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00:00:06,789 --> 00:00:05,190  
nasa's jet propulsion laboratory

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00:00:09,430 --> 00:00:06,799  
presents

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00:00:11,509 --> 00:00:09,440  
the von carmen lecture a series of talks

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00:00:13,430 --> 00:00:11,519  
by scientists and engineers who are

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00:00:15,829 --> 00:00:13,440  
exploring our planet

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00:00:16,450 --> 00:00:15,839  
our solar system and all that lies

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00:00:23,590 --> 00:00:16,460  
beyond

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00:00:25,429 --> 00:00:23,600  
[Music]

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00:00:27,349 --> 00:00:25,439  
hello and a very pleasant good evening

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00:00:28,870 --> 00:00:27,359  
to you wherever you may be i am brian

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00:00:30,790 --> 00:00:28,880  
white from jpl's office of

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00:00:32,630 --> 00:00:30,800  
communications and education

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00:00:33,910 --> 00:00:32,640

and welcome to the von karman lecture

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series

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now i had a teacher in college who on

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the very first day he drew a tiny little

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circle on the whiteboard

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00:00:43,350 --> 00:00:40,800

and he said this is everything that you

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

know now being college students we were

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00:00:46,150 --> 00:00:43,760

a little

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00:00:48,150 --> 00:00:46,160

insulted by him implying that we only

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00:00:49,750 --> 00:00:48,160

knew a little bit of knowledge

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00:00:51,350 --> 00:00:49,760

but he said it's okay because everything

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00:00:54,229 --> 00:00:51,360

that circle is touching

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00:00:55,430 --> 00:00:54,239

is everything you know you don't know he

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00:00:56,790 --> 00:00:55,440

said by the end of the class he drew

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00:00:59,670 --> 00:00:56,800

this much bigger circle all the way

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00:01:01,590 --> 00:00:59,680

around it and he said i hope this is you

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00:01:03,110 --> 00:01:01,600

and i hope that everything that that

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00:01:03,750 --> 00:01:03,120

bigger circle is touching is everything

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00:01:08,230 --> 00:01:03,760

you now

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00:01:12,310 --> 00:01:09,750

tonight we'll be discussing the jupiter

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00:01:13,910 --> 00:01:12,320

system and the many mysteries that is it

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00:01:15,350 --> 00:01:13,920

has unveiled to us

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00:01:18,230 --> 00:01:15,360

you're going to hear some very smart

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00:01:19,990 --> 00:01:18,240

people tonight say i don't know

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00:01:21,910 --> 00:01:20,000

but i want you to remember that's where

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00:01:23,910 --> 00:01:21,920

discovery begins

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00:01:25,190 --> 00:01:23,920

now joining us as co-host fielding your

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00:01:26,230 --> 00:01:25,200

questions this evening is public

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00:01:29,350 --> 00:01:26,240

outreach specialist

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00:01:31,350 --> 00:01:29,360

lindsay mclaurin hiya lindsey

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00:01:32,469 --> 00:01:31,360

hi brian thank you so much for having me

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00:01:34,230 --> 00:01:32,479

join you tonight

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00:01:36,230 --> 00:01:34,240

and to everyone at home we just want to

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00:01:37,749 --> 00:01:36,240

remind you that this is your space

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00:01:39,590 --> 00:01:37,759

program and we want you to be a part of

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00:01:40,950 --> 00:01:39,600

the conversation tonight so from

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00:01:42,870 --> 00:01:40,960

wherever you're joining us

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00:01:44,630 --> 00:01:42,880

please use the chat function to ask us

51  
00:01:46,310 --> 00:01:44,640  
questions and a member of our amazing

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00:01:47,270 --> 00:01:46,320  
social media team will pass them along

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00:01:48,389 --> 00:01:47,280  
to us

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00:01:50,310 --> 00:01:48,399  
we'll try to get through as many

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00:01:51,830 --> 00:01:50,320  
questions as possible but if for some

56  
00:01:53,590 --> 00:01:51,840  
reason you don't see the chat

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00:01:54,870 --> 00:01:53,600  
please refresh the page and it should be

58  
00:01:57,510 --> 00:01:54,880  
up shortly

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00:01:59,510 --> 00:01:57,520  
let's get started brian thank you

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00:02:01,270 --> 00:01:59,520  
lindsey let's get started

61  
00:02:02,789 --> 00:02:01,280  
as a reminder folks if we run into any

62  
00:02:04,469 --> 00:02:02,799  
technical difficulties we ask that you

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00:02:05,270 --> 00:02:04,479

do stick with us as we get those sorted

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00:02:07,109 --> 00:02:05,280

out

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00:02:08,550 --> 00:02:07,119

now our first speaker is the juno

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00:02:10,469 --> 00:02:08,560

project scientist and the

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00:02:11,990 --> 00:02:10,479

lead co-investigator for juno's

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microwave radio

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radiometer instrument has worked at the

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00:02:18,710 --> 00:02:16,640

jet propulsion laboratory since 1990

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his research interests are many but he

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is also currently

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the lead scientist for the goldstone

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apple valley radio telescope project

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gavert in which students learn about

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00:02:30,949 --> 00:02:27,760

science by doing

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real science please welcome dr steven

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hi nice nice to be here welcome well

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let's get started let's get started with

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your jpl

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origin story how you got to where you

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are today

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sure well you know i talk to school kids

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all the time

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00:02:50,070 --> 00:02:48,480

so and they always ask that question so

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00:02:52,710 --> 00:02:50,080

i have kind of a pat answer for

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00:02:54,550 --> 00:02:52,720

it and the truth is i became a scientist

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00:02:56,710 --> 00:02:54,560

because i have a bad memory

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00:02:58,390 --> 00:02:56,720

so when i was a kid in school and

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00:03:00,229 --> 00:02:58,400

there's tests and whatever i had trouble

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00:03:02,630 --> 00:03:00,239

remembering what the teacher told me

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00:03:04,710 --> 00:03:02,640

but i quickly learned that i could

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00:03:06,790 --> 00:03:04,720

figure out the answer instead

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00:03:07,990 --> 00:03:06,800

and by doing that i learned hey figuring

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out stuff is fun

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00:03:11,270 --> 00:03:09,840

and it also turns out that figuring

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things out is

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what scientists really do so that's kind

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00:03:18,229 --> 00:03:15,200

of how i became a scientist

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00:03:20,149 --> 00:03:18,239

and pretty much all of my career choices

101  
00:03:22,550 --> 00:03:20,159  
about what kind of science have been

102  
00:03:23,910 --> 00:03:22,560  
made on the very careful basis of that

103  
00:03:27,110 --> 00:03:23,920  
sounds like fun

104  
00:03:28,229 --> 00:03:27,120  
so that's what i've been doing well it

105  
00:03:28,550 --> 00:03:28,239  
sounds like you've been doing more than

106  
00:03:31,750 --> 00:03:28,560  
that

107  
00:03:33,509 --> 00:03:31,760  
working on then is a lot of fun

108  
00:03:35,750 --> 00:03:33,519  
so talk to us a little bit about juno

109  
00:03:37,270 --> 00:03:35,760  
and what it is

110  
00:03:39,110 --> 00:03:37,280  
sure and i see we've got a slide up

111  
00:03:40,869 --> 00:03:39,120  
there with a little summary so

112  
00:03:42,869 --> 00:03:40,879  
juno is our spacecraft that's orbiting

113  
00:03:46,149 --> 00:03:42,879

jupiter and we've been there since

114

00:03:47,830 --> 00:03:46,159

2016 and uh

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00:03:49,030 --> 00:03:47,840

the slide here is a little overview i'm

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not going to read everything on the

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00:03:53,110 --> 00:03:50,879

slide although i'll point out that

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00:03:54,309 --> 00:03:53,120

we flew by ganymede last week and

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00:03:56,710 --> 00:03:54,319

changed our orbiter

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orbital period so that 53-day polar

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orbit it says in the middle is now a

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43-day polar orbit

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but in that time what we've been trying

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to do is understand

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the origin the interior the atmosphere

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the magnetosphere of the solar system's

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00:04:13,589 --> 00:04:11,040

largest planet

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00:04:15,509 --> 00:04:13,599

and we have an extended mission approved

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00:04:17,749 --> 00:04:15,519

by nasa so that starts in august and

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00:04:20,310 --> 00:04:17,759

we'll fly by other satellites and we'll

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get close-up data or closer up data of

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the north pole of jupiter

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and keep on going and i guess that means

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now's a good time to talk about all the

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00:04:31,670 --> 00:04:30,080

cool stuff we've learned so far

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00:04:33,749 --> 00:04:31,680

well i think so but you also had a

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00:04:35,830 --> 00:04:33,759

pretty exciting day this past week and a

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00:04:37,990 --> 00:04:35,840

half right

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00:04:39,189 --> 00:04:38,000

sure we had a juno science team meeting

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this week and we had a

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flyby of ganymede last monday

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00:04:47,030 --> 00:04:44,560

and so we have all kinds of cool stuff

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00:04:49,670 --> 00:04:47,040

and yeah here's a great new picture

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00:04:51,350 --> 00:04:49,680

of ganymede that we took with ganymede's

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00:04:53,350 --> 00:04:51,360

first close-up in about

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00:04:54,710 --> 00:04:53,360

i don't know what generation 25 years or

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00:04:57,590 --> 00:04:54,720

so

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00:04:59,270 --> 00:04:57,600

we have lots more to come but you know

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00:05:00,629 --> 00:04:59,280

we only have the data about a week

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00:05:02,629 --> 00:05:00,639

and we're still trying to understand

151  
00:05:05,029 --> 00:05:02,639  
things and analyze it

152  
00:05:06,070 --> 00:05:05,039  
so you can find tons of pretty pictures

153  
00:05:08,790 --> 00:05:06,080  
from the flyby

154  
00:05:09,430 --> 00:05:08,800  
on the mission juno website uh and

155  
00:05:11,909 --> 00:05:09,440  
there'll be

156  
00:05:13,430 --> 00:05:11,919  
lots more science results on ganymede we

157  
00:05:15,430 --> 00:05:13,440  
looked at ganymede in a new way

158  
00:05:16,550 --> 00:05:15,440  
as well as just for the first time in a

159  
00:05:18,469 --> 00:05:16,560  
long time

160  
00:05:19,749 --> 00:05:18,479  
and uh we'll have lots of science

161  
00:05:23,189 --> 00:05:19,759  
results for that but

162  
00:05:25,189 --> 00:05:23,199  
not today because a week is way too fast

163  
00:05:26,950 --> 00:05:25,199

to be sure that we're right about pretty

164

00:05:29,110 --> 00:05:26,960

much anything we say about the science

165

00:05:31,670 --> 00:05:29,120

results

166

00:05:32,629 --> 00:05:31,680

well that's a good one that's a great

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00:05:34,150 --> 00:05:32,639

segue though because

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00:05:36,550 --> 00:05:34,160

you just said before we we know we're

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00:05:38,469 --> 00:05:36,560

right about things um

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00:05:39,590 --> 00:05:38,479

this mission you've told me when we were

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00:05:42,870 --> 00:05:39,600

talking about this

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00:05:45,510 --> 00:05:42,880

has surprised you in many ways

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00:05:47,189 --> 00:05:45,520

yes and in fact why don't we switch to

174

00:05:51,510 --> 00:05:47,199

that next slide

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00:05:52,070 --> 00:05:51,520

which is there's a way more than 10

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00:05:55,189 --> 00:05:52,080

there's

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00:05:57,909 --> 00:05:55,199

so many new discoveries and surprises

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00:05:59,670 --> 00:05:57,919

that you know i couldn't make one list i

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00:06:01,189 --> 00:05:59,680

couldn't make one talk that was just

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00:06:03,990 --> 00:06:01,199

about the most exciting

181

00:06:05,830 --> 00:06:04,000

discoveries um but the short version is

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00:06:06,629 --> 00:06:05,840

it's a whole new jupiter i love that

183

00:06:08,790 --> 00:06:06,639

quote from

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00:06:10,150 --> 00:06:08,800

mike janssen one of our scientists when

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00:06:12,629 --> 00:06:10,160

we first started getting

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00:06:14,390 --> 00:06:12,639

data on jupiter and finding out that all

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00:06:17,510 --> 00:06:14,400

our ideas were wrong

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00:06:19,830 --> 00:06:17,520

so basically juno measures jupiter has

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00:06:20,710 --> 00:06:19,840

measured jupiter in a bunch of new ways

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00:06:22,710 --> 00:06:20,720

and pretty much

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00:06:24,629 --> 00:06:22,720

every time we did a measurement in a way

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00:06:26,230 --> 00:06:24,639

that hadn't been done before

193

00:06:27,830 --> 00:06:26,240

we found that our ideas about what we

194

00:06:28,550 --> 00:06:27,840

were going to see were just wrong we got

195

00:06:29,909 --> 00:06:28,560

surprises

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00:06:32,070 --> 00:06:29,919

which is a lot of fun if you're an

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00:06:33,909 --> 00:06:32,080

experimentalist like me you like

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00:06:35,350 --> 00:06:33,919

you know getting the new data and making

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00:06:37,830 --> 00:06:35,360

all the theorists start over

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00:06:39,189 --> 00:06:37,840

so i'll tell you a few of them out of

201  
00:06:40,230 --> 00:06:39,199  
this list i'm not even going to try to

202  
00:06:41,749 --> 00:06:40,240  
read the list of

203  
00:06:43,430 --> 00:06:41,759  
top 10 but i'll tell you a couple of my

204  
00:06:46,469 --> 00:06:43,440  
favorites one of them

205  
00:06:48,790 --> 00:06:46,479  
is the deep atmosphere is not well mixed

206  
00:06:50,790 --> 00:06:48,800  
so what that means is you know jupiter's

207  
00:06:52,870 --> 00:06:50,800  
this giant ball of gas

208  
00:06:54,950 --> 00:06:52,880  
right and what everybody thought before

209  
00:06:56,070 --> 00:06:54,960  
we sent juno there to try to look below

210  
00:06:58,629 --> 00:06:56,080  
the clouds

211  
00:06:59,110 --> 00:06:58,639  
was if you got deep enough below where

212  
00:07:01,589 --> 00:06:59,120  
the sun

213  
00:07:03,110 --> 00:07:01,599

shines in jupiter and below the where

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00:07:05,589 --> 00:07:03,120

the clouds form

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00:07:07,270 --> 00:07:05,599

it's all gas it would it's all fluid it

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00:07:08,629 --> 00:07:07,280

would be well mixed and you'd find

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00:07:09,830 --> 00:07:08,639

pretty much anywhere on the planet

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00:07:11,670 --> 00:07:09,840

looked about the same

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00:07:13,189 --> 00:07:11,680

and when you look through at depth it

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00:07:14,550 --> 00:07:13,199

would make sense it would be smoothly

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00:07:17,029 --> 00:07:14,560

varying and things and well that was

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00:07:18,550 --> 00:07:17,039

totally wrong what we found is

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00:07:20,070 --> 00:07:18,560

all kinds of structure with our

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00:07:21,189 --> 00:07:20,080

microwave radiometer that can see

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00:07:22,550 --> 00:07:21,199

beneath the clouds

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00:07:24,629 --> 00:07:22,560

all the way down to several hundred

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00:07:26,710 --> 00:07:24,639

kilometers as deep as we can see

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00:07:28,390 --> 00:07:26,720

we see structure so that was really cool

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00:07:30,230 --> 00:07:28,400

gives us all kinds of puzzles and things

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00:07:32,629 --> 00:07:30,240

to try to figure out

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00:07:33,270 --> 00:07:32,639

some of the other things we found were

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there's a

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the core in the middle is extended it's

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diluted it's fuzzy

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00:07:40,790 --> 00:07:39,039

so we all knew that there ought to be

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down in the center of jupiter

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00:07:43,909 --> 00:07:42,400

some kind of core where the heavy

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00:07:45,510 --> 00:07:43,919

elements sank to the middle of the

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00:07:46,790 --> 00:07:45,520

planet right if it's all fluid all the

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00:07:47,510 --> 00:07:46,800

heavy stuff should be down there at the

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00:07:49,589 --> 00:07:47,520

bottom

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00:07:50,790 --> 00:07:49,599

and people kind of expected a sharply

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00:07:52,710 --> 00:07:50,800

delineated

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00:07:53,990 --> 00:07:52,720

core down in the middle maybe not a

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00:07:56,790 --> 00:07:54,000

solid core

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00:07:58,390 --> 00:07:56,800

but three to five maybe ten times the

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00:07:59,350 --> 00:07:58,400

mass of the earth maybe even 20 times

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the mass of the earth

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00:08:03,189 --> 00:08:01,280

but mostly way down in the center and

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00:08:06,550 --> 00:08:03,199

what we think we found with the gravity

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is yeah that stuff is there but it's way

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00:08:10,550 --> 00:08:09,039

up higher it's spread out and diluted up

253

00:08:12,629 --> 00:08:10,560

to half or maybe even

254

00:08:13,670 --> 00:08:12,639

three quarters of the radius of the

255

00:08:15,430 --> 00:08:13,680

planet

256

00:08:16,950 --> 00:08:15,440

so that's really strange and now one of

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the things we're trying to figure out is

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is there an even denser core down in the

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00:08:23,990 --> 00:08:20,560

middle that that is

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separated uh there's a lot new of a lot

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new data to be collected and a lot of

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puzzles to try to solve

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00:08:31,589 --> 00:08:29,759

i'll pick out another one of these is

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the magnetic field when we first got our

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look at the magnetic field of jupiter we

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00:08:35,750 --> 00:08:34,959

found it was more complicated than we

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00:08:38,709 --> 00:08:35,760

expected

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00:08:39,990 --> 00:08:38,719

and we now know that it's asymmetric the

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north part of jupiter has

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a much more structured complicated

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magnetic field than the south part of

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00:08:46,310 --> 00:08:44,480

jupiter

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00:08:48,550 --> 00:08:46,320

now we knew before we got there that

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00:08:50,310 --> 00:08:48,560

jupiter had the largest magnetic field

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00:08:53,190 --> 00:08:50,320

of any planet in the solar system

276  
00:08:55,590 --> 00:08:53,200  
and we expected it's caused by swirling

277  
00:08:57,750 --> 00:08:55,600  
motions in the ocean of liquid metallic

278  
00:09:01,030 --> 00:08:57,760  
hydrogen deep inside the planet so

279  
00:09:03,430 --> 00:09:01,040  
hydrogen gas squeezed by gravity so much

280  
00:09:05,110 --> 00:09:03,440  
that it conducts electricity and it can

281  
00:09:07,509 --> 00:09:05,120  
make a magnetic field

282  
00:09:09,030 --> 00:09:07,519  
but what we didn't expect was all the

283  
00:09:10,470 --> 00:09:09,040  
structure that we see

284  
00:09:12,310 --> 00:09:10,480  
because even though we're getting this

285  
00:09:13,750 --> 00:09:12,320  
close-up view of the magnetic field

286  
00:09:15,190 --> 00:09:13,760  
we're not getting any closer than the

287  
00:09:17,509 --> 00:09:15,200  
surface of the planet

288  
00:09:19,269 --> 00:09:17,519

and so we're seeing it still from a

289

00:09:20,550 --> 00:09:19,279

distance and the only way we can see

290

00:09:22,630 --> 00:09:20,560

that much structure

291

00:09:23,910 --> 00:09:22,640

is if something is going on at a

292

00:09:25,509 --> 00:09:23,920

shallower place

293

00:09:27,910 --> 00:09:25,519

than where we thought the magnetic field

294

00:09:29,670 --> 00:09:27,920

was generated so that's pretty exciting

295

00:09:31,430 --> 00:09:29,680

and then of course all this asymmetry is

296

00:09:32,949 --> 00:09:31,440

really strange that it's got all this

297

00:09:34,550 --> 00:09:32,959

complication in the north

298

00:09:36,790 --> 00:09:34,560

and it looks kind of smooth and a lot

299

00:09:37,509 --> 00:09:36,800

more like a regular earth type dipole in

300

00:09:40,389 --> 00:09:37,519

the south

301  
00:09:42,070 --> 00:09:40,399  
so that's another mystery i could go on

302  
00:09:42,870 --> 00:09:42,080  
and talk about all of these and use them

303  
00:09:44,710 --> 00:09:42,880  
all the time

304  
00:09:46,389 --> 00:09:44,720  
but i really want to talk about whatever

305  
00:09:48,470 --> 00:09:46,399  
people want me to talk about

306  
00:09:50,550 --> 00:09:48,480  
so what i'm hoping to do is stop right

307  
00:09:51,750 --> 00:09:50,560  
here with me telling you and let people

308  
00:09:54,550 --> 00:09:51,760  
ask questions

309  
00:09:56,710 --> 00:09:54,560  
and i can answer whatever anybody asks

310  
00:09:58,630 --> 00:09:56,720  
even if the answer is i don't know

311  
00:10:00,470 --> 00:09:58,640  
well let's find out what they are asking

312  
00:10:00,870 --> 00:10:00,480  
online remember if you don't see the

313  
00:10:03,030 --> 00:10:00,880

chat

314

00:10:04,389 --> 00:10:03,040

refresh and you can get that popping up

315

00:10:06,790 --> 00:10:04,399

but lindsay what are they saying out

316

00:10:11,030 --> 00:10:08,630

steve the folks in the chat are super

317

00:10:12,870 --> 00:10:11,040

excited about talking about jupiter

318

00:10:14,310 --> 00:10:12,880

and so one of the questions chris wants

319

00:10:18,310 --> 00:10:14,320

to know on youtube

320

00:10:21,350 --> 00:10:18,320

what is the atmosphere like on jupiter

321

00:10:22,310 --> 00:10:21,360

okay so jupiter is mostly hydrogen and

322

00:10:24,790 --> 00:10:22,320

helium

323

00:10:25,910 --> 00:10:24,800

right so hydrogen is the lightest

324

00:10:27,670 --> 00:10:25,920

element there is

325

00:10:30,630 --> 00:10:27,680

here on earth it would float up into the

326

00:10:33,190 --> 00:10:30,640

sky but jupiter is so massive

327

00:10:34,310 --> 00:10:33,200

300 times the mass of the earth that the

328

00:10:36,870 --> 00:10:34,320

pressure is so

329

00:10:38,470 --> 00:10:36,880

high that you don't have to get very far

330

00:10:41,430 --> 00:10:38,480

into the planet very far

331

00:10:42,470 --> 00:10:41,440

below the cloud tops to get to a region

332

00:10:44,470 --> 00:10:42,480

where that hydrogen

333

00:10:46,630 --> 00:10:44,480

is compressed to something much

334

00:10:47,990 --> 00:10:46,640

different from what we experience here

335

00:10:49,990 --> 00:10:48,000

on the earth if you get

336

00:10:51,750 --> 00:10:50,000

a quarter or a third of the way in to

337

00:10:52,630 --> 00:10:51,760

the planet it's squeezed so much it's a

338

00:10:54,470 --> 00:10:52,640

liquid

339

00:10:56,630 --> 00:10:54,480

it can even be squeezed so much it

340

00:10:58,790 --> 00:10:56,640

conducts electricity it's a liquid metal

341

00:10:59,750 --> 00:10:58,800

so that's just the hydrogen now that's

342

00:11:02,150 --> 00:10:59,760

way down in

343

00:11:03,110 --> 00:11:02,160

at the top of the planet the top of the

344

00:11:05,190 --> 00:11:03,120

atmosphere

345

00:11:06,630 --> 00:11:05,200

there's still hydrogen there's helium as

346

00:11:09,190 --> 00:11:06,640

the next most abundant

347

00:11:10,949 --> 00:11:09,200

then there's ammonia so the nitrogen

348

00:11:12,710 --> 00:11:10,959

there is bound up with the hydrogen and

349

00:11:14,150 --> 00:11:12,720

$\text{H}_3$  makes ammonia

350

00:11:16,790 --> 00:11:14,160

so you have a lot of ammonia in

351  
00:11:18,710 --> 00:11:16,800  
jupiter's atmosphere you have methane

352  
00:11:20,069 --> 00:11:18,720  
you have lots of different chemicals now

353  
00:11:21,190 --> 00:11:20,079  
because way up at the top of the

354  
00:11:23,990 --> 00:11:21,200  
atmosphere

355  
00:11:26,389 --> 00:11:24,000  
it's less dense it's not squeezed the

356  
00:11:28,310 --> 00:11:26,399  
same way and it can let the sunlight in

357  
00:11:30,790 --> 00:11:28,320  
and the sunlight causes all kinds of

358  
00:11:32,790 --> 00:11:30,800  
chemist chemical reactions to happen

359  
00:11:34,230 --> 00:11:32,800  
and then it circulates because jupiter's

360  
00:11:36,389 --> 00:11:34,240  
hot down in the middle and

361  
00:11:37,910 --> 00:11:36,399  
cold up at the top so we got a wide

362  
00:11:39,509 --> 00:11:37,920  
range of different elements and

363  
00:11:41,190 --> 00:11:39,519

different chemicals different chemical

364

00:11:42,470 --> 00:11:41,200

compounds

365

00:11:45,670 --> 00:11:42,480

i don't know that's probably more than

366

00:11:47,590 --> 00:11:45,680

he wanted to hear to hear me say

367

00:11:48,790 --> 00:11:47,600

but it's a pretty complicated atmosphere

368

00:11:50,389 --> 00:11:48,800

and we can use

369

00:11:52,069 --> 00:11:50,399

some of what we learn at jupiter to try

370

00:11:54,949 --> 00:11:52,079

to understand more about the earth and

371

00:11:58,150 --> 00:11:57,509

thanks steve anthony on linkedin is

372

00:12:00,470 --> 00:11:58,160

asking

373

00:12:02,470 --> 00:12:00,480

is jupiter a gas giant that will be

374

00:12:06,550 --> 00:12:02,480

dangerous for the long-term future

375

00:12:07,430 --> 00:12:06,560

of planet earth so jupiter is certainly

376

00:12:09,190 --> 00:12:07,440

a gas giant

377

00:12:11,430 --> 00:12:09,200

i don't think i would say it's dangerous

378

00:12:13,910 --> 00:12:11,440

for the long-term future of planet earth

379

00:12:15,269 --> 00:12:13,920

in fact i'd say maybe jupiter you should

380

00:12:16,790 --> 00:12:15,279

think of jupiter like kind of a big

381

00:12:18,470 --> 00:12:16,800

brother that protects us

382

00:12:20,550 --> 00:12:18,480

now it's a little bit of a two-edged

383

00:12:22,550 --> 00:12:20,560

sword but if you imagine something

384

00:12:24,389 --> 00:12:22,560

falling into the inner solar system like

385

00:12:26,629 --> 00:12:24,399

a distant comet

386

00:12:27,750 --> 00:12:26,639

as it comes into the inner solar system

387

00:12:30,310 --> 00:12:27,760

it's going to interact

388

00:12:32,310 --> 00:12:30,320

most likely with jupiter before it

389

00:12:34,230 --> 00:12:32,320

interacts with the earth or with

390

00:12:35,590 --> 00:12:34,240

the other planets because jupiter is

391

00:12:38,230 --> 00:12:35,600

further out and it's

392

00:12:39,750 --> 00:12:38,240

way more massive and most of the ways in

393

00:12:40,870 --> 00:12:39,760

which something falling into the inner

394

00:12:42,550 --> 00:12:40,880

solar system

395

00:12:44,710 --> 00:12:42,560

could gravitationally interact with

396

00:12:46,790 --> 00:12:44,720

jupiter would result in

397

00:12:48,710 --> 00:12:46,800

kicking it out away from the inner solar

398

00:12:49,430 --> 00:12:48,720

system so it'd be less likely to hit the

399

00:12:51,750 --> 00:12:49,440

earth

400

00:12:53,590 --> 00:12:51,760

now that's not the whole story jupiter's

401  
00:12:55,670 --> 00:12:53,600  
got this enormous gravity it can also

402  
00:12:55,990 --> 00:12:55,680  
perturb the orbits of things and i won't

403  
00:12:58,230 --> 00:12:56,000  
say

404  
00:13:00,069 --> 00:12:58,240  
won't promise that jupiter's gravity

405  
00:13:00,870 --> 00:13:00,079  
couldn't perturb some comet and have it

406  
00:13:03,030 --> 00:13:00,880  
result in

407  
00:13:05,590 --> 00:13:03,040  
hitting the earth instead of avoiding

408  
00:13:06,790 --> 00:13:05,600  
the earth but on balance i'd say jupiter

409  
00:13:08,710 --> 00:13:06,800  
is more protective

410  
00:13:10,069 --> 00:13:08,720  
than it is dangerous to us and of course

411  
00:13:12,550 --> 00:13:10,079  
it's really far away

412  
00:13:14,310 --> 00:13:12,560  
so you don't have to worry about like

413  
00:13:21,030 --> 00:13:14,320

gravity jupiter's gravity affecting the

414

00:13:23,430 --> 00:13:21,040

earth in any in any major way

415

00:13:25,269 --> 00:13:23,440

dimitri on twitter would like to know

416

00:13:26,150 --> 00:13:25,279

why are there such distinct colored

417

00:13:29,350 --> 00:13:26,160

storm rings

418

00:13:31,509 --> 00:13:29,360

around the equator of jupiter

419

00:13:32,870 --> 00:13:31,519

yeah great question so we call those the

420

00:13:34,790 --> 00:13:32,880

belts and zones

421

00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:34,800

and if you look at a map of jupiter

422

00:13:38,470 --> 00:13:36,240

let's see actually

423

00:13:39,269 --> 00:13:38,480

i think we have one of those backup

424

00:13:43,189 --> 00:13:39,279

slides

425

00:13:47,189 --> 00:13:43,199

shows let's see if i can find it

426

00:13:48,230 --> 00:13:47,199

uh it's too hard to look through all

427

00:13:49,829 --> 00:13:48,240

these pictures and

428

00:13:52,470 --> 00:13:49,839

find the right one but if you see one

429

00:13:54,310 --> 00:13:52,480

that's got shows the

430

00:13:56,150 --> 00:13:54,320

uh depth of the belts and zones you

431

00:13:58,069 --> 00:13:56,160

could put it up um

432

00:13:59,430 --> 00:13:58,079

so what's happening those things are jet

433

00:14:00,949 --> 00:13:59,440

streams so

434

00:14:02,629 --> 00:14:00,959

we've we've known for a long time

435

00:14:04,150 --> 00:14:02,639

because we can watch them from the earth

436

00:14:06,069 --> 00:14:04,160

in the upper atmosphere

437

00:14:07,590 --> 00:14:06,079

that they move relative to the rest of

438

00:14:09,430 --> 00:14:07,600

the planet left and right

439

00:14:11,509 --> 00:14:09,440

so if you go back and forth from those

440

00:14:12,790 --> 00:14:11,519

stripes from the orange to the white to

441

00:14:14,310 --> 00:14:12,800

the orange to the white as the

442

00:14:16,310 --> 00:14:14,320

alternating stripes you see

443

00:14:17,910 --> 00:14:16,320

on jupiter some of them moved to the

444

00:14:19,670 --> 00:14:17,920

left and some of them moved

445

00:14:21,350 --> 00:14:19,680

to the right not the picture i had in

446

00:14:23,189 --> 00:14:21,360

mind but we can use it

447

00:14:24,790 --> 00:14:23,199

if you look at that picture and ignore

448

00:14:25,990 --> 00:14:24,800

the magnetic field that's drawn on in

449

00:14:28,230 --> 00:14:26,000

blue and red

450

00:14:30,310 --> 00:14:28,240

you can still see the the belts and

451  
00:14:33,189 --> 00:14:30,320  
zones as as in this case

452  
00:14:35,269 --> 00:14:33,199  
white and dark stripes so they move in

453  
00:14:37,269 --> 00:14:35,279  
alternating directions

454  
00:14:38,470 --> 00:14:37,279  
what we didn't know until juno got there

455  
00:14:40,550 --> 00:14:38,480  
was how deep

456  
00:14:42,230 --> 00:14:40,560  
those things go now we know if you have

457  
00:14:44,230 --> 00:14:42,240  
a rapidly rotating planet

458  
00:14:46,310 --> 00:14:44,240  
and jupiter rotates pretty rapidly every

459  
00:14:47,430 --> 00:14:46,320  
10 hours so more than twice as fast as

460  
00:14:50,150 --> 00:14:47,440  
the earth

461  
00:14:51,350 --> 00:14:50,160  
and it's giant right it's it's 300 times

462  
00:14:53,509 --> 00:14:51,360  
the mass of the earth

463  
00:14:55,030 --> 00:14:53,519

more than a thousand times the volume so

464

00:14:56,389 --> 00:14:55,040

rotating that fast

465

00:14:58,389 --> 00:14:56,399

means it's really going to affect the

466

00:15:00,790 --> 00:14:58,399

motions of the of the fluid

467

00:15:03,269 --> 00:15:00,800

and because it's a fluid most of the way

468

00:15:05,030 --> 00:15:03,279

down maybe all the way down

469

00:15:06,629 --> 00:15:05,040

we knew that doing that would tend to

470

00:15:09,189 --> 00:15:06,639

result in

471

00:15:09,990 --> 00:15:09,199

back and forth jets like that what we

472

00:15:12,629 --> 00:15:10,000

didn't know

473

00:15:13,910 --> 00:15:12,639

is how deep they go juno's been able to

474

00:15:17,509 --> 00:15:13,920

measure that and found they go

475

00:15:19,829 --> 00:15:17,519

3 000 kilometers down into the planet

476

00:15:20,949 --> 00:15:19,839

so understanding how that works is

477

00:15:23,829 --> 00:15:20,959

complicated

478

00:15:25,430 --> 00:15:23,839

but we can do experiments where you spin

479

00:15:26,069 --> 00:15:25,440

things or spin fluids around and watch

480

00:15:27,990 --> 00:15:26,079

what happens

481

00:15:29,509 --> 00:15:28,000

we can do numerical experiments where

482

00:15:32,949 --> 00:15:29,519

you try to calculate

483

00:15:34,550 --> 00:15:32,959

what happens and the combination of

484

00:15:36,550 --> 00:15:34,560

you know the the heat in the middle

485

00:15:38,629 --> 00:15:36,560

trying to escape that causes convection

486

00:15:39,990 --> 00:15:38,639

convection and the rotation of the

487

00:15:41,509 --> 00:15:40,000

planet that gives you things like the

488

00:15:45,269 --> 00:15:41,519

coriolis effect

489

00:15:46,550 --> 00:15:45,279

results in upwelling has to spread out

490

00:15:48,389 --> 00:15:46,560

and when it spreads out

491

00:15:49,910 --> 00:15:48,399

the part that spreads out goes in

492

00:15:52,150 --> 00:15:49,920

opposite directions

493

00:15:53,430 --> 00:15:52,160

so if you think about something rising

494

00:15:57,509 --> 00:15:53,440

near the equator

495

00:15:59,430 --> 00:15:57,519

goes a little bit north what happens

496

00:16:01,269 --> 00:15:59,440

well if it's right there at the equator

497

00:16:03,910 --> 00:16:01,279

and it goes a little bit north

498

00:16:05,990 --> 00:16:03,920

now to keep up with the rotating planet

499

00:16:06,710 --> 00:16:06,000

it doesn't have to go quite as fast as

500

00:16:09,030 --> 00:16:06,720

it did

501  
00:16:10,230 --> 00:16:09,040  
in the place where it rose if you go a

502  
00:16:12,470 --> 00:16:10,240  
little bit south

503  
00:16:13,509 --> 00:16:12,480  
same thing happens so you'd expect at

504  
00:16:16,790 --> 00:16:13,519  
the equator

505  
00:16:18,870 --> 00:16:16,800  
to have if if air is rising to have it

506  
00:16:20,710 --> 00:16:18,880  
move at slightly different speeds

507  
00:16:22,710 --> 00:16:20,720  
at the equator than it does north of it

508  
00:16:24,550 --> 00:16:22,720  
or south of it and if you do it again

509  
00:16:26,870 --> 00:16:24,560  
with an x-stripe and figure that out

510  
00:16:27,829 --> 00:16:26,880  
you wind up concluding that yeah it sort

511  
00:16:29,509 --> 00:16:27,839  
of makes sense

512  
00:16:31,430 --> 00:16:29,519  
to have all these stripes go back and

513  
00:16:33,749 --> 00:16:31,440

forth in opposite directions

514

00:16:35,670 --> 00:16:33,759

if i have air upwelling and falling back

515

00:16:37,590 --> 00:16:35,680

down into the planet

516

00:16:39,030 --> 00:16:37,600

and if you bring up image 20 i think we

517

00:16:41,590 --> 00:16:39,040

can see a little bit of a chart that he

518

00:16:42,949 --> 00:16:41,600

was talking about

519

00:16:45,990 --> 00:16:42,959

yeah sorry it was hard for me to keep

520

00:16:49,350 --> 00:16:46,000

track of uh oh you're the expert here

521

00:16:51,749 --> 00:16:49,360

yep here it is right okay so the

522

00:16:54,389 --> 00:16:51,759

what you're seeing there the zonal winds

523

00:16:57,030 --> 00:16:54,399

that's the speed of those jet streams

524

00:16:57,670 --> 00:16:57,040

right plotted that's the squiggly line

525

00:17:00,310 --> 00:16:57,680

and it's

526  
00:17:02,550 --> 00:17:00,320  
plotted on top of an image of jupiter so

527  
00:17:04,069 --> 00:17:02,560  
you can see how the winds match up

528  
00:17:05,669 --> 00:17:04,079  
with those belts and zones with the

529  
00:17:07,750 --> 00:17:05,679  
different colors which are

530  
00:17:08,949 --> 00:17:07,760  
different chemicals in the very top of

531  
00:17:12,150 --> 00:17:08,959  
the atmosphere

532  
00:17:13,990 --> 00:17:12,160  
and then what juno has added to that is

533  
00:17:16,870 --> 00:17:14,000  
our gravity signature

534  
00:17:18,390 --> 00:17:16,880  
as juno flew really close to jupiter

535  
00:17:21,829 --> 00:17:18,400  
very close we fly

536  
00:17:23,750 --> 00:17:21,839  
uh about a 20th of the the radius of

537  
00:17:25,189 --> 00:17:23,760  
jupiter away from it so just skimming

538  
00:17:27,429 --> 00:17:25,199

above the cloud tops

539

00:17:28,230 --> 00:17:27,439

as the spacecraft flies really close to

540

00:17:30,070 --> 00:17:28,240

jupiter

541

00:17:31,510 --> 00:17:30,080

gravity from the planet makes it speed

542

00:17:32,950 --> 00:17:31,520

up and slow down

543

00:17:34,789 --> 00:17:32,960

not just the gravity from the whole

544

00:17:35,909 --> 00:17:34,799

thing but from stuff that's close to us

545

00:17:37,590 --> 00:17:35,919

if you imagine

546

00:17:39,669 --> 00:17:37,600

if you flew over something that's a

547

00:17:41,029 --> 00:17:39,679

little denser as you approach it you're

548

00:17:42,549 --> 00:17:41,039

going to speed up a little

549

00:17:44,710 --> 00:17:42,559

and as you pass it you're going to start

550

00:17:47,110 --> 00:17:44,720

slowing down a loop so by measuring

551  
00:17:49,190 --> 00:17:47,120  
all of those things in great detail we

552  
00:17:51,669 --> 00:17:49,200  
can figure out among other things

553  
00:17:53,270 --> 00:17:51,679  
how deep those belts and zones go and

554  
00:17:56,070 --> 00:17:53,280  
the answer is they go

555  
00:17:56,870 --> 00:17:56,080  
quite deep 3000 kilometers is a lot

556  
00:17:58,830 --> 00:17:56,880  
deeper than

557  
00:18:03,110 --> 00:17:58,840  
many people thought we were going to

558  
00:18:03,120 --> 00:18:06,789  
that's probably enough steve

559  
00:18:11,110 --> 00:18:08,789  
we can talk about that that forever

560  
00:18:13,750 --> 00:18:11,120  
jupiter is just so beautiful and amazing

561  
00:18:14,150 --> 00:18:13,760  
and so gustav on twitter wants to know

562  
00:18:16,150 --> 00:18:14,160  
why

563  
00:18:19,590 --> 00:18:16,160

are some of the moons of jupiter still

564

00:18:26,230 --> 00:18:22,870

you know that's a i don't know um

565

00:18:26,630 --> 00:18:26,240

i i would i'm only guessing but i would

566

00:18:29,590 --> 00:18:26,640

guess

567

00:18:31,190 --> 00:18:29,600

that the starting point there is you got

568

00:18:35,190 --> 00:18:31,200

to decide what's the moon and

569

00:18:37,510 --> 00:18:35,200

what's just a rock right so really big

570

00:18:39,190 --> 00:18:37,520

objects orbiting jupiter pretty obvious

571

00:18:40,710 --> 00:18:39,200

we get to call the moons they've

572

00:18:42,710 --> 00:18:40,720

been discovered a long time ago and they

573

00:18:43,190 --> 00:18:42,720

all have names some of them have names

574

00:18:46,950 --> 00:18:43,200

from

575

00:18:49,190 --> 00:18:46,960

you start getting smaller

576

00:18:50,789 --> 00:18:49,200

then you know you start when you start

577

00:18:52,230 --> 00:18:50,799

into getting the objects we haven't

578

00:18:54,950 --> 00:18:52,240

discovered yet

579

00:18:56,549 --> 00:18:54,960

then those are fairly small and i would

580

00:18:57,990 --> 00:18:56,559

i'm only guessing but i would guess they

581

00:19:00,549 --> 00:18:58,000

don't have names yet because

582

00:19:01,990 --> 00:19:00,559

either they're fairly new or because

583

00:19:03,750 --> 00:19:02,000

there's some debate as to whether it's

584

00:19:05,430 --> 00:19:03,760

big enough to deserve a name as opposed

585

00:19:07,750 --> 00:19:05,440

to a number

586

00:19:08,950 --> 00:19:07,760

but as i say the truth is i have no idea

587

00:19:11,029 --> 00:19:08,960

i wasn't even really

588

00:19:12,789 --> 00:19:11,039

until you asked the question aware that

589

00:19:16,150 --> 00:19:12,799

that was a thing that there's a bunch of

590

00:19:19,830 --> 00:19:16,160

moons of jupiter that aren't named

591

00:19:21,909 --> 00:19:19,840

and i'm guessing there's smallish rocks

592

00:19:24,150 --> 00:19:21,919

i loved the first i don't know of the

593

00:19:24,870 --> 00:19:24,160

night but that's also a great transition

594

00:19:26,630 --> 00:19:24,880

question

595

00:19:28,150 --> 00:19:26,640

as we pass it over to our next speaker

596

00:19:28,870 --> 00:19:28,160

steve lindsey will come back to you with

597

00:19:31,350 --> 00:19:28,880

questions

598

00:19:33,270 --> 00:19:31,360

in just a little bit but we're going to

599

00:19:36,310 --> 00:19:33,280

move on to our planetary geologist at

600

00:19:38,950 --> 00:19:36,320

jpl who specializes in surface processes

601  
00:19:40,230 --> 00:19:38,960  
on icy airless bodies she is a project

602  
00:19:42,070 --> 00:19:40,240  
staff scientist and science

603  
00:19:44,150 --> 00:19:42,080  
communications lead on the europa

604  
00:19:45,750 --> 00:19:44,160  
clipper mission dr phillips has an

605  
00:19:46,470 --> 00:19:45,760  
undergraduate degree in astrophysics

606  
00:19:48,470 --> 00:19:46,480  
from harvard

607  
00:19:50,150 --> 00:19:48,480  
and a phd in planetary science from the

608  
00:19:54,470 --> 00:19:50,160  
university of arizona

609  
00:19:56,549 --> 00:19:54,480  
welcome dr cynthia phillips hi

610  
00:19:58,549 --> 00:19:56,559  
hi thank you so much it's it's fabulous

611  
00:20:00,230 --> 00:19:58,559  
to be here um and thanks to steve for

612  
00:20:04,710 --> 00:20:00,240  
telling us about all the amazing stuff

613  
00:20:07,750 --> 00:20:06,549

we'll i'll let you ask him some

614

00:20:09,430 --> 00:20:07,760

questions here in a bit

615

00:20:10,789 --> 00:20:09,440

but i want to get your origin story we

616

00:20:13,830 --> 00:20:10,799

got steve's i want to hear

617

00:20:16,070 --> 00:20:13,840

how you got to where you are today

618

00:20:18,310 --> 00:20:16,080

sure yeah so my origin story really

619

00:20:19,510 --> 00:20:18,320

relates back to the the power of i don't

620

00:20:21,430 --> 00:20:19,520

know

621

00:20:23,750 --> 00:20:21,440

i was in high school when the voyager

622

00:20:25,990 --> 00:20:23,760

spacecraft flew past neptune

623

00:20:27,830 --> 00:20:26,000

and you know i was a persuasive kid and

624

00:20:30,149 --> 00:20:27,840

this is pre-internet and so

625

00:20:32,230 --> 00:20:30,159

the way that the team on the voyager

626  
00:20:32,710 --> 00:20:32,240  
spacecraft the the camera team was able

627  
00:20:34,630 --> 00:20:32,720  
to

628  
00:20:36,710 --> 00:20:34,640  
just see the pictures that were coming

629  
00:20:37,750 --> 00:20:36,720  
of neptune and of its moons for the very

630  
00:20:39,430 --> 00:20:37,760  
first time

631  
00:20:40,870 --> 00:20:39,440  
was they actually had to go to jpl and

632  
00:20:41,830 --> 00:20:40,880  
they went to the control room and they

633  
00:20:43,830 --> 00:20:41,840  
sat there

634  
00:20:45,669 --> 00:20:43,840  
and they watched as the pictures came in

635  
00:20:46,310 --> 00:20:45,679  
on these big monitors up in the control

636  
00:20:48,710 --> 00:20:46,320  
room

637  
00:20:49,990 --> 00:20:48,720  
and so pbs um this is you know there's

638  
00:20:51,590 --> 00:20:50,000

no internet right so

639

00:20:52,789 --> 00:20:51,600

if i wanted to see the pictures you have

640

00:20:54,310 --> 00:20:52,799

to wait for them to be published in the

641

00:20:55,110 --> 00:20:54,320

newspaper or something like that it took

642

00:20:57,909 --> 00:20:55,120

forever

643

00:20:59,669 --> 00:20:57,919

so pbs had a live stream from the jpl

644

00:21:01,029 --> 00:20:59,679

control room it was called neptune all

645

00:21:02,230 --> 00:21:01,039

night and they basically just had it on

646

00:21:04,070 --> 00:21:02,240

all night and

647

00:21:05,590 --> 00:21:04,080

i was a persuasive kid and so i remember

648

00:21:07,190 --> 00:21:05,600

i persuaded my parents let me stay up

649

00:21:08,950 --> 00:21:07,200

all night and watch this thing

650

00:21:10,549 --> 00:21:08,960

um and i remember it's you know the

651  
00:21:13,270 --> 00:21:10,559  
middle of the night

652  
00:21:14,549 --> 00:21:13,280  
and there's carl sagan who of course was

653  
00:21:16,549 --> 00:21:14,559  
on the camera team

654  
00:21:18,870 --> 00:21:16,559  
and this picture comes up of one of the

655  
00:21:19,909 --> 00:21:18,880  
moons and carl sagan looks at it and he

656  
00:21:22,470 --> 00:21:19,919  
says wow

657  
00:21:23,350 --> 00:21:22,480  
i have no idea what that is and it

658  
00:21:25,270 --> 00:21:23,360  
struck me

659  
00:21:27,830 --> 00:21:25,280  
in that moment as a high school student

660  
00:21:28,950 --> 00:21:27,840  
that there are still places in the solar

661  
00:21:31,190 --> 00:21:28,960  
system that are

662  
00:21:32,470 --> 00:21:31,200  
yet to be discovered there's places that

663  
00:21:35,350 --> 00:21:32,480

human eyes

664

00:21:35,990 --> 00:21:35,360

had not yet seen before and that just

665

00:21:37,750 --> 00:21:36,000

gripped me

666

00:21:39,750 --> 00:21:37,760

that there was so much that you know we

667

00:21:43,190 --> 00:21:39,760

were at the cusp of discovering and

668

00:21:44,950 --> 00:21:43,200

i wanted to be part of that well you are

669

00:21:47,110 --> 00:21:44,960

you're a big part of it now so

670

00:21:49,750 --> 00:21:47,120

what gripped you about europa why europa

671

00:21:52,070 --> 00:21:49,760

why is that a place we're looking at

672

00:21:53,430 --> 00:21:52,080

so europa is this moon of jupiter and

673

00:21:54,710 --> 00:21:53,440

and it does have a name it's one of the

674

00:21:58,230 --> 00:21:54,720

big ones so it's one of the

675

00:22:00,630 --> 00:21:58,240

the four galilean satellites um and

676

00:22:02,470 --> 00:22:00,640

what's special about europa is that it's

677

00:22:03,830 --> 00:22:02,480

about the same size as earth's moon

678

00:22:05,510 --> 00:22:03,840

but as you can see in this picture it

679

00:22:07,350 --> 00:22:05,520

looks really different

680

00:22:09,350 --> 00:22:07,360

um instead of having a surface that's

681

00:22:11,190 --> 00:22:09,360

covered over with craters

682

00:22:13,270 --> 00:22:11,200

instead of being an old kind of battered

683

00:22:16,549 --> 00:22:13,280

rocky body like our own moon is

684

00:22:18,390 --> 00:22:16,559

europa is covered with ice and we think

685

00:22:20,310 --> 00:22:18,400

that europa could actually have

686

00:22:21,430 --> 00:22:20,320

what we call the planetary ingredients

687

00:22:24,470 --> 00:22:21,440

for life

688

00:22:25,350 --> 00:22:24,480

and so those are things like liquid

689

00:22:28,470 --> 00:22:25,360

water

690

00:22:30,070 --> 00:22:28,480

a source of energy um and the right

691

00:22:30,630 --> 00:22:30,080

chemical elements for life so that's

692

00:22:32,950 --> 00:22:30,640

things like

693

00:22:34,070 --> 00:22:32,960

carbon hydrogen nitrogen phosphorous

694

00:22:36,789 --> 00:22:34,080

sulfur

695

00:22:37,669 --> 00:22:36,799

um and then as well as stability it's no

696

00:22:39,110 --> 00:22:37,679

good to have these

697

00:22:40,789 --> 00:22:39,120

to have these ingredients there if you

698

00:22:42,310 --> 00:22:40,799

don't have enough time for chemical

699

00:22:44,710 --> 00:22:42,320

reactions to take place

700

00:22:46,470 --> 00:22:44,720

that maybe could lead to life and the

701

00:22:48,390 --> 00:22:46,480

really cool thing about europa is that

702

00:22:50,070 --> 00:22:48,400

we think it's one of the best places to

703

00:22:52,710 --> 00:22:50,080

look for life beyond the earth

704

00:22:54,549 --> 00:22:52,720

because it has all of these ingredients

705

00:22:57,110 --> 00:22:54,559

so if you can go to the next slide

706

00:22:58,470 --> 00:22:57,120

um europa's surface so again it's a

707

00:23:00,390 --> 00:22:58,480

really young surface

708

00:23:02,470 --> 00:23:00,400

um it has very few craters you can see

709

00:23:04,230 --> 00:23:02,480

there's one kind of nice big crater

710

00:23:06,310 --> 00:23:04,240

um there in the bottom left of that that

711

00:23:07,990 --> 00:23:06,320

grid on the right hand side there

712

00:23:10,149 --> 00:23:08,000

and it's a young crater you see these

713

00:23:11,830 --> 00:23:10,159

bright rays of material that have spewed

714

00:23:13,590 --> 00:23:11,840

out in all directions from it

715

00:23:15,830 --> 00:23:13,600

but most of the surface is covered with

716

00:23:18,870 --> 00:23:15,840

these long linear features called

717

00:23:20,630 --> 00:23:18,880

cracks and ridges that extend for

718

00:23:22,549 --> 00:23:20,640

thousands of kilometers across the

719

00:23:24,310 --> 00:23:22,559

surface and then there's places where

720

00:23:26,070 --> 00:23:24,320

the surface has been broken up into what

721

00:23:27,510 --> 00:23:26,080

look kind of like icebergs

722

00:23:29,430 --> 00:23:27,520

and these are places where the surface

723

00:23:31,750 --> 00:23:29,440

has kind of broken up into pieces

724

00:23:32,630 --> 00:23:31,760

it's rotated it's translated it's even

725

00:23:34,310 --> 00:23:32,640

tilted

726

00:23:36,549 --> 00:23:34,320

and then it looks like it froze into

727

00:23:38,070 --> 00:23:36,559

these new positions on the surface

728

00:23:40,149 --> 00:23:38,080

and while these look like icebergs

729

00:23:41,909 --> 00:23:40,159

they're many many times bigger than any

730

00:23:43,590 --> 00:23:41,919

icebergs we have here on earth so

731

00:23:45,750 --> 00:23:43,600

the titanic wouldn't stand a chance if

732

00:23:46,630 --> 00:23:45,760

it was there um and then we have other

733

00:23:48,070 --> 00:23:46,640

features that were

734

00:23:50,230 --> 00:23:48,080

just strange looking these little

735

00:23:52,950 --> 00:23:50,240

lenticula and these are little sort of

736

00:23:55,510 --> 00:23:52,960

dark spots on the surface

737

00:23:57,269 --> 00:23:55,520

and all of these features plus other

738

00:23:58,789 --> 00:23:57,279

evidence that we got from the galileo

739

00:24:02,390 --> 00:23:58,799

spacecraft

740

00:24:03,590 --> 00:24:02,400

jupiter system in the 1990s

741

00:24:05,750 --> 00:24:03,600

and that i was fortunate enough to get

742

00:24:07,590 --> 00:24:05,760

to work on when i was in graduate school

743

00:24:09,510 --> 00:24:07,600

the galileo spacecraft took all these

744

00:24:11,029 --> 00:24:09,520

images it took information from all of

745

00:24:13,510 --> 00:24:11,039

its other instruments

746

00:24:14,390 --> 00:24:13,520

and it suggested very strongly that

747

00:24:16,950 --> 00:24:14,400

underneath

748

00:24:17,510 --> 00:24:16,960

this icy layer at the surface there's a

749

00:24:25,029 --> 00:24:17,520

ocean

750

00:24:27,269 --> 00:24:25,039

and if you go to the next slide

751  
00:24:28,549 --> 00:24:27,279  
basically it's really exciting to think

752  
00:24:32,070 --> 00:24:28,559  
that there could be an ocean here

753  
00:24:33,909 --> 00:24:32,080  
so far away from the sun and this really

754  
00:24:35,269 --> 00:24:33,919  
revolutionized our thinking about about

755  
00:24:37,110 --> 00:24:35,279  
the habitable zone

756  
00:24:39,029 --> 00:24:37,120  
about places in the solar system that

757  
00:24:39,590 --> 00:24:39,039  
could be inhabited by life and again

758  
00:24:44,549 --> 00:24:39,600  
this is

759  
00:24:45,990 --> 00:24:44,559  
also some crazy strange life in star

760  
00:24:47,750 --> 00:24:46,000  
trek that maybe we haven't figured

761  
00:24:49,110 --> 00:24:47,760  
out yet but you know when we're looking

762  
00:24:50,470 --> 00:24:49,120  
at life we just have to do the best job

763  
00:24:52,070 --> 00:24:50,480

we can and that means until someone

764

00:24:53,909 --> 00:24:52,080

builds me a tricorder it's going to be

765

00:24:56,390 --> 00:24:53,919

life like we have here on earth

766

00:24:57,510 --> 00:24:56,400

that needs those those ingredients that

767

00:24:59,990 --> 00:24:57,520

i talked about

768

00:25:02,070 --> 00:25:00,000

and so here on europa we think that

769

00:25:03,269 --> 00:25:02,080

there could be this big ocean layer of

770

00:25:06,390 --> 00:25:03,279

liquid water

771

00:25:08,950 --> 00:25:06,400

and we think it could be kept liquid by

772

00:25:10,149 --> 00:25:08,960

what's called tidal heating so basically

773

00:25:13,269 --> 00:25:10,159

what happens is that

774

00:25:14,549 --> 00:25:13,279

europa goes around jupiter and

775

00:25:16,789 --> 00:25:14,559

it has about a three and a half day

776

00:25:18,310 --> 00:25:16,799

orbit and as it goes around

777

00:25:20,070 --> 00:25:18,320

sometimes it's closer to jupiter and

778

00:25:22,390 --> 00:25:20,080

sometimes it's further away

779

00:25:24,310 --> 00:25:22,400

when it's closer remember jupiter is the

780

00:25:26,549 --> 00:25:24,320

biggest planet in our solar system

781

00:25:28,070 --> 00:25:26,559

actually has more mass than all of the

782

00:25:28,549 --> 00:25:28,080

rest of the solar system except for the

783

00:25:31,350 --> 00:25:28,559

sun

784

00:25:32,870 --> 00:25:31,360

combined together so jupiter's huge its

785

00:25:35,190 --> 00:25:32,880

gravitational forces are

786

00:25:36,549 --> 00:25:35,200

massive and so when europa is a little

787

00:25:38,470 --> 00:25:36,559

bit closer to jupiter

788

00:25:40,710 --> 00:25:38,480

its surface gets tugged on it gets

789

00:25:41,430 --> 00:25:40,720

stretched and pulled and elongated a

790

00:25:42,710 --> 00:25:41,440

little bit

791

00:25:44,470 --> 00:25:42,720

and then when it moves around in its

792

00:25:46,230 --> 00:25:44,480

orbit so it's further away

793

00:25:47,909 --> 00:25:46,240

surface goes down and it's this

794

00:25:49,590 --> 00:25:47,919

stretching and pulling as it kind of

795

00:25:51,430 --> 00:25:49,600

gets squished

796

00:25:53,269 --> 00:25:51,440

that's what we think generates

797

00:25:54,070 --> 00:25:53,279

frictional heating this is called tidal

798

00:25:55,830 --> 00:25:54,080

heating

799

00:25:57,990 --> 00:25:55,840

and it's that friction that tidal

800

00:25:58,549 --> 00:25:58,000

heating that keeps this liquid water

801  
00:26:02,230 --> 00:25:58,559  
ocean

802  
00:26:03,350 --> 00:26:02,240  
have been there over the age of the

803  
00:26:05,590 --> 00:26:03,360  
solar system

804  
00:26:07,190 --> 00:26:05,600  
so four and a half billion years this

805  
00:26:10,630 --> 00:26:07,200  
ocean has been sitting there

806  
00:26:12,710 --> 00:26:10,640  
simmering and so because of this because

807  
00:26:15,750 --> 00:26:12,720  
of these discoveries made by the

808  
00:26:17,110 --> 00:26:15,760  
galileo mission back in the 1990s nasa's

809  
00:26:18,549 --> 00:26:17,120  
been working on a new mission called

810  
00:26:21,029 --> 00:26:18,559  
europa clipper

811  
00:26:22,630 --> 00:26:21,039  
and so in the next slide please europa

812  
00:26:24,710 --> 00:26:22,640  
clipper will basically

813  
00:26:26,070 --> 00:26:24,720

explore europa to investigate its

814

00:26:28,070 --> 00:26:26,080

habitability

815

00:26:30,149 --> 00:26:28,080

and it has a payload of a bunch of

816

00:26:32,230 --> 00:26:30,159

different instruments shown here

817

00:26:33,909 --> 00:26:32,240

the ones that are circled in blue are

818

00:26:34,549 --> 00:26:33,919

what we call our remote sensing

819

00:26:36,630 --> 00:26:34,559

instruments

820

00:26:38,230 --> 00:26:36,640

and so that includes things like an

821

00:26:40,630 --> 00:26:38,240

ultraviolet spectrometer

822

00:26:41,750 --> 00:26:40,640

there's an imaging system there's a

823

00:26:43,590 --> 00:26:41,760

near-infrared

824

00:26:45,909 --> 00:26:43,600

mapping spectrometer there's a thermal

825

00:26:47,669 --> 00:26:45,919

imager and there's a radar instrument

826

00:26:48,950 --> 00:26:47,679

and these instruments will all let us

827

00:26:50,310 --> 00:26:48,960

study the surface

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00:26:52,630 --> 00:26:50,320

but some of them will actually be able

829

00:26:55,669 --> 00:26:52,640

to penetrate into the subsurface

830

00:26:57,110 --> 00:26:55,679

that reason ice penetrating radar

831

00:26:58,789 --> 00:26:57,120

will be able to go through the

832

00:26:59,750 --> 00:26:58,799

subsurface ice layer go through the

833

00:27:02,390 --> 00:26:59,760

surface ice layer

834

00:27:04,310 --> 00:27:02,400

down into the subsurface and depending

835

00:27:06,470 --> 00:27:04,320

on how thick the ice layer is

836

00:27:08,710 --> 00:27:06,480

we know there's a layer about a hundred

837

00:27:11,190 --> 00:27:08,720

kilometers or so thick at the surface

838

00:27:12,549 --> 00:27:11,200

some of that layer is frozen solid ice

839

00:27:14,470 --> 00:27:12,559

some of it's liquid water

840

00:27:15,909 --> 00:27:14,480

we're not sure yet how much is frozen

841

00:27:17,669 --> 00:27:15,919

and how much is liquid

842

00:27:19,269 --> 00:27:17,679

the reason instrument maybe will be able

843

00:27:21,909 --> 00:27:19,279

to help us determine

844

00:27:23,350 --> 00:27:21,919

how thick that ice layer is and it'll

845

00:27:25,190 --> 00:27:23,360

also be able to look for

846

00:27:27,110 --> 00:27:25,200

places within the ice layer where there

847

00:27:29,990 --> 00:27:27,120

could be inclusion so

848

00:27:31,590 --> 00:27:30,000

pockets of liquid water and then we have

849

00:27:33,029 --> 00:27:31,600

another set of instruments that we call

850

00:27:35,990 --> 00:27:33,039

our in-situ instruments

851  
00:27:37,430 --> 00:27:36,000  
and so these are a mass spectrometer

852  
00:27:38,630 --> 00:27:37,440  
there's a dust detector there's a

853  
00:27:40,710 --> 00:27:38,640  
magnetometer

854  
00:27:42,549 --> 00:27:40,720  
and there's a plasma instrument and so

855  
00:27:45,590 --> 00:27:42,559  
these instruments will let us

856  
00:27:47,830 --> 00:27:45,600  
sample the composition of europa

857  
00:27:48,870 --> 00:27:47,840  
and that these don't do it directly so

858  
00:27:50,230 --> 00:27:48,880  
they're not going to we're not going to

859  
00:27:51,350 --> 00:27:50,240  
land on the surface of europe but not

860  
00:27:53,029 --> 00:27:51,360  
with this mission

861  
00:27:54,549 --> 00:27:53,039  
but what the mass spectrometer and the

862  
00:27:56,389 --> 00:27:54,559  
dust analyzer do is it's kind of like

863  
00:27:58,630 --> 00:27:56,399

europa clippers sticking out its tongue

864

00:28:00,389 --> 00:27:58,640

when it goes by europa and it's

865

00:28:01,990 --> 00:28:00,399

capturing some of that material that's

866

00:28:03,990 --> 00:28:02,000

thrown off the surface

867

00:28:05,750 --> 00:28:04,000

and so if there's a plume erupting on

868

00:28:07,269 --> 00:28:05,760

europa now this is this is possible

869

00:28:08,710 --> 00:28:07,279

we've seen plumes

870

00:28:11,430 --> 00:28:08,720

erupting from the tiny little moon

871

00:28:14,070 --> 00:28:11,440

enceladus um that orbits saturn

872

00:28:15,110 --> 00:28:14,080

so we think maybe there could be plumes

873

00:28:16,950 --> 00:28:15,120

on europa

874

00:28:18,549 --> 00:28:16,960

we haven't seen them yet but if we do

875

00:28:19,990 --> 00:28:18,559

find a plume we'll be able to fly

876

00:28:21,110 --> 00:28:20,000

through it probably with the europa

877

00:28:23,510 --> 00:28:21,120

clipper spacecraft

878

00:28:25,590 --> 00:28:23,520

and sample that material directly but

879

00:28:27,190 --> 00:28:25,600

even if we don't find a plume on europa

880

00:28:28,710 --> 00:28:27,200

there's still enough material that's

881

00:28:31,029 --> 00:28:28,720

just thrown off the surface

882

00:28:32,870 --> 00:28:31,039

due to impacts from jupiter's very

883

00:28:34,789 --> 00:28:32,880

strong magnetic field that accelerates

884

00:28:36,389 --> 00:28:34,799

charged particles into the surface

885

00:28:38,310 --> 00:28:36,399

those impact the surface and they send

886

00:28:40,710 --> 00:28:38,320

off material out into space

887

00:28:41,590 --> 00:28:40,720

they make this very very thin tenuous

888

00:28:43,350 --> 00:28:41,600

atmosphere

889

00:28:45,750 --> 00:28:43,360

and as the europa clipper spacecraft

890

00:28:46,630 --> 00:28:45,760

flies by europa on its multiple close

891

00:28:48,470 --> 00:28:46,640

approaches

892

00:28:50,630 --> 00:28:48,480

you'll be able to sample that material

893

00:28:52,549 --> 00:28:50,640

and determine its composition

894

00:28:53,990 --> 00:28:52,559

and then finally we have a magnetometer

895

00:28:56,070 --> 00:28:54,000

and a plasma instrument

896

00:28:58,470 --> 00:28:56,080

that will be able to tell us more about

897

00:29:00,549 --> 00:28:58,480

the space environment surrounding europa

898

00:29:02,389 --> 00:29:00,559

and also maybe help us determine exactly

899

00:29:05,269 --> 00:29:02,399

how thick that ocean layer is by looking

900

00:29:07,510 --> 00:29:05,279

for an induced magnetic field signal

901  
00:29:08,870 --> 00:29:07,520  
yeah if we go to the video next we can

902  
00:29:11,269 --> 00:29:08,880  
see that plume you're right

903  
00:29:12,789 --> 00:29:11,279  
that you're talking about great yeah so

904  
00:29:15,269 --> 00:29:12,799  
so europa clipper

905  
00:29:16,549 --> 00:29:15,279  
is it's a spacecraft that rather than

906  
00:29:18,389 --> 00:29:16,559  
orbiting europa

907  
00:29:20,149 --> 00:29:18,399  
the problem is that there's so much

908  
00:29:22,149 --> 00:29:20,159  
radiation around europa that we can only

909  
00:29:23,510 --> 00:29:22,159  
survive for a matter of matter of weeks

910  
00:29:25,909 --> 00:29:23,520  
in europa orbit

911  
00:29:28,070 --> 00:29:25,919  
but instead we'll fly will have multiple

912  
00:29:29,029 --> 00:29:28,080  
close flybys from jupiter orbit of

913  
00:29:30,230 --> 00:29:29,039

europa

914

00:29:32,549 --> 00:29:30,240

and so here's just an artist's

915

00:29:34,149 --> 00:29:32,559

conception where if we there is a plume

916

00:29:35,590 --> 00:29:34,159

actually erupting from europa

917

00:29:37,070 --> 00:29:35,600

we'll be able to fly right through it

918

00:29:38,789 --> 00:29:37,080

and sample it and that would just be

919

00:29:40,149 --> 00:29:38,799

spectacular

920

00:29:41,909 --> 00:29:40,159

but even if there isn't a plume we'll

921

00:29:43,110 --> 00:29:41,919

still get just amazing results from

922

00:29:46,149 --> 00:29:43,120

europa clipper

923

00:29:49,909 --> 00:29:46,159

so so the the spacecraft will have

924

00:29:51,830 --> 00:29:49,919

multiple close flybys 50 or so of europa

925

00:29:53,430 --> 00:29:51,840

over the course of a couple of years um

926  
00:29:54,870 --> 00:29:53,440  
in the jupiter system

927  
00:29:57,110 --> 00:29:54,880  
and so we're really looking forward to

928  
00:30:01,269 --> 00:29:57,120  
these new results from europa clifford

929  
00:30:02,389 --> 00:30:01,279  
so stay tuned very cool

930  
00:30:03,990 --> 00:30:02,399  
lindsay i know there were a lot of

931  
00:30:05,430 --> 00:30:04,000  
questions about jupiter i imagine

932  
00:30:07,750 --> 00:30:05,440  
there's a lot of questions about europa

933  
00:30:10,310 --> 00:30:07,760  
out there too

934  
00:30:10,950 --> 00:30:10,320  
you are absolutely right brian so

935  
00:30:13,590 --> 00:30:10,960  
cynthia

936  
00:30:16,310 --> 00:30:13,600  
ervin on linkedin is asking how many

937  
00:30:18,149 --> 00:30:16,320  
instruments are flying on europa clipper

938  
00:30:19,990 --> 00:30:18,159

is there an instrument that hasn't flown

939

00:30:23,830 --> 00:30:20,000

before or is very specific

940

00:30:25,590 --> 00:30:23,840

to europa uh sure so if we can go back

941

00:30:28,230 --> 00:30:25,600

two slides to the to the list of

942

00:30:28,240 --> 00:30:32,630

sorry for forward one two more

943

00:30:37,750 --> 00:30:35,990

yeah this one okay so there's

944

00:30:39,350 --> 00:30:37,760

there's a bunch of different instruments

945

00:30:41,029 --> 00:30:39,360

on europa clipper um

946

00:30:43,350 --> 00:30:41,039

it depends on how you count them whether

947

00:30:46,070 --> 00:30:43,360

or not there's nine instruments or ten

948

00:30:47,830 --> 00:30:46,080

and that's because the camera on europa

949

00:30:49,350 --> 00:30:47,840

clipper there's a narrow angle camera

950

00:30:51,110 --> 00:30:49,360

and a wide angle camera

951  
00:30:52,310 --> 00:30:51,120  
so sometimes we count those as two

952  
00:30:54,470 --> 00:30:52,320  
different instruments because you know

953  
00:30:54,950 --> 00:30:54,480  
technically it is two separate cameras

954  
00:30:57,029 --> 00:30:54,960  
but

955  
00:30:58,389 --> 00:30:57,039  
they're both part of the ice europa

956  
00:31:01,909 --> 00:30:58,399  
imaging system

957  
00:31:03,590 --> 00:31:01,919  
um so we've we've flown some of these

958  
00:31:05,990 --> 00:31:03,600  
instruments to europa before

959  
00:31:07,590 --> 00:31:06,000  
and some we haven't um some of the ones

960  
00:31:10,710 --> 00:31:07,600  
that are really special here

961  
00:31:12,389 --> 00:31:10,720  
are the reason the ice penetrating radar

962  
00:31:14,230 --> 00:31:12,399  
that's a new instrument and we've been

963  
00:31:17,669 --> 00:31:14,240

using instruments like this

964

00:31:18,230 --> 00:31:17,679

um on mars to look below the the ice

965

00:31:20,870 --> 00:31:18,240

sheets

966

00:31:22,710 --> 00:31:20,880

um in the in the polls of mars and we

967

00:31:23,430 --> 00:31:22,720

also use instruments like this on the

968

00:31:28,549 --> 00:31:23,440

earth

969

00:31:29,990 --> 00:31:28,559

technology of an ice penetrating radar

970

00:31:31,509 --> 00:31:30,000

it's been tested on mars it's been

971

00:31:32,549 --> 00:31:31,519

tested on the earth but this will be the

972

00:31:33,750 --> 00:31:32,559

first time

973

00:31:35,590 --> 00:31:33,760

that we're sending an instrument like

974

00:31:37,190 --> 00:31:35,600

this to the outer solar system

975

00:31:39,110 --> 00:31:37,200

so i'd say that the reason instrument is

976  
00:31:41,430 --> 00:31:39,120  
one that we're all really excited

977  
00:31:42,310 --> 00:31:41,440  
to see what it looks like and then

978  
00:31:43,830 --> 00:31:42,320  
another one

979  
00:31:45,830 --> 00:31:43,840  
that i'm also really excited about is

980  
00:31:48,230 --> 00:31:45,840  
actually the ultraviolet spectrograph so

981  
00:31:51,269 --> 00:31:48,240  
this is the europa uvs instrument

982  
00:31:53,830 --> 00:31:51,279  
um the galileo spacecraft um that

983  
00:31:54,950 --> 00:31:53,840  
that we got most of our information from

984  
00:31:57,350 --> 00:31:54,960  
um

985  
00:31:59,110 --> 00:31:57,360  
about about europa so far uh did not

986  
00:32:02,149 --> 00:31:59,120  
have an ultraviolet instrument

987  
00:32:03,750 --> 00:32:02,159  
and so we basically we had a camera on

988  
00:32:04,870 --> 00:32:03,760

galileo that went down into about the

989

00:32:06,549 --> 00:32:04,880

violet range

990

00:32:07,909 --> 00:32:06,559

but i'm really excited to see you know

991

00:32:12,070 --> 00:32:07,919

we can look for

992

00:32:14,389 --> 00:32:12,080

ultraviolet spectrograph might also be

993

00:32:15,909 --> 00:32:14,399

useful to look for plumes and so this

994

00:32:17,190 --> 00:32:15,919

will also be a really exciting

995

00:32:22,149 --> 00:32:17,200

sort of new instrument that we'll be

996

00:32:25,909 --> 00:32:24,789

thanks cynthia crimsy on youtube would

997

00:32:29,509 --> 00:32:25,919

like to know

998

00:32:33,350 --> 00:32:29,519

how deep is the ocean on europa

999

00:32:35,669 --> 00:32:33,360

and how much does that depth vary

1000

00:32:36,630 --> 00:32:35,679

that's a great question um let's see if

1001

00:32:40,070 --> 00:32:36,640

we can go back

1002

00:32:46,950 --> 00:32:43,590

so this image this image actually shows

1003

00:32:49,110 --> 00:32:46,960

that basically europa's ocean so

1004

00:32:51,110 --> 00:32:49,120

so the layer at the surface that's about

1005

00:32:52,789 --> 00:32:51,120

100 kilometers thick or so

1006

00:32:54,630 --> 00:32:52,799

you know it's 100 kilometers maybe plus

1007

00:32:56,549 --> 00:32:54,640

or minus like 30 or something

1008

00:32:58,230 --> 00:32:56,559

so you'll see people here here people

1009

00:33:00,070 --> 00:32:58,240

talking about you know it's an ocean

1010

00:33:02,470 --> 00:33:00,080

about 100 kilometers thick maybe with

1011

00:33:04,950 --> 00:33:02,480

like 30 kilometers of ice on top of it

1012

00:33:06,310 --> 00:33:04,960

the truth is that you know again this is

1013

00:33:08,470 --> 00:33:06,320

this isn't i don't know

1014

00:33:09,750 --> 00:33:08,480

but it's not quite as unbounded as some

1015

00:33:11,669 --> 00:33:09,760

of our i don't know you know

1016

00:33:13,750 --> 00:33:11,679

we do know that there definitely is a

1017

00:33:16,389 --> 00:33:13,760

layer at the surface of europa

1018

00:33:17,830 --> 00:33:16,399

um that has the density of water the

1019

00:33:20,149 --> 00:33:17,840

problem is that the density

1020

00:33:22,149 --> 00:33:20,159

of solid water ice and the density of

1021

00:33:22,789 --> 00:33:22,159

liquid water are really close to each

1022

00:33:24,789 --> 00:33:22,799

other

1023

00:33:26,950 --> 00:33:24,799

and so the gravity measurements from

1024

00:33:28,630 --> 00:33:26,960

europa from the galileo spacecraft that

1025

00:33:30,549 --> 00:33:28,640

we used to detect this layer

1026

00:33:32,070 --> 00:33:30,559

they just weren't good enough to

1027

00:33:33,750 --> 00:33:32,080

distinguish between

1028

00:33:35,590 --> 00:33:33,760

how much is solid ice and how much is

1029

00:33:37,509 --> 00:33:35,600

liquid water so

1030

00:33:39,029 --> 00:33:37,519

most of the best estimates we would say

1031

00:33:41,509 --> 00:33:39,039

are that it's about

1032

00:33:43,269 --> 00:33:41,519

you know 100 kilometers or so of water

1033

00:33:46,310 --> 00:33:43,279

maybe 80 kilometers of water and then

1034

00:33:49,590 --> 00:33:46,320

maybe 30 or so kilometers ice on top

1035

00:33:51,830 --> 00:33:49,600

um likely there is some variation um

1036

00:33:52,630 --> 00:33:51,840

but probably not a whole lot like there

1037

00:33:55,029 --> 00:33:52,640

probably aren't

1038

00:33:56,630 --> 00:33:55,039

huge sort of like you know big pointy

1039

00:33:58,149 --> 00:33:56,640

iceberg things that are there are

1040

00:34:00,230 --> 00:33:58,159

places where the ice shell is really

1041

00:34:01,590 --> 00:34:00,240

jagged at the bottom of the ice shell

1042

00:34:04,070 --> 00:34:01,600

and that's just because if there are

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00:34:05,350 --> 00:34:04,080

places where there's a lot of topography

1044

00:34:07,509 --> 00:34:05,360

at the bottom of the ice shelves

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00:34:09,030 --> 00:34:07,519

at the top of the ocean probably the

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00:34:10,710 --> 00:34:09,040

currents in the ocean and just the

1047

00:34:14,470 --> 00:34:10,720

temperature would kind of smooth those

1048

00:34:18,230 --> 00:34:16,869

well let's bring steve back in here

1049

00:34:19,270 --> 00:34:18,240

there are a lot of questions in this

1050

00:34:20,550 --> 00:34:19,280

chat tonight and

1051  
00:34:22,069 --> 00:34:20,560  
i've only heard i don't know a couple

1052  
00:34:22,550 --> 00:34:22,079  
times and that's pretty great um you

1053  
00:34:25,270 --> 00:34:22,560  
both

1054  
00:34:25,589 --> 00:34:25,280  
talked to me early about how proud you

1055  
00:34:27,589 --> 00:34:25,599  
are

1056  
00:34:29,510 --> 00:34:27,599  
when you get to say those that answer to

1057  
00:34:31,030 --> 00:34:29,520  
a question um lindsay we got time for

1058  
00:34:32,869 --> 00:34:31,040  
just a few more questions from our

1059  
00:34:34,710 --> 00:34:32,879  
audience

1060  
00:34:36,869 --> 00:34:34,720  
absolutely so steve this question i

1061  
00:34:39,270 --> 00:34:36,879  
think you can answer

1062  
00:34:40,230 --> 00:34:39,280  
darren on facebook would like to know

1063  
00:34:42,149 --> 00:34:40,240

could the public

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00:34:46,829 --> 00:34:42,159

possibly be allowed to give naming

1065

00:34:53,750 --> 00:34:50,790

ah way above my pay grade so um

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00:34:54,470 --> 00:34:53,760

i i don't know i'm sure there is a

1067

00:34:56,790 --> 00:34:54,480

protocol

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00:34:57,510 --> 00:34:56,800

for deciding how to name moons of other

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00:35:00,230 --> 00:34:57,520

planets

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00:35:01,589 --> 00:35:00,240

but i don't happen to know what it is i

1071

00:35:03,750 --> 00:35:01,599

can talk about that a little bit steve

1072

00:35:05,910 --> 00:35:03,760

actually

1073

00:35:06,790 --> 00:35:05,920

um so so i've worked a little bit on on

1074

00:35:09,430 --> 00:35:06,800

yeah i've worked a little bit on

1075

00:35:11,510 --> 00:35:09,440

planetary nomenclature actually and so

1076

00:35:13,270 --> 00:35:11,520

um it really depends on what sort of

1077

00:35:15,670 --> 00:35:13,280

feature what sort of

1078

00:35:16,630 --> 00:35:15,680

object we're talking about um and so a

1079

00:35:18,390 --> 00:35:16,640

moon

1080

00:35:21,109 --> 00:35:18,400

has to fit into certain naming

1081

00:35:22,550 --> 00:35:21,119

categories and so the moons of jupiter

1082

00:35:25,030 --> 00:35:22,560

mostly come from you know greek

1083

00:35:26,790 --> 00:35:25,040

mythology um there's some other sort of

1084

00:35:28,710 --> 00:35:26,800

special cases depending on sort of

1085

00:35:31,990 --> 00:35:28,720

different clusters of moons

1086

00:35:33,670 --> 00:35:32,000

um but we have done there there have

1087

00:35:34,790 --> 00:35:33,680

been cases in the past when new moons

1088

00:35:36,230 --> 00:35:34,800

have been discovered

1089

00:35:37,670 --> 00:35:36,240

um you know you can't name a moon after

1090

00:35:39,750 --> 00:35:37,680

a person right the international

1091

00:35:41,829 --> 00:35:39,760

astronomical union has very sort of

1092

00:35:44,310 --> 00:35:41,839

strict requirements on this

1093

00:35:46,230 --> 00:35:44,320

um but the person who discovers a moon

1094

00:35:46,790 --> 00:35:46,240

does actually usually get to suggest a

1095

00:35:49,190 --> 00:35:46,800

name

1096

00:35:50,710 --> 00:35:49,200

to the international astronomical union

1097

00:35:52,710 --> 00:35:50,720

and if that name kind of

1098

00:35:55,030 --> 00:35:52,720

follows within the naming conventions

1099

00:35:56,710 --> 00:35:55,040

then sometimes that name can be adopted

1100

00:35:58,069 --> 00:35:56,720

and so yes sometimes in the past there

1101  
00:36:00,790 --> 00:35:58,079  
have been sort of

1102  
00:36:01,510 --> 00:36:00,800  
nema moons or not really contests but

1103  
00:36:04,150 --> 00:36:01,520  
sort of

1104  
00:36:05,030 --> 00:36:04,160  
public um you know periods where

1105  
00:36:06,470 --> 00:36:05,040  
basically

1106  
00:36:08,390 --> 00:36:06,480  
it's been opened to the public to sort

1107  
00:36:09,349 --> 00:36:08,400  
of suggest names and then help vote on

1108  
00:36:10,710 --> 00:36:09,359  
names

1109  
00:36:13,030 --> 00:36:10,720  
but the public doesn't actually get to

1110  
00:36:17,109 --> 00:36:13,040  
officially name any of these moons

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00:36:19,030 --> 00:36:17,119  
so stay tuned thanks cynthia

1112  
00:36:21,430 --> 00:36:19,040  
laney is asking a question for her

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00:36:25,430 --> 00:36:21,440

daughter sloane who would like to know

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00:36:27,670 --> 00:36:25,440

why there are geysers on europa

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00:36:29,510 --> 00:36:27,680

ah that's a very good question um so

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00:36:30,950 --> 00:36:29,520

first we don't know whether or not there

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00:36:32,710 --> 00:36:30,960

are geysers on europa

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00:36:33,990 --> 00:36:32,720

i really like there to be geysers on

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00:36:35,510 --> 00:36:34,000

europa just because i think that would

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00:36:38,310 --> 00:36:35,520

be super super cool

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00:36:39,750 --> 00:36:38,320

if europa was actually ejecting material

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00:36:40,069 --> 00:36:39,760

out into space like this big sort of

1123

00:36:42,710 --> 00:36:40,079

like

1124

00:36:45,270 --> 00:36:42,720

space you know eruption and we do see

1125

00:36:47,270 --> 00:36:45,280

those on saturn's moon enceladus

1126

00:36:49,190 --> 00:36:47,280

and so we know that it's possible right

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00:36:51,589 --> 00:36:49,200

if enceladus can do it come on europa's

1128

00:36:52,870 --> 00:36:51,599

got to be able to do it too

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00:36:54,870 --> 00:36:52,880

part of the problem with europa is that

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00:36:57,190 --> 00:36:54,880

it's a lot bigger than enceladus

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00:36:59,510 --> 00:36:57,200

so just because we see plumes that are

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00:37:01,270 --> 00:36:59,520

actually being vented off of enceladus

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00:37:02,550 --> 00:37:01,280

if plumes did exist on europa they'd be

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00:37:04,550 --> 00:37:02,560

a lot smaller

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00:37:06,310 --> 00:37:04,560

so they wouldn't be quite as spectacular

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00:37:08,870 --> 00:37:06,320

as these kind of giant

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00:37:10,790 --> 00:37:08,880

giant jets of of gas and dust that we

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00:37:13,270 --> 00:37:10,800

see coming off of enceladus

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00:37:14,870 --> 00:37:13,280

um but if there are plumes that would be

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00:37:16,790 --> 00:37:14,880

really fascinating because basically

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00:37:17,670 --> 00:37:16,800

that would mean that somehow the liquid

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00:37:20,390 --> 00:37:17,680

water ocean

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00:37:20,950 --> 00:37:20,400

of europa made it up close enough to the

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00:37:22,870 --> 00:37:20,960

surface

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00:37:24,630 --> 00:37:22,880

that it was able to erupt and sort of

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00:37:26,950 --> 00:37:24,640

make it out into space

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00:37:29,190 --> 00:37:26,960

and so you know again we're not really

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00:37:31,510 --> 00:37:29,200

sure for sure how that could happen

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00:37:32,870 --> 00:37:31,520

but we think it could um but we won't

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00:37:37,190 --> 00:37:32,880

know for sure until we go there and

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00:37:39,190 --> 00:37:37,200

actually look for them

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00:37:41,030 --> 00:37:39,200

great thanks cynthia and i've been told

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00:37:42,550 --> 00:37:41,040

we have time for one more question and

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00:37:44,950 --> 00:37:42,560

so to wrap things up

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00:37:46,710 --> 00:37:44,960

cynthia this question's for you surety

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00:37:49,750 --> 00:37:46,720

from youtube would like to know

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00:37:51,430 --> 00:37:49,760

if europa does indeed have an ocean what

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00:37:52,950 --> 00:37:51,440

kind of things do you think we'll find

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00:37:55,349 --> 00:37:52,960

there

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00:37:57,270 --> 00:37:55,359

ah that's a great question um let's see

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00:38:00,390 --> 00:37:57,280

if we can go forward to slide

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00:38:04,710 --> 00:38:00,400

uh i think it's slide 32 please the one

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00:38:06,550 --> 00:38:04,720

that says ingredients for life

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00:38:08,310 --> 00:38:06,560

so one of the really cool things about

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00:38:09,190 --> 00:38:08,320

europa's ocean is that at the bottom of

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00:38:12,310 --> 00:38:09,200

that ocean

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00:38:12,710 --> 00:38:12,320

there's a layer of rock and in this rock

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00:38:13,990 --> 00:38:12,720

layer

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00:38:16,790 --> 00:38:14,000

it's possible there could be

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00:38:18,230 --> 00:38:16,800

hydrothermal vents um and on earth at

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00:38:21,030 --> 00:38:18,240

the bottom of earth's oceans

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00:38:22,710 --> 00:38:21,040

we have these hydrothermal vents and

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00:38:23,670 --> 00:38:22,720

most of the bottom of earth's ocean you

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00:38:26,069 --> 00:38:23,680

know it's kind of

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00:38:27,109 --> 00:38:26,079

boring right it's just kind of dusty and

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00:38:28,470 --> 00:38:27,119

dirty and

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00:38:30,470 --> 00:38:28,480

you know there's not all that much going

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00:38:31,990 --> 00:38:30,480

on there but if you're in a submarine

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00:38:33,670 --> 00:38:32,000

and you're down at the bottom of earth's

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00:38:35,270 --> 00:38:33,680

ocean and then you come across one of

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00:38:36,790 --> 00:38:35,280

these hydrothermal vents

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00:38:38,630 --> 00:38:36,800

these are the kinds of things you see

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00:38:40,310 --> 00:38:38,640

over on the right now this is this is a

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00:38:40,790 --> 00:38:40,320

real video but it's of earth's ocean

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00:38:43,670 --> 00:38:40,800

this is

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00:38:45,349 --> 00:38:43,680

not europa's ocean um maybe someday

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00:38:45,990 --> 00:38:45,359

we'll get to go there you know maybe my

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00:38:47,510 --> 00:38:46,000

kids or maybe

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00:38:49,109 --> 00:38:47,520

my kids kids will actually get to see

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00:38:49,829 --> 00:38:49,119

pictures from the bottom of europa's

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00:38:52,470 --> 00:38:49,839

ocean

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00:38:54,230 --> 00:38:52,480

and boy i wish they look like this but

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00:38:54,950 --> 00:38:54,240

here at the bottom of earth's oceans we

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00:38:57,750 --> 00:38:54,960

see these just

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00:38:59,589 --> 00:38:57,760

abundant ecosystems we see these places

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00:39:01,109 --> 00:38:59,599

they're like oasis for life at the

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00:39:03,430 --> 00:39:01,119

bottom of earth's oceans

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00:39:04,310 --> 00:39:03,440

and they're basically using the thermal

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00:39:06,630 --> 00:39:04,320

energy so that

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00:39:07,349 --> 00:39:06,640

the fluids the the bottom of earth's

1201  
00:39:09,589 --> 00:39:07,359  
ocean

1202  
00:39:11,510 --> 00:39:09,599  
circulates through the crust and it gets

1203  
00:39:12,950 --> 00:39:11,520  
heated up and so you get all these great

1204  
00:39:15,589 --> 00:39:12,960  
chemical materials

1205  
00:39:17,349 --> 00:39:15,599  
that can serve as food for an ecosystem

1206  
00:39:17,990 --> 00:39:17,359  
and you just find these abundant life

1207  
00:39:19,910 --> 00:39:18,000  
forms

1208  
00:39:21,910 --> 00:39:19,920  
and so i think if there's life in

1209  
00:39:23,510 --> 00:39:21,920  
europa's ocean

1210  
00:39:26,230 --> 00:39:23,520  
maybe it could exist in one of these

1211  
00:39:30,630 --> 00:39:29,109  
that's a great question to end on um

1212  
00:39:31,750 --> 00:39:30,640  
that is all the time that we have for

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00:39:34,470 --> 00:39:31,760

tonight

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00:39:35,109 --> 00:39:34,480

um if you have more questions about

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00:39:38,150 --> 00:39:35,119

jupiter

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00:39:39,270 --> 00:39:38,160

or europa you can follow these websites

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00:39:40,790 --> 00:39:39,280

which you're going to put at the bottom

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00:39:42,150 --> 00:39:40,800

of the screen you can go there and see

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00:39:44,550 --> 00:39:42,160

each of these missions and there's

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00:39:45,510 --> 00:39:44,560

all sorts of information and images and

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00:39:47,750 --> 00:39:45,520

multimedia

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00:39:48,710 --> 00:39:47,760

that you can learn but keep asking those

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00:39:50,630 --> 00:39:48,720

questions

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00:39:52,710 --> 00:39:50,640

please join us next month for our talk

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00:39:53,109 --> 00:39:52,720

science and art picturing discovery with

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00:39:55,430 --> 00:39:53,119

dr

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00:39:56,470 --> 00:39:55,440

morgan cable and visual strategist joby

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00:39:58,230 --> 00:39:56,480

harris

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00:40:00,870 --> 00:39:58,240

i'd like to thank our speakers dr

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00:40:01,750 --> 00:40:00,880

cynthia dr cynthia and steve for their

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00:40:03,829 --> 00:40:01,760

exuberance

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00:40:05,270 --> 00:40:03,839

and their knowledge um thank you to

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00:40:06,630 --> 00:40:05,280

lindsay and everyone behind the scenes

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00:40:09,910 --> 00:40:06,640

who make all this possible

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00:40:10,390 --> 00:40:09,920

and finally a big big thank you to all

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00:40:12,470 --> 00:40:10,400

of you

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00:40:14,470 --> 00:40:12,480

tonight who ask questions who come and

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00:40:16,150 --> 00:40:14,480

join us every month and watch this

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00:40:18,390 --> 00:40:16,160

as we keep saying it is your space

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00:40:22,829 --> 00:40:18,400

program so thank you for joining us

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stay safe stay kind and we'll see you in

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