantastic pure scientific things about

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00:33:32,260 --> 00:33:29,360

the dynamics of the ice on a daily basis

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00:33:34,330 --> 00:33:32,270

even so it's a complex system that the

735

00:33:36,520 --> 00:33:34,340

people did not fully appreciate until we

736

00:33:40,350 --> 00:33:36,530

had these kinds of measurements and nice

737

00:33:43,270 --> 00:33:40,360

are unfortunately the existing systems

738

00:33:43,570 --> 00:33:43,280

they'll give you a snapshot over a very

739

00:33:44,890 --> 00:33:43,580

long

740

00:33:48,220 --> 00:33:44,900

period of time they don't give you this

741

00:33:49,960 --> 00:33:48,230

kind of movie like depiction over the

742

00:33:52,480 --> 00:33:49,970

years of the mission to get a really

743

00:33:54,700 --> 00:33:52,490

complete picture of it so is that is

744

00:33:57,700 --> 00:33:54,710

that would that be your elevator pitch

745

00:33:59,950 --> 00:33:57,710

for a nice R is that nice R is makes a

746

00:34:03,520 --> 00:33:59,960

movie of planet Earth that's that's what

747

00:34:06,310 --> 00:34:03,530

we are we make Earth the movie yeah and

748

00:34:08,860 --> 00:34:06,320

the advantage of radar as opposed to

749

00:34:11,440 --> 00:34:08,870

other systems is that it's an active

750

00:34:13,690 --> 00:34:11,450

source meaning we have the power up on

751

00:34:16,720 --> 00:34:13,700

the spacecraft to transmit a signal to

752

00:34:18,730 --> 00:34:16,730

the ground and it's a long wavelength

753

00:34:20,680 --> 00:34:18,740

the radar wavelength is something like

754

00:34:23,830 --> 00:34:20,690

this and that doesn't interact very much

755

00:34:25,090 --> 00:34:23,840

with with rain or clouds so we can

756

00:34:27,640 --> 00:34:25,100

actually see right through the clouds

757

00:34:30,850 --> 00:34:27,650

and since we have our own power source

758

00:34:34,480 --> 00:34:30,860

we also don't have to have the Sun out

759

00:34:36,100 --> 00:34:34,490

so we can measure 24/7 and every

760

00:34:38,110 --> 00:34:36,110

measurement we make is an important

761

00:34:40,240 --> 00:34:38,120

measurement so we get very complete time

762

00:34:42,940 --> 00:34:40,250

series over the life of the mission it's

763

00:34:44,530 --> 00:34:42,950

really quite a powerful technique and we

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00:34:46,570 --> 00:34:44,540

measures fundamentally different things

765

00:34:48,520 --> 00:34:46,580

from what most other sensors measure

766

00:34:51,430 --> 00:34:48,530

which are more sort of looking at the

767

00:34:53,410 --> 00:34:51,440

chemical structure of plants and land

768

00:34:55,480 --> 00:34:53,420

surface we're looking at the the

769

00:34:57,970 --> 00:34:55,490

physical structure and the motion of

770

00:35:01,840 --> 00:34:57,980

that of that surface so it's really

771

00:35:04,390 --> 00:35:01,850

quite and you said you have was there

772

00:35:08,290 --> 00:35:04,400

one more key pillar of science that you

773

00:35:12,370 --> 00:35:08,300

wanted to get to yes yes and of course

774

00:35:14,610 --> 00:35:12,380

that one has multiple sub disciplines we

775

00:35:19,750 --> 00:35:14,620

call it ecosystems but we're studying

776  
00:35:21,730 --> 00:35:19,760  
biomass we're studying agricultural area

777  
00:35:25,870 --> 00:35:21,740  
crop area and how it's changing over

778  
00:35:32,890 --> 00:35:25,880  
time we're studying wetlands inundation

779  
00:35:35,560 --> 00:35:32,900  
and we're studying another one it'll

780  
00:35:38,740 --> 00:35:35,570  
come to me in a second but if you could

781  
00:35:42,990 --> 00:35:38,750  
bring up graphic number let's see four

782  
00:35:45,190 --> 00:35:43,000  
please this gives you a notion of our

783  
00:35:49,210 --> 00:35:45,200  
observation strategy highly accelerated

784  
00:35:51,790 --> 00:35:49,220  
we cover the earth in 12 days 173 orbits

785  
00:35:54,250 --> 00:35:51,800  
over the 12 day period and this has

786  
00:35:56,500 --> 00:35:54,260  
underneath it simulated biomass so

787  
00:35:57,350 --> 00:35:56,510  
biomass by biomass we mean basically the

788  
00:35:59,630 --> 00:35:57,360

stuff

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00:36:02,240 --> 00:35:59,640

carbon that's in the trees it's directly

790

00:36:05,360 --> 00:36:02,250

related to it we measure the forest

791

00:36:07,490 --> 00:36:05,370

because the forests are a very sensitive

792

00:36:09,170 --> 00:36:07,500

measure of what's going on within the

793

00:36:12,890 --> 00:36:09,180

carbon cycle and it's actually one of

794

00:36:15,830 --> 00:36:12,900

our least well understood measurements

795

00:36:18,920 --> 00:36:15,840

for ecosystems and the carbon cycle at

796

00:36:20,870 --> 00:36:18,930

the scale that we need to know it so you

797

00:36:22,940 --> 00:36:20,880

can see that we're covering the entire

798

00:36:28,070 --> 00:36:22,950

Earth when this finishes it's going to

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00:36:29,900 --> 00:36:28,080

stop and you'll see two very important

800

00:36:35,060 --> 00:36:29,910

areas where we need to know the biomass

801

00:36:37,190 --> 00:36:35,070

one is the Congo in Africa the other is

802

00:36:41,450 --> 00:36:37,200

of course the Amazon where there's an

803

00:36:43,070 --> 00:36:41,460

enormous amount of biomass now so there

804

00:36:45,950 --> 00:36:43,080

you can see the green areas there that

805

00:36:50,360 --> 00:36:45,960

in South America that's the Amazon and

806

00:36:53,480 --> 00:36:50,370

the green area in in Africa that's the

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00:36:55,430 --> 00:36:53,490

Congo these areas have pretty dense

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00:36:56,960 --> 00:36:55,440

biomass and when you think of them you

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00:37:00,410 --> 00:36:56,970

might think that they are just sort of

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00:37:04,490 --> 00:37:00,420

they're static but in fact there's a lot

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00:37:07,760 --> 00:37:04,500

of activity in those in those forests as

812

00:37:09,770 --> 00:37:07,770

you mostly induced by humans cutting

813

00:37:12,740 --> 00:37:09,780

down the trees and and creating

814

00:37:15,200 --> 00:37:12,750

agricultural areas so these two

815

00:37:17,360 --> 00:37:15,210

measurements of biomass biomass change

816

00:37:19,820 --> 00:37:17,370

that was the fourth one biomass change

817

00:37:23,390 --> 00:37:19,830

we mentioned the static biomass biomass

818

00:37:25,640 --> 00:37:23,400

change and the agricultural area around

819

00:37:28,640 --> 00:37:25,650

the world synoptic lis so that we can

820

00:37:31,310 --> 00:37:28,650

understand this carbon dynamic in

821

00:37:32,780 --> 00:37:31,320

exchange of the atmosphere I got to stop

822

00:37:34,310 --> 00:37:32,790

you on the word zoonotic you got to tell

823

00:37:38,810 --> 00:37:34,320

people what the word stenotic means you

824

00:37:44,920 --> 00:37:38,820

don't get away with that synoptic means

825

00:37:51,110 --> 00:37:48,170

okay well I it's a staggering amount of

826

00:37:53,450 --> 00:37:51,120

science and such a wide variety of

827

00:37:57,020 --> 00:37:53,460

things that it's gonna do and Shannon

828

00:37:59,120 --> 00:37:57,030

has questioned about the science on you

829

00:38:02,240 --> 00:37:59,130

wanted to ask about about how you filter

830

00:38:05,000 --> 00:38:02,250

the data right yeah yeah so we have a

831

00:38:07,580 --> 00:38:05,010

question from WFC striker on YouTube and

832

00:38:09,110 --> 00:38:07,590

and he asks or they ask how do you

833

00:38:10,289 --> 00:38:09,120

filter out things that move on earth

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00:38:12,569 --> 00:38:10,299

that shouldn't be measured

835

00:38:15,029 --> 00:38:12,579

cars people walking around or large

836

00:38:19,019 --> 00:38:15,039

buildings how do we filter that out with

837

00:38:21,239 --> 00:38:19,029

nice art that's a very technical

838

00:38:23,959 --> 00:38:21,249

question but it's a it's a good but it's

839

00:38:31,380 --> 00:38:23,969

a very good question so we actually

840

00:38:34,069 --> 00:38:31,390

what's your least technical answer the

841

00:38:38,429 --> 00:38:34,079

short answer is because we're looking at

842

00:38:40,380 --> 00:38:38,439

these images over time we get something

843

00:38:45,839 --> 00:38:40,390

like 30 images per year from each

844

00:38:48,029 --> 00:38:45,849

vantage point we can cars move from one

845

00:38:51,359 --> 00:38:48,039

day to the next they create a little bit

846

00:38:53,130 --> 00:38:51,369

of noise in our image if it's in one

847

00:38:56,849 --> 00:38:53,140

place one day and another place and

848

00:39:00,029 --> 00:38:56,859

another day then those two cars are

849

00:39:01,769 --> 00:39:00,039

going to that the car will create noise

850

00:39:04,349 --> 00:39:01,779

in the two different places where it is

851  
00:39:09,870 --> 00:39:04,359  
almost two different days but because

852  
00:39:12,089 --> 00:39:09,880  
our image pixel size people know what

853  
00:39:12,839 --> 00:39:12,099  
pixels are right pixel size is fairly

854  
00:39:15,479 --> 00:39:12,849  
large

855  
00:39:17,189 --> 00:39:15,489  
if you move just one car out of that

856  
00:39:19,979 --> 00:39:17,199  
pixel most of the pixel stays the same

857  
00:39:22,259 --> 00:39:19,989  
and so we can actually still get a

858  
00:39:25,349 --> 00:39:22,269  
measurement of the motion of that whole

859  
00:39:27,120 --> 00:39:25,359  
pixel with a little bit of extra noise

860  
00:39:29,400 --> 00:39:27,130  
because the car is in there so we don't

861  
00:39:31,589 --> 00:39:29,410  
actually actively filter it out we use

862  
00:39:34,709 --> 00:39:31,599  
our processing techniques to just accept

863  
00:39:37,199 --> 00:39:34,719

a little more noise and and we take many

864

00:39:39,150 --> 00:39:37,209

images in order to reduce that noise

865

00:39:42,059 --> 00:39:39,160

there's many error sources in our

866

00:39:44,370 --> 00:39:42,069

measurement and we use just the volume

867

00:39:46,650 --> 00:39:44,380

of data and the time lapse nature of it

868

00:39:49,799 --> 00:39:46,660

and our knowledge of how the earth is

869

00:39:53,219 --> 00:39:49,809

supposed to move to try to to filter out

870

00:39:55,229 --> 00:39:53,229

that kind of stuff I have a quick

871

00:39:57,689 --> 00:39:55,239

follow-up to that if if you're open

872

00:40:02,339 --> 00:39:57,699

kortnee on facebook asks are there any

873

00:40:07,349 --> 00:40:02,349

areas that nicer will not analyze that's

874

00:40:12,120 --> 00:40:07,359

an excellent question yes in fact we are

875

00:40:15,630 --> 00:40:12,130

unable to reach the very North Pole with

876

00:40:20,069 --> 00:40:15,640

this particular orbit we can measure up

877

00:40:23,519 --> 00:40:20,079

to around 77 degrees north latitude with

878

00:40:24,150 --> 00:40:23,529

the current plan originally we were

879

00:40:26,789 --> 00:40:24,160

going to know

880

00:40:28,680 --> 00:40:26,799

are all the way up to around 82 or so

881

00:40:31,470 --> 00:40:28,690

degrees north latitude very close to the

882

00:40:34,980 --> 00:40:31,480

pole in the north but the science team

883

00:40:35,789 --> 00:40:34,990

made a decision to look only towards the

884

00:40:38,069 --> 00:40:35,799

South Pole

885

00:40:40,859 --> 00:40:38,079

so we image almost all of Antarctica

886

00:40:43,349 --> 00:40:40,869

continuously but we miss the sea ice in

887

00:40:47,069 --> 00:40:43,359

the very northern portion and of course

888

00:40:51,180 --> 00:40:47,079

we are not imaging the oceans we look at

889

00:40:55,559 --> 00:40:51,190

coasts and coastal processes but not the

890

00:40:57,359 --> 00:40:55,569

deep ocean and I can't say more about

891

00:40:58,890 --> 00:40:57,369

why we're not looking at the North if

892

00:41:01,440 --> 00:40:58,900

you want but I think that's probably

893

00:41:04,140 --> 00:41:01,450

enough we'll come back to it if we have

894

00:41:06,450 --> 00:41:04,150

time so I mean it's such an incredible

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00:41:08,819 --> 00:41:06,460

mission so there's a lot to look forward

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00:41:11,099 --> 00:41:08,829

to and I'm sure we could talk about nice

897

00:41:15,210 --> 00:41:11,109

are for the whole show but we wanted to

898

00:41:17,220 --> 00:41:15,220

talk a little bit about Delta X so let's

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00:41:20,010 --> 00:41:17,230

come back down to earth so to speak and

900

00:41:22,260 --> 00:41:20,020

I know that's corny and and talk about

901  
00:41:25,500 --> 00:41:22,270  
our other earth science mission and

902  
00:41:27,960 --> 00:41:25,510  
Shannon so as our NASA Earth outreach

903  
00:41:31,589 --> 00:41:27,970  
specialist what do people need to know

904  
00:41:35,760 --> 00:41:31,599  
about Delta X absolutely if we can pull

905  
00:41:37,680 --> 00:41:35,770  
up image number 11 as a NASA JPL led

906  
00:41:40,799 --> 00:41:37,690  
mission Delta X is one of five earth

907  
00:41:44,099 --> 00:41:40,809  
ventures kicking off in 2020 over the

908  
00:41:46,620 --> 00:41:44,109  
last 80 years coastal Louisiana has lost

909  
00:41:48,299 --> 00:41:46,630  
some 2,000 square miles about five

910  
00:41:50,400 --> 00:41:48,309  
thousand square kilometres of wetlands

911  
00:41:52,740 --> 00:41:50,410  
roughly an area the size of the state

912  
00:41:56,029 --> 00:41:52,750  
state of Delaware or on average about

913  
00:41:58,380 --> 00:41:56,039

one football field of land lost per hour

914

00:42:00,630 --> 00:41:58,390

to understand the Mississippi River

915

00:42:02,160 --> 00:42:00,640

Delta is one of the largest river deltas

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00:42:04,859 --> 00:42:02,170

in the world and is gaining and losing

917

00:42:06,809 --> 00:42:04,869

land the Delta X mission will use

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00:42:09,180 --> 00:42:06,819

airborne remote sensing and field

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00:42:13,289 --> 00:42:09,190

in-situ measurements to look at the

920

00:42:15,240 --> 00:42:13,299

water vegetation and sediment soil Delta

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00:42:17,609 --> 00:42:15,250

X is trying to understand some parts of

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00:42:21,240 --> 00:42:17,619

the Delta loses and others that gain

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00:42:22,440 --> 00:42:21,250

land what the role of vegetation and the

924

00:42:23,849 --> 00:42:22,450

channel networks and moving and

925

00:42:28,920 --> 00:42:23,859

retaining those sediments and building

926  
00:42:30,960 --> 00:42:28,930  
soil but why deltas they're home to half

927  
00:42:32,910 --> 00:42:30,970  
a billion people they're highly rich in

928  
00:42:35,370 --> 00:42:32,920  
productive lands acting as nurseries for

929  
00:42:36,900 --> 00:42:35,380  
fish crustaceans mammals and birds and

930  
00:42:37,540 --> 00:42:36,910  
they protect inland areas and

931  
00:42:39,420 --> 00:42:37,550  
infrastructures

932  
00:42:41,440 --> 00:42:39,430  
from winds and flooding during storms

933  
00:42:43,000 --> 00:42:41,450  
acting is the first line of defense

934  
00:42:46,710 --> 00:42:43,010  
against sea level rise the loss of

935  
00:42:49,600 --> 00:42:46,720  
Delta's will displace millions of people

936  
00:42:51,870 --> 00:42:49,610  
alright well thank you for stepping in

937  
00:42:54,580 --> 00:42:51,880  
there Shannon really appreciate you

938  
00:42:56,920 --> 00:42:54,590

beefing up your knowledge about Delta X

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00:42:58,810 --> 00:42:56,930

it really is an incredible mission and

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00:43:01,140 --> 00:42:58,820

it's going to be making some very real

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00:43:03,730 --> 00:43:01,150

scientific impact right here in the US

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00:43:07,660 --> 00:43:03,740

when it gets underway in the near future

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00:43:09,160 --> 00:43:07,670

so we've got these two really

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00:43:10,810 --> 00:43:09,170

fascinating missions ones up in space

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00:43:12,760 --> 00:43:10,820

once down closer to the air with the

946

00:43:16,090 --> 00:43:12,770

airplanes and the boats like Shannon

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00:43:19,180 --> 00:43:16,100

showed Paul are there connections

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00:43:21,820 --> 00:43:19,190

between these campaigns or ones like

949

00:43:25,810 --> 00:43:21,830

them are there overlaps between the

950

00:43:28,630 --> 00:43:25,820

science that they'll be doing now

951  
00:43:32,350 --> 00:43:28,640  
absolutely as I said much earlier in

952  
00:43:35,740 --> 00:43:32,360  
this broadcast Delta X is an example of

953  
00:43:37,420 --> 00:43:35,750  
a kind of measurement that we make from

954  
00:43:40,290 --> 00:43:37,430  
airborne systems that we wish we could

955  
00:43:43,090 --> 00:43:40,300  
make from space but we simply can't so

956  
00:43:46,750 --> 00:43:43,100  
Delta X I think has a radar component as

957  
00:43:49,540 --> 00:43:46,760  
well and it will fly over the Delta and

958  
00:43:51,460 --> 00:43:49,550  
measure these changes with a very rapid

959  
00:43:54,400 --> 00:43:51,470  
frequency and at higher resolution that

960  
00:43:58,090 --> 00:43:54,410  
what nice arc can do so we can use those

961  
00:44:01,510 --> 00:43:58,100  
kinds of observations as essentially

962  
00:44:04,150 --> 00:44:01,520  
validation and calibration of our space

963  
00:44:06,430 --> 00:44:04,160

board measurements and help with the

964

00:44:10,060 --> 00:44:06,440

modeling because we can do a better time

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00:44:13,210 --> 00:44:10,070

series analysis on these kinds of very

966

00:44:16,120 --> 00:44:13,220

fast-moving events from the airborne

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00:44:18,970 --> 00:44:16,130

data and see how that matches with what

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00:44:22,690 --> 00:44:18,980

we see from space so it's a very

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00:44:27,670 --> 00:44:22,700

synergistic relationship we actually

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00:44:31,990 --> 00:44:27,680

have an airborne prototype called called

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00:44:34,980 --> 00:44:32,000

UAV SAR for the nice our mission which

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00:44:38,470 --> 00:44:34,990

is radar with similar characteristics -

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00:44:40,750 --> 00:44:38,480

- and isar but it also it flies all over

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00:44:42,490 --> 00:44:40,760

the world taking same kinds of

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00:44:44,680 --> 00:44:42,500

measurements but with this kind of

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00:44:49,660 --> 00:44:44,690

airborne focus of fast repeat and

977

00:44:51,110 --> 00:44:49,670

high-resolution very cool so since Paul

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00:44:56,870 --> 00:44:51,120

since these missions

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00:45:00,010 --> 00:44:56,880

and many other there's a ding you're

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00:45:04,400 --> 00:45:00,020

very popular since these merchants are

981

00:45:06,650 --> 00:45:04,410

are all about studying change this is

982

00:45:07,790 --> 00:45:06,660

questions a complete set up but I want

983

00:45:09,980 --> 00:45:07,800

to hear what you have to say about it

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00:45:12,740 --> 00:45:09,990

how do you know you're ever really done

985

00:45:14,870 --> 00:45:12,750

I suspect the answer is that you're you

986

00:45:19,820 --> 00:45:14,880

aren't because you know earth is never

987

00:45:23,720 --> 00:45:19,830

gonna really stop changing right yeah

988

00:45:26,000 --> 00:45:23,730

that's right you probably are never done

989

00:45:27,800 --> 00:45:26,010

there's always more questions to ask

990

00:45:30,530 --> 00:45:27,810

every time that's the nature of science

991

00:45:31,820 --> 00:45:30,540

though right every time you think you've

992

00:45:35,180 --> 00:45:31,830

solved something you've modeled

993

00:45:37,280 --> 00:45:35,190

something you ask the next level of

994

00:45:39,700 --> 00:45:37,290

question think of Newtonian physics

995

00:45:42,350 --> 00:45:39,710

gravity and then going to special

996

00:45:44,660 --> 00:45:42,360

general relativity and trying to

997

00:45:47,210 --> 00:45:44,670

understand the nature of all forces you

998

00:45:49,040 --> 00:45:47,220

know with their science it's the same

999

00:45:51,260 --> 00:45:49,050

thing you're going to come up with a

1000

00:45:54,020 --> 00:45:51,270

model of the ice sheets and that will

1001  
00:45:57,340 --> 00:45:54,030  
help you predict sea-level rise but then

1002  
00:46:00,260 --> 00:45:57,350  
the next question is well what about the

1003  
00:46:01,850 --> 00:46:00,270  
friction on the on the base of that ice

1004  
00:46:04,040 --> 00:46:01,860  
sheet if we could only measure that a

1005  
00:46:06,050 --> 00:46:04,050  
little bit more accurately we could

1006  
00:46:08,210 --> 00:46:06,060  
really drive our model to the next level

1007  
00:46:11,870 --> 00:46:08,220  
of prediction and get the error bars

1008  
00:46:13,610 --> 00:46:11,880  
down on that climate climate model to

1009  
00:46:18,230 --> 00:46:13,620  
the future and be that much more precise

1010  
00:46:20,930 --> 00:46:18,240  
in how we respond to it and it's there's

1011  
00:46:23,300 --> 00:46:20,940  
always more questions to answer and this

1012  
00:46:26,120 --> 00:46:23,310  
seems like one mission begets the next

1013  
00:46:27,650 --> 00:46:26,130

mission right you you you you answer the

1014

00:46:29,060 --> 00:46:27,660

questions that you've got as best you

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00:46:32,870 --> 00:46:29,070

can with the mission you're flying and

1016

00:46:35,630 --> 00:46:32,880

then there's a there's a a next a

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00:46:40,310 --> 00:46:35,640

follow-on that that kind of picks up the

1018

00:46:42,650 --> 00:46:40,320

mantle that's right and actually it

1019

00:46:45,260 --> 00:46:42,660

turns out NASA conducts through the

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00:46:49,070 --> 00:46:45,270

National Research Council decadal

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00:46:52,340 --> 00:46:49,080

surveys for their earth science plan for

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00:46:54,920 --> 00:46:52,350

their coming decade nice arse

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00:46:59,060 --> 00:46:54,930

a version of nice I was recommended back

1024

00:47:01,790 --> 00:46:59,070

in 2007 and 2017 a follow-on to nice our

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00:47:03,440 --> 00:47:01,800

was already recommended in order to

1026  
00:47:04,200 --> 00:47:03,450  
focus on exactly these kinds of

1027  
00:47:06,630 --> 00:47:04,210  
measurements of

1028  
00:47:08,490 --> 00:47:06,640  
long term because not only are they

1029  
00:47:12,150 --> 00:47:08,500  
important scientifically to keep that

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00:47:14,370 --> 00:47:12,160  
time series going but it's also the side

1031  
00:47:17,070 --> 00:47:14,380  
benefits of studying landslides and

1032  
00:47:20,070 --> 00:47:17,080  
other hazards agriculture or

1033  
00:47:22,380 --> 00:47:20,080  
sustainability all of these things they

1034  
00:47:24,900 --> 00:47:22,390  
they just don't end and they are

1035  
00:47:27,660 --> 00:47:24,910  
practical applications of this sort of

1036  
00:47:31,410 --> 00:47:27,670  
whole earth imaging system that will be

1037  
00:47:35,250 --> 00:47:31,420  
there forever well I want to ask you

1038  
00:47:38,040 --> 00:47:35,260

where the information the research goes

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00:47:40,320 --> 00:47:38,050

once it's collected so how does it get

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00:47:43,710 --> 00:47:40,330

communicated out from the nice our team

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00:47:45,990 --> 00:47:43,720

and the NASA folks you work with in a

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00:47:49,140 --> 00:47:46,000

way so as to make it useful and

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00:47:50,849 --> 00:47:49,150

impactful both for government

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00:47:53,780 --> 00:47:50,859

decision-makers and for the public at

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00:47:57,000 --> 00:47:53,790

large how do you how do you get it out

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00:48:00,329 --> 00:47:57,010

well that's a multi-faceted answer but

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00:48:03,000 --> 00:48:00,339

I'll try to keep it simple first of all

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00:48:05,520 --> 00:48:03,010

all of our data are free and open to the

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00:48:09,540 --> 00:48:05,530

public and they are placed on in an

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00:48:11,339 --> 00:48:09,550

archive that happens to be nominally

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00:48:14,010 --> 00:48:11,349

located in Alaska at the Alaska

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00:48:15,930 --> 00:48:14,020

satellite facility but for nice are we

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00:48:18,599 --> 00:48:15,940

will be the first mission to actually

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00:48:21,990 --> 00:48:18,609

use cloud-based data distribution

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00:48:25,470 --> 00:48:22,000

systems so the data may not be in Alaska

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00:48:27,990 --> 00:48:25,480

but it will be managed out of Alaska so

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00:48:31,260 --> 00:48:28,000

those all those data there will be

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00:48:35,930 --> 00:48:31,270

placed there that they can be taken by

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00:48:40,589 --> 00:48:35,940

any body any company or person for use

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00:48:44,339 --> 00:48:40,599

for example companies like Google or

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00:48:46,800 --> 00:48:44,349

Amazon will often take these data and

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00:48:51,480 --> 00:48:46,810

put them into their their search engines

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00:48:53,940 --> 00:48:51,490

for geospatial data sets the science is

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00:48:55,829 --> 00:48:53,950

done by anybody who wants to write a

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00:48:58,520 --> 00:48:55,839

science paper using these data sets

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00:49:01,740 --> 00:48:58,530

those are published in journals

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00:49:05,670 --> 00:49:01,750

typically and then there is the the

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00:49:07,620 --> 00:49:05,680

linkage to our other agencies and isar

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00:49:11,370 --> 00:49:07,630

is trying to do something a little bit

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00:49:14,940 --> 00:49:11,380

unique in terms of our relationship with

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00:49:17,480 --> 00:49:14,950

other agencies in that we are trying to

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00:49:19,580 --> 00:49:17,490

create the system not just as a side

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00:49:22,990 --> 00:49:19,590

system but also something that is a

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00:49:27,080 --> 00:49:23,000

let's say a prototype or a testbed for

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00:49:30,920 --> 00:49:27,090

urgent response associated with agencies

1076  
00:49:33,920 --> 00:49:30,930  
like FEMA or the USGS and in doing this

1077  
00:49:36,020 --> 00:49:33,930  
we are creating a low latency pathway

1078  
00:49:39,320 --> 00:49:36,030  
for data to go to those agencies and

1079  
00:49:42,770 --> 00:49:39,330  
look at things like earthquake damage or

1080  
00:49:45,260 --> 00:49:42,780  
volcanic damage or landslide damage

1081  
00:49:48,680 --> 00:49:45,270  
there quickly after an event so that can

1082  
00:49:50,630 --> 00:49:48,690  
actually be used in a quasi operational

1083  
00:49:53,750 --> 00:49:50,640  
way without making this an operational

1084  
00:49:55,609 --> 00:49:53,760  
mission so that's that's the way we go

1085  
00:49:58,250 --> 00:49:55,619  
about doing it is to try to build these

1086  
00:50:01,540 --> 00:49:58,260  
partnerships and look for pathways for

1087  
00:50:05,270 --> 00:50:01,550  
data pipelines into the agencies that's

1088  
00:50:07,670 --> 00:50:05,280

fantastic so Shannon I'm sure you've

1089

00:50:10,400 --> 00:50:07,680

been collecting some questions so we've

1090

00:50:12,070 --> 00:50:10,410

got a few minutes left in our hour why

1091

00:50:14,060 --> 00:50:12,080

don't you go ahead and take it away and

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00:50:16,690 --> 00:50:14,070

throw some more of those great questions

1093

00:50:19,130 --> 00:50:16,700

at Paul from our online audience

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00:50:19,550 --> 00:50:19,140

absolutely so we have a couple for you

1095

00:50:21,740 --> 00:50:19,560

Paul

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00:50:23,630 --> 00:50:21,750

we have Robert on YouTube who asks how

1097

00:50:25,609 --> 00:50:23,640

do you decide what to explore on earth

1098

00:50:30,380 --> 00:50:25,619

and the universe as in how do you make

1099

00:50:34,940 --> 00:50:30,390

nice our omission so that's a good

1100

00:50:36,980 --> 00:50:34,950

question this is done through the

1101  
00:50:39,980 --> 00:50:36,990  
decadal survey process I mentioned

1102  
00:50:43,190 --> 00:50:39,990  
earlier science community is brought

1103  
00:50:46,240 --> 00:50:43,200  
together as a community and they meet

1104  
00:50:49,220 --> 00:50:46,250  
and make recommendations about what the

1105  
00:50:51,980 --> 00:50:49,230  
big topics are the big things that need

1106  
00:50:53,990 --> 00:50:51,990  
to be answered for societal benefit they

1107  
00:50:58,220 --> 00:50:54,000  
write a recommendation and NASA takes

1108  
00:51:00,710 --> 00:50:58,230  
that recommendation and decides which

1109  
00:51:03,620 --> 00:51:00,720  
missions they can do with which

1110  
00:51:06,230 --> 00:51:03,630  
technologies are ready to be applied to

1111  
00:51:09,410 --> 00:51:06,240  
those science questions and then they go

1112  
00:51:12,710 --> 00:51:09,420  
ahead and build the mission but you

1113  
00:51:14,300 --> 00:51:12,720

mentioned a little quick that you had

1114

00:51:16,520 --> 00:51:14,310

been trying to get this mission going

1115

00:51:18,650 --> 00:51:16,530

for a long time right I mean the the

1116

00:51:20,930 --> 00:51:18,660

dream of doing a mission like nice are a

1117

00:51:27,349 --> 00:51:20,940

nice R has been it's been around for a

1118

00:51:29,390 --> 00:51:27,359

while right yes um I first I wrote my

1119

00:51:29,890 --> 00:51:29,400

first proposal for a nicer like mission

1120

00:51:33,760 --> 00:51:29,900

and Knight

1121

00:51:36,730 --> 00:51:33,770

94 let's put it that way and often it

1122

00:51:39,579 --> 00:51:36,740

takes a long time for these missions to

1123

00:51:42,370 --> 00:51:39,589

come to reality at that time there had

1124

00:51:43,720 --> 00:51:42,380

not been a decadal survey recommending

1125

00:51:46,510 --> 00:51:43,730

this particular mission and the

1126  
00:51:50,680 --> 00:51:46,520  
technology might argue was perhaps not

1127  
00:51:52,779 --> 00:51:50,690  
as mature as it is now so NASA in their

1128  
00:51:55,829 --> 00:51:52,789  
wisdom chose to wait until the

1129  
00:51:58,390 --> 00:51:55,839  
technology matured and the community was

1130  
00:52:03,700 --> 00:51:58,400  
clamoring for these observations before

1131  
00:52:05,769 --> 00:52:03,710  
they decided to fund it so I got another

1132  
00:52:07,690 --> 00:52:05,779  
one for ya so I know nicer hasn't

1133  
00:52:09,010 --> 00:52:07,700  
launched yet but with some of the other

1134  
00:52:10,529 --> 00:52:09,020  
missions that you've worked on and data

1135  
00:52:12,789 --> 00:52:10,539  
that you've seen what are the major

1136  
00:52:14,200 --> 00:52:12,799  
marcelo' on Facebook asked what are the

1137  
00:52:18,940 --> 00:52:14,210  
major differences that you guys have

1138  
00:52:20,740 --> 00:52:18,950

seen from the last ten years and now I'm

1139

00:52:22,900 --> 00:52:20,750

sorry I missed the beginning part of it

1140

00:52:25,329 --> 00:52:22,910

with the differences in what between the

1141

00:52:26,950 --> 00:52:25,339

last ten years and now the earth Justin

1142

00:52:28,510 --> 00:52:26,960

yeah and earth and anything that we've

1143

00:52:30,519 --> 00:52:28,520

seen on earth or measured on earth if

1144

00:52:33,279 --> 00:52:30,529

you want to pick a specific scientific

1145

00:52:34,720 --> 00:52:33,289

study maybe something that applied that

1146

00:52:37,299 --> 00:52:34,730

you'll be looking at with nice are that

1147

00:52:40,269 --> 00:52:37,309

you've really been seeing changing in

1148

00:52:43,000 --> 00:52:40,279

the last decade or so certainly I saw I

1149

00:52:45,609 --> 00:52:43,010

think yeah I think the ice sheets is

1150

00:52:47,230 --> 00:52:45,619

really what I'm what I would focus on

1151  
00:52:48,730 --> 00:52:47,240  
here because they are changing quite

1152  
00:52:50,170 --> 00:52:48,740  
dramatically and our understanding of

1153  
00:52:53,980 --> 00:52:50,180  
the ice sheets is changing quite

1154  
00:52:55,839 --> 00:52:53,990  
dramatically as we as we make these

1155  
00:52:57,789 --> 00:52:55,849  
observations I'm sorry about the dinging

1156  
00:53:01,150 --> 00:52:57,799  
my wife is texting my children and I

1157  
00:53:12,210 --> 00:53:01,160  
thought I turned off the the message app

1158  
00:53:16,180 --> 00:53:12,220  
but I guess I didn't yeah another one

1159  
00:53:21,069 --> 00:53:16,190  
for yeah so with the current world

1160  
00:53:22,720 --> 00:53:21,079  
situation coupe on Facebook asks what

1161  
00:53:24,760 --> 00:53:22,730  
data points does this give us that we

1162  
00:53:29,859 --> 00:53:24,770  
may not have been otherwise been able to

1163  
00:53:32,819 --> 00:53:29,869

get are we talking the current situation

1164

00:53:35,829 --> 00:53:32,829

meaning the coronavirus situation or

1165

00:53:37,599 --> 00:53:35,839

with with with people sort of staying

1166

00:53:39,010 --> 00:53:37,609

inside is it giving us different data

1167

00:53:41,740 --> 00:53:39,020

points that we wouldn't normally be able

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00:53:44,099 --> 00:53:41,750

to get in any other situation yes it's

1169

00:53:47,140 --> 00:53:44,109

actually very fascinating

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00:53:49,390 --> 00:53:47,150

nice R itself is a radar it doesn't

1171

00:53:53,440 --> 00:53:49,400

measure the atmosphere but already we

1172

00:53:55,270 --> 00:53:53,450

are seeing the impacts on the earth by

1173

00:53:57,780 --> 00:53:55,280

having people staying inside not

1174

00:54:01,480 --> 00:53:57,790

traveling as much the air is cleaner

1175

00:54:03,849 --> 00:54:01,490

their congestion is lower

1176

00:54:06,730 --> 00:54:03,859

I've seen some radar images actually

1177

00:54:10,150 --> 00:54:06,740

over the last several months where

1178

00:54:13,120 --> 00:54:10,160

construction sites which you can see has

1179

00:54:17,500 --> 00:54:13,130

sort of in a change map setting

1180

00:54:22,020 --> 00:54:17,510

construction sites have stopped working

1181

00:54:25,870 --> 00:54:22,030

so you can actually track the impacts of

1182

00:54:28,390 --> 00:54:25,880

humans and their behaviors over this

1183

00:54:31,510 --> 00:54:28,400

cycle and and if this continues for a

1184

00:54:35,260 --> 00:54:31,520

year or so which it may very well at

1185

00:54:38,410 --> 00:54:35,270

some level we can really understand it's

1186

00:54:40,210 --> 00:54:38,420

almost like an experiment in ways in a

1187

00:54:42,550 --> 00:54:40,220

way where you have a stimulus which

1188

00:54:44,890 --> 00:54:42,560

happens to be in this case people

1189

00:54:48,099 --> 00:54:44,900

staying at home and then you can see how

1190

00:54:49,480 --> 00:54:48,109

the earth responds to it using the all

1191

00:54:52,660 --> 00:54:49,490

the satellites that are up there it's

1192

00:54:54,160 --> 00:54:52,670

really quite quite astounding it will be

1193

00:54:55,960 --> 00:54:54,170

very interesting we don't really know

1194

00:54:58,000 --> 00:54:55,970

yet because that we're still early in

1195

00:54:59,890 --> 00:54:58,010

the whole cycle but about a year from

1196

00:55:07,030 --> 00:54:59,900

now you'll see some amazing results

1197

00:55:08,770 --> 00:55:07,040

coming out I think so a question from

1198

00:55:11,200 --> 00:55:08,780

gnome qualm on youtube asks how long

1199

00:55:12,339 --> 00:55:11,210

will it take to process nice our data I

1200

00:55:14,050 --> 00:55:12,349

know we've talked about this in some

1201  
00:55:15,849 --> 00:55:14,060  
conversations with each other about how

1202  
00:55:17,950 --> 00:55:15,859  
large the data coming down from nice R

1203  
00:55:19,390 --> 00:55:17,960  
is so how long is that going to take to

1204  
00:55:23,740 --> 00:55:19,400  
process for people to start their

1205  
00:55:26,819 --> 00:55:23,750  
research it will only take a day or two

1206  
00:55:31,240 --> 00:55:26,829  
for the data to go from the satellite to

1207  
00:55:33,819 --> 00:55:31,250  
the archive there is about a five or six

1208  
00:55:35,640 --> 00:55:33,829  
month period when we will be fiddling

1209  
00:55:38,140 --> 00:55:35,650  
with the data to make sure it's right

1210  
00:55:39,880 --> 00:55:38,150  
the data those data will still be

1211  
00:55:42,670 --> 00:55:39,890  
available quickly but they may get

1212  
00:55:45,940 --> 00:55:42,680  
reprocessed after six months or so but

1213  
00:55:49,120 --> 00:55:45,950

once once the firehose firehose of data

1214

00:55:53,650 --> 00:55:49,130

starts after about three months after

1215

00:55:55,450 --> 00:55:53,660

launch that fire hose is ready with lots

1216

00:55:56,740 --> 00:55:55,460

and lots of data with a latency of just

1217

00:55:58,840 --> 00:55:56,750

a couple days

1218

00:56:01,060 --> 00:55:58,850

well did you did you I mean if I missed

1219

00:56:03,780 --> 00:56:01,070

it I apologize but did you tell us that

1220

00:56:08,560 --> 00:56:03,790

huge number that it was something with

1221

00:56:10,120 --> 00:56:08,570

ridiculous amount of data first year you

1222

00:56:11,800 --> 00:56:10,130

told us and when we first started

1223

00:56:12,910 --> 00:56:11,810

talking about this what what what is the

1224

00:56:14,070 --> 00:56:12,920

amount of data you're going to be

1225

00:56:18,010 --> 00:56:14,080

pulling down with this thing

1226

00:56:21,160 --> 00:56:18,020

so we it's hard to put it in terms of

1227

00:56:24,820 --> 00:56:21,170

that most people I think could actually

1228

00:56:28,450 --> 00:56:24,830

imagine but it's basically one petabyte

1229

00:56:32,770 --> 00:56:28,460

of raw data per year petabyte not not

1230

00:56:35,500 --> 00:56:32,780

the CD is what 650 megabytes or

1231

00:56:37,270 --> 00:56:35,510

something like that DVD is 5 gigabyte

1232

00:56:39,430 --> 00:56:37,280

this is a petabyte which is several

1233

00:56:41,530 --> 00:56:39,440

orders of magnitude above those and

1234

00:56:43,510 --> 00:56:41,540

that's just the raw data after we

1235

00:56:47,170 --> 00:56:43,520

process the data it cuts to something

1236

00:56:49,630 --> 00:56:47,180

more like 50 to 100 petabytes though

1237

00:56:51,880 --> 00:56:49,640

it's a huge amount of data by the

1238

00:56:54,160 --> 00:56:51,890

standard it's in fact if you take all of

1239

00:56:56,620 --> 00:56:54,170

nasa's previous missions including

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00:56:59,920 --> 00:56:56,630

planetary and space and add them all up

1241

00:57:01,990 --> 00:56:59,930

this is still about a factor of i think

1242

00:57:05,200 --> 00:57:02,000

10 greater than all of that other data

1243

00:57:07,720 --> 00:57:05,210

so it's a very large amount it's amazing

1244

00:57:12,700 --> 00:57:07,730

truly amazing but we don't process it

1245

00:57:15,370 --> 00:57:12,710

and we've shell that is good news well

1246

00:57:18,070 --> 00:57:15,380

we're getting the end of our time but

1247

00:57:21,640 --> 00:57:18,080

before we wrap up we have something kind

1248

00:57:24,910 --> 00:57:21,650

of special to share with you in advance

1249

00:57:27,070 --> 00:57:24,920

of Earth Day when we all try to think

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00:57:31,000 --> 00:57:27,080

more about our share and responsibility

1251  
00:57:33,220 --> 00:57:31,010  
to care for our planet Shannon and

1252  
00:57:35,800 --> 00:57:33,230  
Shannon here asked some friends to

1253  
00:57:37,330 --> 00:57:35,810  
answer a question for us so that we

1254  
00:57:39,160 --> 00:57:37,340  
could share their responses and we asked

1255  
00:57:43,180 --> 00:57:39,170  
them what does it mean to care for

1256  
00:57:45,400 --> 00:57:43,190  
something here's what they had to say hi

1257  
00:57:47,110 --> 00:57:45,410  
Dan Shannon from NASA earth and as we

1258  
00:57:49,180 --> 00:57:47,120  
observed the 50th anniversary of Earth

1259  
00:57:51,160 --> 00:57:49,190  
Day of this amazing beautiful planet of

1260  
00:57:53,560 --> 00:57:51,170  
ours we wanted some of our friends to

1261  
00:57:55,840 --> 00:57:53,570  
join into the conversation so we had a

1262  
00:58:00,160 --> 00:57:55,850  
question for them what do you think it

1263  
00:58:03,070 --> 00:58:00,170

means to care for something I think what

1264

00:58:04,160 --> 00:58:03,080

it means to care for something is to

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00:58:09,620 --> 00:58:04,170

protect it

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00:58:13,910 --> 00:58:09,630

and to make it flourish to love lot of

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00:58:16,070 --> 00:58:13,920

people for something for you to care for

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00:58:19,130 --> 00:58:16,080

something that mean you will treat it

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00:58:22,280 --> 00:58:19,140

like a certain baby like you treated

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00:58:26,540 --> 00:58:22,290

special means giving my unconditional

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00:58:29,740 --> 00:58:26,550

time effort emotional commitment I think

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00:58:34,780 --> 00:58:29,750

it means to take care of them and to

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00:58:41,000 --> 00:58:38,330

if to take care of it you have to do

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00:58:44,300 --> 00:58:41,010

water and Sun and make sure it glows

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00:58:49,790 --> 00:58:44,310

grows well it means life to us it means

1276

00:58:53,150 --> 00:58:49,800

when you show like affection or love if

1277

00:58:56,480 --> 00:58:53,160

it's a thing you're you're responsible

1278

00:58:58,309 --> 00:58:56,490

with it when you take care of something

1279

00:59:00,229 --> 00:58:58,319

else

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00:59:12,030 --> 00:59:00,239

you connect to something greater than

1281

00:59:20,849 --> 00:59:15,730

well that is outstanding any thoughts on

1282

00:59:24,609 --> 00:59:20,859

that from you guys I mean Shannon

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00:59:26,170 --> 00:59:24,619

beautiful yeah celebrate Earth Day just

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00:59:29,710 --> 00:59:26,180

remember to take care of our pale blue

1285

00:59:32,319 --> 00:59:29,720

dot and what were you thinking there

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00:59:34,299 --> 00:59:32,329

Paul is this gonna say for me when I

1287

00:59:38,410 --> 00:59:34,309

when I thought about this I thought

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00:59:41,500 --> 00:59:38,420

respect caring and respect are highly

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00:59:45,450 --> 00:59:41,510

related we need to respect our planet to

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00:59:47,650 --> 00:59:45,460

take care of it so I think I

1291

00:59:50,380 --> 00:59:47,660

wholeheartedly agree I like how the

1292

00:59:52,450 --> 00:59:50,390

first young person put it that to care

1293

00:59:54,579 --> 00:59:52,460

for something means to protect it but

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00:59:56,680 --> 00:59:54,589

also to make it flourish I love that

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01:00:00,220 --> 00:59:56,690

well thank you Shannon for putting that

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01:00:02,230 --> 01:00:00,230

video together all right well that is a

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01:00:04,839 --> 01:00:02,240

great place for us to end this month I

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01:00:07,359 --> 01:00:04,849

want to thank Paul Rosen for being with

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01:00:09,640 --> 01:00:07,369

us Paul good luck to you and your nice

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01:00:11,230 --> 01:00:09,650

our team with the mission and keeping it

1301

01:00:15,460 --> 01:00:11,240

on track during these really

1302

01:00:17,020 --> 01:00:15,470

extraordinary times and thank you

1303

01:00:19,359 --> 01:00:17,030

Shannon for E for helping with the

1304

01:00:21,520 --> 01:00:19,369

questions from our live audience and

1305

01:00:23,410 --> 01:00:21,530

thank you all of you for for watching

1306

01:00:26,260 --> 01:00:23,420

and for submitting your questions and

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01:00:28,240 --> 01:00:26,270

again if you'd like information and

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01:00:30,970 --> 01:00:28,250

resources from NASA related to Earth Day

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01:00:34,900 --> 01:00:30,980

you can go to [nasa.gov](http://nasa.gov) slash Earth Day

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01:00:36,400 --> 01:00:34,910

for a whole slew of materials now and

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01:00:38,620 --> 01:00:36,410

over the next several days as we reach

1312

01:00:43,299 --> 01:00:38,630

the 50th anniversary of Earth Day on

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01:00:46,770 --> 01:00:43,309

April 22nd okay now remember everybody

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01:00:49,539 --> 01:00:46,780

deep breath we're all in this together

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01:00:52,510 --> 01:00:49,549

we're hurtling through space on our pale

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01:00:54,579 --> 01:00:52,520

blue dot as shannon mentioned and for

1317

01:00:58,839 --> 01:00:54,589

half a century now we have had an annual

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01:01:02,260 --> 01:00:58,849

reminder on Earth Day that caring for

1319

01:01:06,309 --> 01:01:02,270

our home planet and all of us on it is

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01:01:07,480 --> 01:01:06,319

something that we do together all right

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01:01:09,700 --> 01:01:07,490

that's all for this month

1322

01:01:11,980 --> 01:01:09,710

note that we do plan to bring you our

1323

01:01:14,049 --> 01:01:11,990

scheduled show for May which is on

1324

01:01:15,789 --> 01:01:14,059

becoming a NASA engineer and that'll be

1325

01:01:17,440 --> 01:01:15,799

hosted by my colleague Brian White and

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01:01:19,280 --> 01:01:17,450

he'll be talking with the wonderful

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01:01:22,550 --> 01:01:19,290

Traci drain so

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01:01:28,720 --> 01:01:22,560

for that if you can until then stay safe