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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:08,270  
solar system and all that lies Beyond

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00:00:14,270 --> 00:00:10,910  
hello and welcome to another edition of

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00:00:16,369 --> 00:00:14,280  
the 2023 Von Carmen lecture series I'm

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00:00:18,590 --> 00:00:16,379  
Nikki Wyrick with jpl's office of

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00:00:20,570 --> 00:00:18,600  
communications and education and I will

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00:00:24,290 --> 00:00:20,580  
be your host for our exciting topic this

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00:00:27,529 --> 00:00:24,300  
evening perseverance two years on Mars

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00:00:30,290 --> 00:00:27,539  
on February 18 2021 the perseverance

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00:00:31,970 --> 00:00:30,300  
Rover touched down at Jezreel crater a

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00:00:34,310 --> 00:00:31,980  
region of Mars where the ancient

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00:00:37,069 --> 00:00:34,320  
environment may have been favorable for

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00:00:39,430 --> 00:00:37,079  
microbial life mounted on the Rover's

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00:00:42,170 --> 00:00:39,440

robotic arm Sherlock uses cameras

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spectrometers and a laser to search for

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Organics and minerals that have been

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altered by watery environments and may

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00:00:52,850 --> 00:00:50,160

be signs of past microbial life

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00:00:55,130 --> 00:00:52,860

joining us this evening as co-host is

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00:00:57,650 --> 00:00:55,140

Sarah Marcotte Sarah brings over two

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00:00:59,930 --> 00:00:57,660

decades of experience inspiring learning

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00:01:02,209 --> 00:00:59,940

in out-of-school environments currently

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00:01:05,090 --> 00:01:02,219

a public engagement specialist with Mars

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for JPL she works to connect Learners of

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00:01:10,850 --> 00:01:07,619

all ages to current scientific research

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00:01:13,969 --> 00:01:10,860

in person and online through events

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00:01:17,750 --> 00:01:13,979

exhibits and virtual experiences hiya

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00:01:20,210 --> 00:01:17,760

Sarah hello how are you Nikki I am well

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00:01:23,149 --> 00:01:20,220

how are you this evening I'm doing well

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00:01:25,609 --> 00:01:23,159

so tonight I will be taking your

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00:01:28,370 --> 00:01:25,619

questions in the chat so if you are

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watching this webinar on LinkedIn

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Facebook live or YouTube make sure you

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00:01:35,510 --> 00:01:33,119

put your questions in and our social

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00:01:37,910 --> 00:01:35,520

media team will be sending those over to

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00:01:40,789 --> 00:01:37,920

me and maybe your question will get

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asked and answered on air now if you

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00:01:46,969 --> 00:01:43,320

don't see a chat box try refreshing your

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00:01:49,190 --> 00:01:46,979

page or reloading your page and a place

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for for you to type in questions should

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appear

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and Nikki can I tell people about

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00:01:56,210 --> 00:01:53,100

something really cool for this

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00:01:59,450 --> 00:01:56,220

anniversary absolutely please do cool

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okay so um we have collected some of our

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favorite things from our website

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um into one place on our webpage so on

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the home page of the Mars program site

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00:02:13,790 --> 00:02:09,560

it's

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[mars.nasa.gov](https://mars.nasa.gov) Mars 2020. we've collected

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some of our favorite experiences

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um to celebrate this anniversary so on

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00:02:21,650 --> 00:02:19,800  
this page

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00:02:24,170 --> 00:02:21,660  
um there's a whole bunch of links to

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00:02:26,990 --> 00:02:24,180  
other cool things on our site that use

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00:02:29,750 --> 00:02:27,000  
real data and in some cases some of the

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00:02:32,750 --> 00:02:29,760  
real tools that the mission teams use

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00:02:35,330 --> 00:02:32,760  
now for example we have a Mars photo

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00:02:38,330 --> 00:02:35,340  
booth and you can get real pictures of

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00:02:41,690 --> 00:02:38,340  
Mars and add yourself or your best

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00:02:44,210 --> 00:02:41,700  
friend to an image of mars or you can

61  
00:02:48,110 --> 00:02:44,220  
hear actual sounds recorded by the

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00:02:49,729 --> 00:02:48,120  
perseverance Rover first time ever in

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00:02:51,830 --> 00:02:49,739

all the years we've been exploring Mars

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00:02:53,930 --> 00:02:51,840

we've never captured captured actual

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sounds so you can hear those on that

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page and you can see a location map of

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exactly where perseverance and the

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Ingenuity helicopter are so all these

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neat experiences wrapped up in this one

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page is called the best of perseverance

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page and that's how I'm celebrating the

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anniversary this year

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awesome thank you for sharing that with

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our viewers tonight Sarah so I just want

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to remind all of you out there as always

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if we do run into any technical

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difficulties or small failures tonight

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we ask for your patience and please

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stick with us we will get them out as

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soon as we possibly can

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now a special treat for us our speaker

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this evening is Dr sananda Sharma an

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interdisciplinary scientist focusing on

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astrobiology research and currently

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supporting the Sherlock instrument on

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perseverance she aims to understand the

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limits of life and the detection of Bio

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signatures in extreme and Martian

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environments and she is particularly

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interested in spectroscopy and

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microscopy pigments as possible

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biosignatures and simulation of extreme

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environments but she is also passionate

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about cross-disciplinary research to

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promote greater inclusion and

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understanding across fields and

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audiences hi sananda

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00:04:11,869 --> 00:04:08,819

hey there thanks so much for having me

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00:04:13,429 --> 00:04:11,879

hey Sarah hey Nikki of course thank you

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00:04:15,710 --> 00:04:13,439

so much for joining us for the special

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celebration this evening uh first off

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can you tell us just a little bit about

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who you are and how you got to work on

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this project

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yeah for sure so I am as you mentioned a

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postdoctoral fellow here at jet

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propulsion laboratory and I'm a member

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of the Mars 2020 uh Mission science team

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and my background is a little bit varied

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I've done a lot of microbiology

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neurobiology and design and architecture

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and now I focus on astrobiology and

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that's the study of the origins

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Evolution distribution and possible

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future of life in the universe

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and go ahead

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00:04:54,530 --> 00:04:52,979

yeah so I was going to say so when I um

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so as I said my background's quite

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diverse and I applied for this postdoc

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position to join Sherlock when I just

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saw it posted online so the way that I

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got involved in it is

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um I had read a lot about Sherlock

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because it seemed like a very

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interesting instrument that combines all

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these unique capabilities and it gathers

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00:05:13,670 --> 00:05:12,120

all this different type of data that

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00:05:17,870 --> 00:05:13,680

gives a wealth of information about rock

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00:05:19,670 --> 00:05:17,880

services so I had never been to JPL or

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done an internship here and a lot of

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folks who are postdocs have

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um but I didn't have the grades for it

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when I was an undergrad and it took me a

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long time to figure out how I actually

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learn and I learned by doing and I've

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always been really Hands-On with both

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research about science and art and

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that's a big part of my job now so I get

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00:05:39,529 --> 00:05:36,960

to do a lot of Hands-On work in lab and

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also with Mission data as it comes down

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it's great that you found a place where

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you can integrate your passions and your

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love with your your work and your study

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00:05:49,249 --> 00:05:47,460

so I'm glad you're here but can you tell

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us what has it been like these past two

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00:05:55,730 --> 00:05:52,259

years working on perseverance

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00:05:58,610 --> 00:05:55,740

yeah so in a word it's just thrilling so

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we're exploring different regions of

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um uh of Jezreel crater which is one

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part of Mars and that's a crater that's

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28 miles wide and it's a little north of

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00:06:11,150 --> 00:06:08,639

the Martian equator

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and so there's evidence that this region

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was home to an ancient river Delta and

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there are a lot of minerals that were

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mapped both from orbit and things that

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we've seen from the Rover to date that

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indicate that there was water there in

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the past and it's possible that over 3.5

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billion years ago a lake existed here

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and I think so at this point now we've

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00:06:32,990 --> 00:06:30,539

completed our journey through the crater

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00:06:36,710 --> 00:06:33,000

floor and the Delta front and now we're

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00:06:40,430 --> 00:06:36,720

starting on the Delta top so

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00:06:44,689 --> 00:06:42,770

yeah so this shows in this image the

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00:06:46,850 --> 00:06:44,699

white part shows the Traverse or where

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00:06:48,350 --> 00:06:46,860

exactly the Rover has gone so far and so

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00:06:50,029 --> 00:06:48,360

you can see we started in that crater

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00:06:51,710 --> 00:06:50,039

floor area and that has some of the

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00:06:53,210 --> 00:06:51,720

oldest rocks that we would encounter and

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00:06:54,710 --> 00:06:53,220

it's rocks that we think were in place

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00:06:57,950 --> 00:06:54,720

so they we don't think they were

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00:06:59,629 --> 00:06:57,960

transported very much and as we move

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through into the Delta front area we

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spent a good amount of time there and we

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as um the instrument that I work on

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Sherlock we looked at 11 different

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targets that were there and now we're

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just starting the Delta top campaign and

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I'm very excited about this one because

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we're going to see some things that

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possibly we haven't seen before to date

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very cool so we've gotten an idea a

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little bit about what it's been like

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working on perseverance the last couple

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of years but can you tell us what is

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Sherlock the instrument that you work on

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yeah so

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acronym like many things that are here

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at JPL

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um it stands for scanning habitable

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environments with Raman and luminescence

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for Organics and chemicals and it's one

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of the seven scientific instruments

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00:07:50,689 --> 00:07:49,440

that's on the perseverance Rover and

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it's on the Rover arm so you can see

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it's on that right side all circled

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there and that arm does a lot of work so

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it does our proximity science meaning it

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observes rocks really up close where

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some of the instruments are remote

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science instruments and they work from a

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little bit further away from a rock

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surface so Sherlock is a deep UV Ramen

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and fluorescent spectrometer with two

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different Imaging systems and one of

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them is called Watson so Sherlock and

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Watson

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um so when I said that it observes Rock

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surfaces up close I mean literally

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imagine the height of a credit card

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that's how far we are from Rock surfaces

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so 48 millimeters away and Sherlock

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gives multiple different types of

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information so it gives image

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information and Spectra and Spectra are

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basically signals that result from light

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interaction with a rock surface and the

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light that we use as a special type of

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laser that you can think of as sort of a

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fancy black light and it helps to see

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things that are in the rock that would

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be otherwise invisible to us so the

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images that we take with Sherlock's two

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cameras

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00:08:48,650 --> 00:08:47,399

that provides visual context for where

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the laser hit

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so when Sherlock studies a rock surface

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it shoots its laser in a pattern across

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an area that's about the size of a

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pencil eraser so quite small and it

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lights up different components in the

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Rock including chemicals minerals and

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organic matter and organic matter or

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Organics as people sometimes say that is

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made up of the element carbon that's

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along with other elements like hydrogen

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nitrogen and oxygen and Organics are

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super interesting to us because they're

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commonly called the building blocks of

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life so all Life as we know it is made

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up of Organics but Organics importantly

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can also be made through other chemical

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processes such as through water Rock

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interactions and it's also found in

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Interstellar dust so what this two types

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of spectroscopy Sherlock helps the Rover

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detect different spatial patterns of

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Organics and minerals and give important

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views of samples that we're seeing with

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minimal alterations so we go up to a

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rock the only things that we would do is

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either blow dust off the surface or a

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braid meaning remove the top layer with

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a particular drill bit that we have and

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then just of the Rock in place so no

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so that's a great description of

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Sherlock but why would we want to have

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something like Sherlock on the Rover

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yeah so um let's put into context so if

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actually the one after this I think

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or

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yeah this one exactly perfect

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um so

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all of the instruments that we have

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worked together on the Rover quite

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elegantly and across all of them we can

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get chemical mineralogical Elemental

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textural color and stratigraphic data to

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catalog all the most detailed

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information possible across spatial

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scales and across observational axes so

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Sherlock as you can see is on like the

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00:10:42,949 --> 00:10:40,860

finer scale so on the right side of the

275

00:10:44,690 --> 00:10:42,959

slide that's here so we work on the

276

00:10:46,610 --> 00:10:44,700

centimeter all the way down past the

277

00:10:48,769 --> 00:10:46,620

millimeter scale so we have some of the

278

00:10:50,990 --> 00:10:48,779

closest views that we've had to date of

279

00:10:52,550 --> 00:10:51,000

rocks on the Martian surface and

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00:10:54,470 --> 00:10:52,560

Sherlock is the first of its kind

281

00:10:56,269 --> 00:10:54,480

instrument that's operating on Mars and

282

00:10:58,250 --> 00:10:56,279

it gives us especially important

283

00:10:59,810 --> 00:10:58,260

information about rocks that are as

284

00:11:02,569 --> 00:10:59,820

they're found to support the selection

285

00:11:04,910 --> 00:11:02,579

of samples for return to Earth and

286

00:11:06,470 --> 00:11:04,920

that's for potential return to Earth and

287

00:11:08,210 --> 00:11:06,480

that's one part of this Mission that's

288

00:11:11,090 --> 00:11:08,220

particularly interesting so previously

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00:11:13,310 --> 00:11:11,100

when we've gone to Mars we're trying to

290

00:11:15,949 --> 00:11:13,320

get all the information that we can from

291

00:11:17,750 --> 00:11:15,959

the surface and in this case what we're

292

00:11:19,310 --> 00:11:17,760

doing is there's an opportunity there's

293

00:11:21,769 --> 00:11:19,320

a potential opportunity for us to return

294

00:11:23,329 --> 00:11:21,779

samples back to Earth for further study

295

00:11:24,949 --> 00:11:23,339

and so what we want to do with the

296

00:11:27,230 --> 00:11:24,959

instruments on the Rover is collect all

297

00:11:29,449 --> 00:11:27,240

the data possible so we can decide make

298

00:11:30,769 --> 00:11:29,459

almost a priority list we observe

299

00:11:32,090 --> 00:11:30,779

something here does that look like a

300

00:11:34,670 --> 00:11:32,100

sample we'd want to bring back to Earth

301

00:11:37,009 --> 00:11:34,680

and do further study on if yes collect

302

00:11:38,810 --> 00:11:37,019

and that's something that Sherlock helps

303

00:11:40,310 --> 00:11:38,820

a lot with so it's able to look at all

304

00:11:43,430 --> 00:11:40,320

those different components in Iraq and

305

00:11:45,230 --> 00:11:43,440

figure out are these say minerals that

306

00:11:47,090 --> 00:11:45,240

could preserve organic matter or

307

00:11:48,350 --> 00:11:47,100

potential signs of life really well then

308

00:11:51,170 --> 00:11:48,360

we definitely want to put that at the

309

00:11:53,150 --> 00:11:51,180

top of our list to return so it helps

310

00:11:56,750 --> 00:11:53,160

with that sort of in-situ meaning in

311

00:12:01,250 --> 00:11:58,970

so you talked about all the benefits of

312

00:12:03,829 --> 00:12:01,260

this but how do you tell what you're

313

00:12:06,889 --> 00:12:03,839

specifically looking for how do you find

314

00:12:11,090 --> 00:12:09,110

um so I think it depends on who you are

315

00:12:13,970 --> 00:12:11,100

and exactly what you're looking for with

316

00:12:16,970 --> 00:12:13,980

that so I would say can you go back to

317

00:12:20,630 --> 00:12:16,980

the video that was before this

318

00:12:22,069 --> 00:12:20,640

um yeah exactly so this isn't a braided

319

00:12:24,050 --> 00:12:22,079

patch called Guillaume and I'll use it

320

00:12:25,850 --> 00:12:24,060

as sort of an example here so this is

321

00:12:27,829 --> 00:12:25,860

all the different views that one of the

322

00:12:29,990 --> 00:12:27,839

Sherlock cameras has you're going close

323

00:12:31,790 --> 00:12:30,000

to it and if you're a geologist on the

324

00:12:33,949 --> 00:12:31,800

team versus a mini mineralogist versus

325

00:12:36,050 --> 00:12:33,959

an astrobiologist or a microbiologist

326

00:12:37,910 --> 00:12:36,060

you're going to say you're looking for

327

00:12:39,650 --> 00:12:37,920

something specifically different but

328

00:12:41,750 --> 00:12:39,660

here you can see kind of a wealth of

329

00:12:43,370 --> 00:12:41,760

everything that all of us get to see so

330

00:12:44,930 --> 00:12:43,380

some people search for signs of a

331

00:12:46,069 --> 00:12:44,940

particular mineral so those white

332

00:12:48,290 --> 00:12:46,079

patches that are right in the middle

333

00:12:49,850 --> 00:12:48,300

might pop out to things like say okay

334

00:12:52,790 --> 00:12:49,860

that's quite interesting what does that

335

00:12:55,329 --> 00:12:52,800

look like and in terms of Sherlock data

336

00:12:58,370 --> 00:12:55,339

we would scan a particular part of this

337

00:13:01,129 --> 00:12:58,380

abraded patch and the signs will show up

338

00:13:02,690 --> 00:13:01,139

as Peaks within our Spectra and that we

339

00:13:04,129 --> 00:13:02,700

can match that pattern of Peaks to

340

00:13:06,050 --> 00:13:04,139

standard reference libraries that we

341

00:13:08,569 --> 00:13:06,060

have built here on Earth to classify the

342

00:13:10,670 --> 00:13:08,579

substance and so for me personally I

343

00:13:12,230 --> 00:13:10,680

look for particular types of minerals so

344

00:13:13,790 --> 00:13:12,240

particular Spectra that match with

345

00:13:15,530 --> 00:13:13,800

minerals from reference libraries that

346

00:13:17,449 --> 00:13:15,540

we have that are really good at

347

00:13:18,590 --> 00:13:17,459

preserving organic matter because that's

348

00:13:20,990 --> 00:13:18,600

what I'm interested in as an

349

00:13:25,069 --> 00:13:21,000

astrobiologist so can you go to slide

350

00:13:28,550 --> 00:13:26,629

yeah so I think this is a nice

351  
00:13:30,170 --> 00:13:28,560  
demonstration of literally what Sherlock

352  
00:13:32,750 --> 00:13:30,180  
does and this is one of my favorite

353  
00:13:34,190 --> 00:13:32,760  
examples it's from it's abrasion patch

354  
00:13:35,690 --> 00:13:34,200  
called Cartier and it's literally like

355  
00:13:39,050 --> 00:13:35,700  
my phone background because I like it so

356  
00:13:42,170 --> 00:13:39,060  
much so this is the there we found this

357  
00:13:43,970 --> 00:13:42,180  
beautiful white sulfate patch so it's

358  
00:13:46,610 --> 00:13:43,980  
sulfate is a particular type of mineral

359  
00:13:47,329 --> 00:13:46,620  
that's known on Earth to preserve some

360  
00:13:49,370 --> 00:13:47,339  
um

361  
00:13:52,069 --> 00:13:49,380  
they can preserve organic matter and

362  
00:13:54,170 --> 00:13:52,079  
also potentially biosignatures and so

363  
00:13:56,509 --> 00:13:54,180

this one popped out really clearly on

364

00:13:58,430 --> 00:13:56,519

this rock surface and it's also in the

365

00:13:59,810 --> 00:13:58,440

shape of a polar bear so that's also why

366

00:14:01,310 --> 00:13:59,820

we were so excited about it so this is

367

00:14:03,470 --> 00:14:01,320

the knee of the polar bear that's being

368

00:14:05,329 --> 00:14:03,480

scanned and so on the right side you can

369

00:14:07,550 --> 00:14:05,339

see the scan map of Sherlock which is

370

00:14:10,069 --> 00:14:07,560

going over that pencil eraser size area

371

00:14:11,569 --> 00:14:10,079

of the abraded patch and it moves

372

00:14:13,670 --> 00:14:11,579

through Point by Point through a hundred

373

00:14:15,290 --> 00:14:13,680

different points on this scan and at

374

00:14:16,610 --> 00:14:15,300

each point we're collecting Spectra and

375

00:14:18,769 --> 00:14:16,620

that's what you're seeing on the left so

376

00:14:21,350 --> 00:14:18,779

all of these squiggly lines that's

377

00:14:23,210 --> 00:14:21,360

actual information so the position and

378

00:14:24,829 --> 00:14:23,220

the shape of the bumps that you see in

379

00:14:26,990 --> 00:14:24,839

that Spectra that's we're trying to

380

00:14:28,790 --> 00:14:27,000

interpret and so on the left side you

381

00:14:30,889 --> 00:14:28,800

can see how that Spectrum changes as you

382

00:14:32,269 --> 00:14:30,899

move point to point so you analyze all

383

00:14:34,370 --> 00:14:32,279

the Peaks that show up there and then

384

00:14:36,410 --> 00:14:34,380

start asking what material could yield

385

00:14:37,670 --> 00:14:36,420

this signal why is the signal in this

386

00:14:39,710 --> 00:14:37,680

particular place and what does that

387

00:14:41,569 --> 00:14:39,720

match up with how strong is the signal

388

00:14:44,329 --> 00:14:41,579

what sort of colors or Textures in the

389

00:14:46,310 --> 00:14:44,339

rock is it Associated to and if we were

390

00:14:48,170 --> 00:14:46,320

just scanning without mapping figuring

391

00:14:49,610 --> 00:14:48,180

out which signal comes from which part

392

00:14:51,889 --> 00:14:49,620

of the rock would be way more difficult

393

00:14:53,389 --> 00:14:51,899

so here this was a sulfate as I

394

00:14:54,710 --> 00:14:53,399

mentioned and that has that big peak

395

00:14:56,930 --> 00:14:54,720

that's closer to the left side of the

396

00:14:58,670 --> 00:14:56,940

spectrum and then we also see something

397

00:15:00,590 --> 00:14:58,680

that looks like hydration so that bigger

398

00:15:02,629 --> 00:15:00,600

bump that you start seeing on the right

399

00:15:04,550 --> 00:15:02,639

side of the spectrum that's an

400

00:15:05,930 --> 00:15:04,560

indication that this mineral has some

401  
00:15:08,629 --> 00:15:05,940  
water that's stored in its structure as

402  
00:15:12,949 --> 00:15:10,670  
it's incredible to think of the things

403  
00:15:14,689 --> 00:15:12,959  
that Sherlock can show us and tell us

404  
00:15:16,129 --> 00:15:14,699  
we're going to come back for a few more

405  
00:15:18,170 --> 00:15:16,139  
questions and continue our conversation

406  
00:15:19,490 --> 00:15:18,180  
in just a second but I do want to open

407  
00:15:21,769 --> 00:15:19,500  
it up we've had a ton of questions

408  
00:15:23,750 --> 00:15:21,779  
online tonight so we're actually going

409  
00:15:25,970 --> 00:15:23,760  
to let the audience ask the next two or

410  
00:15:27,290 --> 00:15:25,980  
three questions Sarah what are they

411  
00:15:29,930 --> 00:15:27,300  
asking out there

412  
00:15:32,389 --> 00:15:29,940  
okay so a lot of questions are coming in

413  
00:15:33,170 --> 00:15:32,399

and I'm having trouble deciding

414

00:15:35,509 --> 00:15:33,180

um

415

00:15:37,910 --> 00:15:35,519

however I liked this one

416

00:15:40,910 --> 00:15:37,920

of many many I like

417

00:15:43,550 --> 00:15:40,920

um so esmo on Instagram asked what is

418

00:15:47,689 --> 00:15:43,560

your number one hope for what we find or

419

00:15:51,710 --> 00:15:49,670

good question also very difficult

420

00:15:53,230 --> 00:15:51,720

question everything's very exciting Okay

421

00:15:55,850 --> 00:15:53,240

so

422

00:15:57,530 --> 00:15:55,860

I think the answer

423

00:15:59,930 --> 00:15:57,540

what I think about the most when I think

424

00:16:02,509 --> 00:15:59,940

about what I would want to see is

425

00:16:05,030 --> 00:16:02,519

diversity so what's a win to me is when

426  
00:16:06,829 --> 00:16:05,040  
everything doesn't look the same because

427  
00:16:08,810 --> 00:16:06,839  
that means we're

428  
00:16:10,250 --> 00:16:08,820  
we're getting the most that we can out

429  
00:16:11,569 --> 00:16:10,260  
of this trip to Mars and we're hopefully

430  
00:16:13,850 --> 00:16:11,579  
getting the most of the samples that we

431  
00:16:16,069 --> 00:16:13,860  
get back so basically I want to see not

432  
00:16:17,930 --> 00:16:16,079  
just one set of Spectra associated with

433  
00:16:19,790 --> 00:16:17,940  
one texture and one mineral I want to

434  
00:16:20,810 --> 00:16:19,800  
see all these different patterns popping

435  
00:16:23,090 --> 00:16:20,820  
out and that's actually the most

436  
00:16:25,129 --> 00:16:23,100  
exciting thing I've seen so far is some

437  
00:16:26,810 --> 00:16:25,139  
of the work that I did is to do the

438  
00:16:29,269 --> 00:16:26,820

comparison of what mineral we're seeing

439

00:16:30,829 --> 00:16:29,279

with what sorts of other signals and

440

00:16:32,930 --> 00:16:30,839

we're seeing a huge diversity across

441

00:16:34,610 --> 00:16:32,940

that so I think that's the biggest dream

442

00:16:37,370 --> 00:16:34,620

is that we capture the diversity that

443

00:16:39,350 --> 00:16:37,380

Mars has because I think we're almost on

444

00:16:40,430 --> 00:16:39,360

Earth we think so often of like oh I can

445

00:16:42,530 --> 00:16:40,440

think of 10 different types of

446

00:16:44,569 --> 00:16:42,540

ecosystems and environments and then you

447

00:16:47,030 --> 00:16:44,579

look at pictures of Mars and you can say

448

00:16:50,150 --> 00:16:47,040

like actually if you go to slide three

449

00:16:51,170 --> 00:16:50,160

you can see what the yeah exactly so

450

00:16:53,389 --> 00:16:51,180

when you look at this you might think

451  
00:16:55,249 --> 00:16:53,399  
like all that stuff looks the same

452  
00:16:56,449 --> 00:16:55,259  
especially if you haven't been spending

453  
00:16:57,650 --> 00:16:56,459  
a lot of time looking at Martian rods

454  
00:16:59,509 --> 00:16:57,660  
you can say hey all that looks the same

455  
00:17:01,009 --> 00:16:59,519  
why does it matter but then when you

456  
00:17:02,509 --> 00:17:01,019  
take all the scientific instruments that

457  
00:17:04,189 --> 00:17:02,519  
we have on the Rover and you look way

458  
00:17:05,809 --> 00:17:04,199  
more closely at it then you realize

459  
00:17:07,250 --> 00:17:05,819  
there's so much diversity that's hidden

460  
00:17:08,870 --> 00:17:07,260  
right behind there so capturing that I

461  
00:17:11,929 --> 00:17:08,880  
think is the most important and exciting

462  
00:17:17,809 --> 00:17:14,990  
all right how about another one so udaya

463  
00:17:20,449 --> 00:17:17,819

on Facebook asks what if Signs of Life

464

00:17:23,689 --> 00:17:20,459

are not found on the surface would the

465

00:17:26,809 --> 00:17:23,699

subsurface be scanned for life also

466

00:17:29,090 --> 00:17:26,819

that's a great question and uh yes there

467

00:17:30,470 --> 00:17:29,100

are other potential missions that are

468

00:17:31,970 --> 00:17:30,480

being proposed

469

00:17:33,830 --> 00:17:31,980

um that would be looking at the

470

00:17:35,510 --> 00:17:33,840

subsurface instead and

471

00:17:38,450 --> 00:17:35,520

that question I think gets to the heart

472

00:17:39,289 --> 00:17:38,460

of one thing that we're all a little bit

473

00:17:41,090 --> 00:17:39,299

um

474

00:17:43,430 --> 00:17:41,100

that we all go into this field aware of

475

00:17:45,890 --> 00:17:43,440

which is the surface of Mars is not a

476  
00:17:47,990 --> 00:17:45,900  
really happy environment for Life as we

477  
00:17:49,610 --> 00:17:48,000  
know it it's pretty harsh because

478  
00:17:51,289 --> 00:17:49,620  
there's things like UV and ionizing

479  
00:17:53,090 --> 00:17:51,299  
radiation that are all hitting the

480  
00:17:55,370 --> 00:17:53,100  
surface so anything that lives there

481  
00:17:57,650 --> 00:17:55,380  
would have to survive under all of those

482  
00:17:59,630 --> 00:17:57,660  
conditions and it might be that life

483  
00:18:02,029 --> 00:17:59,640  
says hey this is too harsh up here we

484  
00:18:04,010 --> 00:18:02,039  
have to go down to the subsurface and it

485  
00:18:06,529 --> 00:18:04,020  
might be on the subsurface so yeah we're

486  
00:18:09,110 --> 00:18:06,539  
appropriately sort of I think um

487  
00:18:11,090 --> 00:18:09,120  
tuning our expectations that we might

488  
00:18:13,070 --> 00:18:11,100

not find all the signs of life on the

489

00:18:17,390 --> 00:18:13,080

surface but maybe future missions can go

490

00:18:23,690 --> 00:18:19,970

should we do one more Nikki absolutely

491

00:18:27,409 --> 00:18:23,700

please sure let's do it so um Ivana on

492

00:18:30,110 --> 00:18:27,419

YouTube is asking so sunanda you

493

00:18:32,270 --> 00:18:30,120

consider yourself an astrobiologist what

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00:18:34,490 --> 00:18:32,280

are some topics that an astrobiologist

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00:18:38,150 --> 00:18:34,500

could research on Mars

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00:18:41,450 --> 00:18:38,160

oh okay so I think do we have all night

497

00:18:43,610 --> 00:18:41,460

no okay I know right all night all day I

498

00:18:45,289 --> 00:18:43,620

want to say a lot of different topics so

499

00:18:47,090 --> 00:18:45,299

I think um

500

00:18:48,230 --> 00:18:47,100

one thing so there's a couple of

501  
00:18:49,730 --> 00:18:48,240  
different categories that I think an

502  
00:18:51,650 --> 00:18:49,740  
astrobiologist could look at so one

503  
00:18:53,210 --> 00:18:51,660  
thing is biosignatures so do we see

504  
00:18:55,310 --> 00:18:53,220  
anything that could be a potential

505  
00:18:58,130 --> 00:18:55,320  
biosignature so a potential sign of life

506  
00:19:00,409 --> 00:18:58,140  
meaning a pattern substance

507  
00:19:02,930 --> 00:19:00,419  
um or other sort of compound that would

508  
00:19:04,549 --> 00:19:02,940  
require life for it to be created so

509  
00:19:06,710 --> 00:19:04,559  
with the tools that we have on the Rover

510  
00:19:08,330 --> 00:19:06,720  
right now we can say that we could

511  
00:19:10,310 --> 00:19:08,340  
potentially find what we're calling

512  
00:19:11,870 --> 00:19:10,320  
potential biosignatures meaning that

513  
00:19:13,669 --> 00:19:11,880

these are really interesting we should

514

00:19:15,830 --> 00:19:13,679

bring them back and then decide whether

515

00:19:17,210 --> 00:19:15,840

it's a true biosignature or not so

516

00:19:18,830 --> 00:19:17,220

that's what we can do with the Rover and

517

00:19:20,990 --> 00:19:18,840

that's one area that I think an

518

00:19:22,970 --> 00:19:21,000

astrobiologist could work on another

519

00:19:25,250 --> 00:19:22,980

area is looking for signs of

520

00:19:26,870 --> 00:19:25,260

habitability so on earth when we think

521

00:19:28,730 --> 00:19:26,880

of what would make a good environment

522

00:19:30,890 --> 00:19:28,740

for life to thrive in you think about

523

00:19:33,470 --> 00:19:30,900

like water should be present and

524

00:19:35,570 --> 00:19:33,480

abundant ideally we won't be at the

525

00:19:37,850 --> 00:19:35,580

extremes of pH because then it will be a

526  
00:19:40,310 --> 00:19:37,860  
sort of milder environment ideally there

527  
00:19:42,169 --> 00:19:40,320  
wouldn't be an insane amount of UV or

528  
00:19:44,870 --> 00:19:42,179  
ionizing radiation so life would be able

529  
00:19:47,510 --> 00:19:44,880  
to thrive there so finding key signals

530  
00:19:49,850 --> 00:19:47,520  
so particular mineral assemblages or

531  
00:19:51,909 --> 00:19:49,860  
things like hydration that can help

532  
00:19:54,830 --> 00:19:51,919  
build the story for what is habitability

533  
00:19:56,450 --> 00:19:54,840  
habitability so I think those are two

534  
00:19:57,650 --> 00:19:56,460  
areas that an astrobiologist could work

535  
00:19:59,330 --> 00:19:57,660  
on

536  
00:20:02,930 --> 00:19:59,340  
and then there's a lot more too just two

537  
00:20:04,549 --> 00:20:02,940  
examples that's some great advice uh

538  
00:20:06,289 --> 00:20:04,559

keep asking your questions out there we

539

00:20:08,390 --> 00:20:06,299

are going to come back for more but I've

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00:20:10,789 --> 00:20:08,400

got just a few more questions for our

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00:20:12,590 --> 00:20:10,799

wonderful speaker this evening so you've

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00:20:14,270 --> 00:20:12,600

been with perseverance and it's been on

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00:20:16,730 --> 00:20:14,280

Mars for two years and you touched on

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00:20:19,909 --> 00:20:16,740

this briefly but what is one of the most

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00:20:21,830 --> 00:20:19,919

interesting things that you have found

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00:20:24,710 --> 00:20:21,840

from perseverance

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00:20:27,890 --> 00:20:24,720

we okay

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00:20:29,810 --> 00:20:27,900

so I think

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00:20:31,549 --> 00:20:29,820

okay so I I kind of answered this

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00:20:34,010 --> 00:20:31,559

earlier in terms of looking at like the

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00:20:36,549 --> 00:20:34,020

diversity but for me

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00:20:39,049 --> 00:20:36,559

um so first every time we get data down

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00:20:40,909 --> 00:20:39,059

I like to get to it as soon as possible

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00:20:42,289 --> 00:20:40,919

so one of my colleagues who's an

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00:20:43,789 --> 00:20:42,299

engineering in operations will say hey

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00:20:45,650 --> 00:20:43,799

the data set is ready and I'll

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00:20:47,810 --> 00:20:45,660

immediately download it as soon as I can

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00:20:50,750 --> 00:20:47,820

and the first thing I do is I usually

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00:20:53,270 --> 00:20:50,760

flip through all of the Spectra and

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00:20:54,890 --> 00:20:53,280

images that we have and I try to see

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00:20:56,630 --> 00:20:54,900

does this look like anything we've seen

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00:20:57,950 --> 00:20:56,640

before or does this look totally

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00:20:59,990 --> 00:20:57,960

different than what we've seen before

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00:21:01,909 --> 00:21:00,000

and when I'm going through all the

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00:21:04,490 --> 00:21:01,919

different Spectra as they come up I try

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00:21:06,350 --> 00:21:04,500

to categorize all the different groups

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00:21:07,850 --> 00:21:06,360

that I would see so I see a particular

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00:21:09,710 --> 00:21:07,860

peak in this place where I say a

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00:21:12,409 --> 00:21:09,720

doublet-shaped peak here what does that

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00:21:14,390 --> 00:21:12,419

mean and then I try to sort of build out

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00:21:16,370 --> 00:21:14,400

all the diversity and then match it to

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00:21:18,169 --> 00:21:16,380

each type of texture that we see and

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00:21:20,390 --> 00:21:18,179

then matching Spectra of Raman and

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00:21:22,250 --> 00:21:20,400

fluorescence each together so I think

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00:21:26,570 --> 00:21:22,260

what I personally have seen that's the

576  
00:21:28,430 --> 00:21:26,580  
most exciting is we're seeing clusters I

577  
00:21:31,070 --> 00:21:28,440  
would say of particular minerals with

578  
00:21:32,330 --> 00:21:31,080  
particular fluorescence signatures so

579  
00:21:33,890 --> 00:21:32,340  
that's one of the types of Spectra that

580  
00:21:35,630 --> 00:21:33,900  
we collect so with Ramen we're getting

581  
00:21:36,770 --> 00:21:35,640  
some mineral information and with

582  
00:21:39,950 --> 00:21:36,780  
fluorescence we're getting a different

583  
00:21:41,630 --> 00:21:39,960  
type of spectral information and what it

584  
00:21:43,010 --> 00:21:41,640  
looks like is it isn't everything is

585  
00:21:45,110 --> 00:21:43,020  
messed with everything there's

586  
00:21:46,610 --> 00:21:45,120  
particular trends that we're starting to

587  
00:21:48,710 --> 00:21:46,620  
pick out and we can only start to do

588  
00:21:50,450 --> 00:21:48,720

that now so this image that you're

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00:21:54,890 --> 00:21:50,460

seeing is in the crater floor and if you

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00:21:59,750 --> 00:21:57,289

this is this was taken as we were moving

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00:22:01,190 --> 00:21:59,760

into the Delta front area and so to me

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00:22:02,870 --> 00:22:01,200

what it's looking like from all these

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00:22:05,270 --> 00:22:02,880

Trends is that the crater floor and the

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00:22:07,070 --> 00:22:05,280

Delta front don't look the same

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00:22:08,810 --> 00:22:07,080

and we're seeing sort of hints of this

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00:22:11,149 --> 00:22:08,820

mineral fluorescence Association as

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00:22:12,950 --> 00:22:11,159

we're moving through the entire Traverse

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00:22:14,029 --> 00:22:12,960

of the Rover and I think now we're

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00:22:15,890 --> 00:22:14,039

finally at the point that we can look

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00:22:17,930 --> 00:22:15,900

like and say Sherlock has seen 21

601  
00:22:19,490 --> 00:22:17,940  
different targets so far what are the

602  
00:22:21,590 --> 00:22:19,500  
bigger picture stories that are showing

603  
00:22:22,789 --> 00:22:21,600  
up here why aren't we seeing the same

604  
00:22:25,549 --> 00:22:22,799  
thing everywhere

605  
00:22:29,029 --> 00:22:27,350  
well that's great so now we've got this

606  
00:22:31,970 --> 00:22:29,039  
bigger picture idea from perseverance

607  
00:22:34,250 --> 00:22:31,980  
but what's next for perseverance both in

608  
00:22:36,890 --> 00:22:34,260  
the immediate and the further out future

609  
00:22:40,909 --> 00:22:36,900  
for this Rover

610  
00:22:41,630 --> 00:22:40,919  
so I think we're on Soul 709 yes I think

611  
00:22:46,130 --> 00:22:41,640  
so

612  
00:22:47,510 --> 00:22:46,140  
up the Delta front campaign and now the

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00:22:49,850 --> 00:22:47,520

campaign science leads and the team

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00:22:51,409 --> 00:22:49,860

overall have planned an excellent Delta

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00:22:53,149 --> 00:22:51,419

top campaign that we're just starting so

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00:22:55,430 --> 00:22:53,159

I sort of hinted at this that there's

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00:22:57,049 --> 00:22:55,440

some minerals that maybe we haven't seen

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00:22:59,330 --> 00:22:57,059

in such high quantities that hopefully

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00:23:01,610 --> 00:22:59,340

we'll encounter during this Traverse so

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00:23:03,529 --> 00:23:01,620

I'll say the short term is I hope to see

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00:23:05,210 --> 00:23:03,539

something like hydrated silica and

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00:23:07,130 --> 00:23:05,220

that's a type of mineral that can on

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00:23:09,049 --> 00:23:07,140

Earth it can preserve signs of life and

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00:23:10,190 --> 00:23:09,059

organic matter really well so that's

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00:23:11,750 --> 00:23:10,200

short term something that I'm looking

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00:23:14,630 --> 00:23:11,760

forward to

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00:23:16,490 --> 00:23:14,640

um medium term as we move out like maybe

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00:23:17,810 --> 00:23:16,500

maybe a year from now everything goes

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00:23:20,090 --> 00:23:17,820

awesomely

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00:23:22,549 --> 00:23:20,100

um we're going to encounter minerals

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00:23:24,529 --> 00:23:22,559

that are called carbonates and these

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00:23:26,390 --> 00:23:24,539

were mapped from orbit like years and

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00:23:28,310 --> 00:23:26,400

years ago and I've been hearing about

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00:23:29,510 --> 00:23:28,320

them literally all through my PhD I've

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00:23:31,730 --> 00:23:29,520

been hearing about the marginal

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00:23:33,710 --> 00:23:31,740

carbonates and how they would have a lot

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00:23:35,630 --> 00:23:33,720

of promise for preserving biosinctures

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00:23:37,750 --> 00:23:35,640

or signs of life and these are in the

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00:23:39,890 --> 00:23:37,760

Western inner margin of the crater

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00:23:41,510 --> 00:23:39,900

carbonates are minerals that are found

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00:23:44,570 --> 00:23:41,520

in a lot of things on earth like in

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00:23:45,710 --> 00:23:44,580

limestone in shells in hard corals and

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00:23:47,149 --> 00:23:45,720

they're also found in a bunch of

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00:23:48,770 --> 00:23:47,159

different rocks that aren't related to

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00:23:49,850 --> 00:23:48,780

life either but they are great

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00:23:52,010 --> 00:23:49,860

preservers as I mentioned of

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00:23:53,810 --> 00:23:52,020

biosignatures so if we encounter that I

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00:23:55,850 --> 00:23:53,820

think we could find some really exciting

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00:23:57,649 --> 00:23:55,860

things there and then long term we're

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00:23:59,690 --> 00:23:57,659

excited about the potential marsample

651  
00:24:00,830 --> 00:23:59,700  
return campaign so as I mentioned we

652  
00:24:02,270 --> 00:24:00,840  
collected

653  
00:24:04,250 --> 00:24:02,280  
um a bunch of different samples so far

654  
00:24:06,649 --> 00:24:04,260  
so we got nine that were in the crater

655  
00:24:08,930 --> 00:24:06,659  
floor of rocks and then nine Rock

656  
00:24:10,370 --> 00:24:08,940  
samples that were from the Delta and if

657  
00:24:12,649 --> 00:24:10,380  
we can get those samples back to Earth

658  
00:24:14,390 --> 00:24:12,659  
we're going to get a whole new set of

659  
00:24:17,029 --> 00:24:14,400  
laboratory data to augment what we

660  
00:24:19,370 --> 00:24:17,039  
learned from the Rover itself on Mars so

661  
00:24:21,169 --> 00:24:19,380  
I'm really excited about the potential

662  
00:24:22,430 --> 00:24:21,179  
of Mars sample return and how much more

663  
00:24:24,649 --> 00:24:22,440

information we're going to get because

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00:24:26,990 --> 00:24:24,659

there's so many tools that I think all

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00:24:28,909 --> 00:24:27,000

of us wish we had but it's not feasible

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00:24:30,770 --> 00:24:28,919

to miniaturize them and make them super

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00:24:32,029 --> 00:24:30,780

robust and send them on a Rover so when

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00:24:33,770 --> 00:24:32,039

you get these samples back to Earth

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00:24:36,049 --> 00:24:33,780

we'll be able to do all of those like

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00:24:38,090 --> 00:24:36,059

high resolution analyzes with you know

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00:24:39,230 --> 00:24:38,100

equipment that's the size of a room and

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00:24:41,210 --> 00:24:39,240

we'll be able to get all of this

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00:24:43,730 --> 00:24:41,220

information down to probably even the

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00:24:45,770 --> 00:24:43,740

nanometer scale so hopefully if we get

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00:24:47,330 --> 00:24:45,780

them back and if I'm able to do

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00:24:49,010 --> 00:24:47,340

everything I need to do to keep working

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00:24:52,250 --> 00:24:49,020

this field then I hope to be lucky

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00:24:56,750 --> 00:24:53,990

I think it's just incredible to think

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00:25:00,049 --> 00:24:56,760

about how much this Rover and Sherlock

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00:25:02,090 --> 00:25:00,059

have done in two years I mean we are

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00:25:03,289 --> 00:25:02,100

incredibly excited about the future of

682

00:25:05,450 --> 00:25:03,299

this Mission and what it's already been

683

00:25:07,010 --> 00:25:05,460

able to accomplish so I actually want to

684

00:25:08,750 --> 00:25:07,020

turn it back over to Sarah because I

685

00:25:11,750 --> 00:25:08,760

know the audience has asked you a ton of

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00:25:13,070 --> 00:25:11,760

questions online so Sarah what else are

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00:25:15,710 --> 00:25:13,080

they asking out there

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00:25:19,070 --> 00:25:15,720

all right let's uh look at the question

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00:25:21,409 --> 00:25:19,080

box here so uh Rosetta on YouTube asks

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00:25:23,450 --> 00:25:21,419

what is the most surprising thing we've

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00:25:25,549 --> 00:25:23,460

learned so far from perseverance's

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00:25:28,010 --> 00:25:25,559

explorations

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00:25:29,690 --> 00:25:28,020

oh that's probably also going to be a

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00:25:31,789 --> 00:25:29,700

question that varies based on who you

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00:25:32,630 --> 00:25:31,799

answer for me

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00:25:34,970 --> 00:25:32,640

um

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00:25:37,549 --> 00:25:34,980

so I think

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00:25:39,110 --> 00:25:37,559

let me see what's most surprising I feel

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00:25:41,570 --> 00:25:39,120

like there's a lot of surprising things

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00:25:42,890 --> 00:25:41,580

so okay there's one particular signal

701  
00:25:45,590 --> 00:25:42,900  
that we've been having a lot of

702  
00:25:47,210 --> 00:25:45,600  
conversation about within the team and

703  
00:25:49,370 --> 00:25:47,220  
it could be a couple of different things

704  
00:25:53,090 --> 00:25:49,380  
and we're literally pushing the

705  
00:25:54,890 --> 00:25:53,100  
boundaries of what we know so far with

706  
00:25:56,750 --> 00:25:54,900  
fluorescent spectroscopy and with Raman

707  
00:25:58,850 --> 00:25:56,760  
spectroscopy to figure out what this

708  
00:26:00,710 --> 00:25:58,860  
signal could be so it's a signal that we

709  
00:26:02,750 --> 00:26:00,720  
saw sort of hints of in the crater

710  
00:26:04,549 --> 00:26:02,760  
floored a couple of points in one rock

711  
00:26:05,870 --> 00:26:04,559  
that was there and then as you move to

712  
00:26:08,149 --> 00:26:05,880  
the Delta front we started seeing it

713  
00:26:09,710 --> 00:26:08,159

more and more and we're still seeing it

714

00:26:11,510 --> 00:26:09,720

now as we're like making the transition

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00:26:12,890 --> 00:26:11,520

into the Delta front and I'm curious if

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00:26:15,110 --> 00:26:12,900

we'll still see it in the Delta front

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00:26:16,730 --> 00:26:15,120

but yeah that particular signal

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00:26:19,190 --> 00:26:16,740

literally keeps me up at night it's like

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00:26:20,930 --> 00:26:19,200

a doublet at 303 and 325 and I'm trying

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00:26:22,850 --> 00:26:20,940

to think more and more about it so I

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00:26:24,350 --> 00:26:22,860

think that's a really surprising one

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00:26:27,230 --> 00:26:24,360

that I don't know exactly what that is

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00:26:28,789 --> 00:26:27,240

and I'm hoping that we're able to get

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00:26:30,470 --> 00:26:28,799

these samples back so we can actually do

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00:26:32,269 --> 00:26:30,480

the full characterization so I'd say

726  
00:26:34,190 --> 00:26:32,279  
that one was surprising and exciting for

727  
00:26:36,169 --> 00:26:34,200  
me

728  
00:26:37,909 --> 00:26:36,179  
all right I'd say I've kind of a related

729  
00:26:40,730 --> 00:26:37,919  
question to that then

730  
00:26:42,890 --> 00:26:40,740  
um Travis on LinkedIn is wondering are

731  
00:26:45,049 --> 00:26:42,900  
you finding minerals and signatures not

732  
00:26:49,130 --> 00:26:45,059  
currently mapped to Earth's known

733  
00:26:50,930 --> 00:26:49,140  
minerals and if so what's next

734  
00:26:52,549 --> 00:26:50,940  
hmm

735  
00:26:54,470 --> 00:26:52,559  
that's a good question

736  
00:26:57,169 --> 00:26:54,480  
I think a geologist could give you a

737  
00:26:58,789 --> 00:26:57,179  
more specific answer from what I

738  
00:27:00,710 --> 00:26:58,799

understand so far and all the matching

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00:27:04,010 --> 00:27:00,720

that I've done with minerals they're

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00:27:06,350 --> 00:27:04,020

mapped to our reference library so we

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00:27:08,269 --> 00:27:06,360

can say like okay this is we classify

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00:27:10,310 --> 00:27:08,279

this minerals as sulfate or carbonate or

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00:27:12,649 --> 00:27:10,320

a silicate or something like that that

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00:27:14,870 --> 00:27:12,659

being said not all of them match exactly

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00:27:16,730 --> 00:27:14,880

perfectly and this is where it starts to

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00:27:18,049 --> 00:27:16,740

get into a sort of an interesting Gray

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00:27:20,390 --> 00:27:18,059

Zone which is

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00:27:21,830 --> 00:27:20,400

the um the instruments on the Rover have

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00:27:23,690 --> 00:27:21,840

their own limitations right so we might

750

00:27:25,430 --> 00:27:23,700

not be seeing everything in exactly the

751  
00:27:27,350 --> 00:27:25,440  
perfect spectral resolution that we need

752  
00:27:29,510 --> 00:27:27,360  
in order to identify a specific mineral

753  
00:27:31,490 --> 00:27:29,520  
so there's a little bit of like a like a

754  
00:27:33,409 --> 00:27:31,500  
gray Zone there so not everything will

755  
00:27:35,510 --> 00:27:33,419  
fit exactly perfectly and that's part of

756  
00:27:38,810 --> 00:27:35,520  
why we need the samples back but I would

757  
00:27:40,730 --> 00:27:38,820  
say largely we're seeing what we were

758  
00:27:42,289 --> 00:27:40,740  
um what we expect to see based on the

759  
00:27:44,390 --> 00:27:42,299  
reference libraries that we have so

760  
00:27:46,430 --> 00:27:44,400  
we're able to do matches in most of the

761  
00:27:48,710 --> 00:27:46,440  
cases

762  
00:27:50,990 --> 00:27:48,720  
now we've had a couple questions sort of

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00:27:53,269 --> 00:27:51,000

in a row that are somewhat related to

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00:27:54,590 --> 00:27:53,279

this and uh this is funny I don't I

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00:27:57,710 --> 00:27:54,600

think I have heard this question before

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00:27:59,750 --> 00:27:57,720

but um Billy on Facebook and Arnie on

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00:28:01,490 --> 00:27:59,760

YouTube asks a similar question which is

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00:28:05,049 --> 00:28:01,500

about precious metals have we found

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00:28:06,890 --> 00:28:05,059

anything like gold and silver on Mars

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00:28:07,549 --> 00:28:06,900

interesting

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00:28:09,409 --> 00:28:07,559

um

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00:28:11,390 --> 00:28:09,419

not that I've heard of you can check

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00:28:12,710 --> 00:28:11,400

with all geologists on the team but the

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00:28:14,630 --> 00:28:12,720

things that I'm hearing and I guess

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00:28:17,029 --> 00:28:14,640

maybe it's because of my lens as an

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00:28:19,490 --> 00:28:17,039

astrobiologist the astrobiologist gold

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00:28:21,830 --> 00:28:19,500

is minerals that preserve Organics

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00:28:24,950 --> 00:28:21,840

really really well so for me I'm like

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00:28:26,690 --> 00:28:24,960

well my goal is a sulfate or my gold is

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00:28:28,850 --> 00:28:26,700

a hydrated silica and that's why I'm so

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00:28:30,470 --> 00:28:28,860

excited for the Delta top but yeah I

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00:28:32,450 --> 00:28:30,480

would say like I don't really know the

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00:28:34,430 --> 00:28:32,460

exact amounts that we would be expecting

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00:28:36,169 --> 00:28:34,440

to see on Mars but everything that I've

785

00:28:37,730 --> 00:28:36,179

heard so far is these types of rocks

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00:28:39,409 --> 00:28:37,740

that we know or these types of minerals

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00:28:41,570 --> 00:28:39,419

that we know are in igneous rocks from

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00:28:45,890 --> 00:28:41,580

our studies on like Martian meteorites

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00:28:51,470 --> 00:28:48,830

all right let's hear from Violet on

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00:28:54,649 --> 00:28:51,480

Instagram who's asking does perseverance

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itself have tools to analyze samples or

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00:29:00,289 --> 00:28:57,620

can they only be analyzed on Earth

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00:29:02,510 --> 00:29:00,299

good question so those seven scientific

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00:29:04,549 --> 00:29:02,520

instruments that I mentioned we can we

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00:29:07,789 --> 00:29:04,559

do analyze the Rocks as we're finding

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00:29:09,590 --> 00:29:07,799

them with those and so um what we do is

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00:29:11,870 --> 00:29:09,600

when I mention those abrasion patches

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00:29:13,789 --> 00:29:11,880

that's sort of like a proxy for the

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00:29:16,250 --> 00:29:13,799

actual sample the rock sample that we

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00:29:17,930 --> 00:29:16,260

pick up so what we do is we use those

801  
00:29:19,549 --> 00:29:17,940  
instruments to observe right next to

802  
00:29:21,049 --> 00:29:19,559  
where the sample is picked up so we have

803  
00:29:22,490 --> 00:29:21,059  
a good understanding of what hopefully

804  
00:29:24,110 --> 00:29:22,500  
we're actually picking up but those

805  
00:29:25,909 --> 00:29:24,120  
actual samples that are put in the tubes

806  
00:29:27,830 --> 00:29:25,919  
themselves those will be fully analyzed

807  
00:29:29,930 --> 00:29:27,840  
when we bring them back so I would say

808  
00:29:31,789 --> 00:29:29,940  
the instruments on the Rover do a lot of

809  
00:29:34,010 --> 00:29:31,799  
analysis and they collect a lot of data

810  
00:29:35,389 --> 00:29:34,020  
and that is directly applicable to the

811  
00:29:38,510 --> 00:29:35,399  
samples that we're bringing hopefully

812  
00:29:41,930 --> 00:29:40,070  
I have another one

813  
00:29:44,570 --> 00:29:41,940

um this is a cool one like from an

814

00:29:46,909 --> 00:29:44,580

astrobiology perspective so Sherry on

815

00:29:49,789 --> 00:29:46,919

YouTube is wondering how do you make

816

00:29:51,950 --> 00:29:49,799

sure that you're not concentrating on

817

00:29:53,630 --> 00:29:51,960

finding evidence of life that it would

818

00:29:56,330 --> 00:29:53,640

look like as we know it here on Earth

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00:29:58,789 --> 00:29:56,340

and that science might miss

820

00:30:00,889 --> 00:29:58,799

Life on Mars

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00:30:03,230 --> 00:30:00,899

thanks for this question I love thinking

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00:30:06,710 --> 00:30:03,240

about it actually disaster biology

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00:30:07,310 --> 00:30:06,720

connection that's such a good one yes so

824

00:30:09,590 --> 00:30:07,320

um

825

00:30:12,110 --> 00:30:09,600

I would say so

826  
00:30:13,610 --> 00:30:12,120  
we have working hypotheses for what the

827  
00:30:15,289 --> 00:30:13,620  
definition of

828  
00:30:18,350 --> 00:30:15,299  
um or a working definition I should say

829  
00:30:20,570 --> 00:30:18,360  
of what life is and we're guided largely

830  
00:30:22,610 --> 00:30:20,580  
by what we know about life on Earth

831  
00:30:25,250 --> 00:30:22,620  
because that's the only example that we

832  
00:30:27,350 --> 00:30:25,260  
have of a planet that hosts life so

833  
00:30:30,350 --> 00:30:27,360  
we're definitely limited by that and I

834  
00:30:33,289 --> 00:30:30,360  
think that's where um having sort of the

835  
00:30:36,230 --> 00:30:33,299  
agnostic approach and being able to

836  
00:30:38,450 --> 00:30:36,240  
Clearly say like we're designed to

837  
00:30:40,370 --> 00:30:38,460  
detect Life as We Know It And there

838  
00:30:42,230 --> 00:30:40,380

could be other signs that we are missing

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00:30:45,529 --> 00:30:42,240

that's always a possibility and I think

840

00:30:47,630 --> 00:30:45,539

anyone who's an astrobiology gets

841

00:30:49,010 --> 00:30:47,640

um they're both aware of that as like a

842

00:30:51,110 --> 00:30:49,020

limitation of our knowledge but also

843

00:30:53,149 --> 00:30:51,120

incredibly excited because that has

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00:30:54,830 --> 00:30:53,159

started this whole other part of the

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00:30:57,289 --> 00:30:54,840

field in astrobiology of looking for

846

00:30:59,269 --> 00:30:57,299

agnostic biosignatures so say we're not

847

00:31:01,549 --> 00:30:59,279

looking for exactly the types of

848

00:31:02,930 --> 00:31:01,559

elements like all the things that I just

849

00:31:05,210 --> 00:31:02,940

mentioned about Organics what if we're

850

00:31:07,730 --> 00:31:05,220

not looking for that what else could

851  
00:31:09,830 --> 00:31:07,740  
life present as and what is a reasonable

852  
00:31:11,210 --> 00:31:09,840  
thing to search for so this is a newer

853  
00:31:17,029 --> 00:31:11,220  
part of astrobiology that's still

854  
00:31:21,649 --> 00:31:19,669  
all right all right all right let's see

855  
00:31:24,529 --> 00:31:21,659  
this is kind of a personal one

856  
00:31:27,289 --> 00:31:24,539  
for you sonanda what Richie on Instagram

857  
00:31:32,149 --> 00:31:27,299  
is asking um what part of this Mission

858  
00:31:38,630 --> 00:31:34,130  
okay

859  
00:31:40,669 --> 00:31:38,640  
that was yeah of course your polar bear

860  
00:31:42,110 --> 00:31:40,679  
was excellent it is my phone background

861  
00:31:43,310 --> 00:31:42,120  
and like part of the other reason that

862  
00:31:45,590 --> 00:31:43,320  
one's so exciting just for a second

863  
00:31:47,210 --> 00:31:45,600

because you asked is at one of those

864

00:31:49,130 --> 00:31:47,220

particular points like one of the spots

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00:31:51,110 --> 00:31:49,140

that we analyzed with Sherlock we saw

866

00:31:52,669 --> 00:31:51,120

signs of multiple different minerals all

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00:31:54,350 --> 00:31:52,679

together and a lot of times we just see

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00:31:57,529 --> 00:31:54,360

like a single mineral visible through

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00:31:59,810 --> 00:31:57,539

Ramen so that was really exciting

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00:32:02,330 --> 00:31:59,820

um and then I would say like that's good

871

00:32:05,990 --> 00:32:02,340

and then another thing would be

872

00:32:10,370 --> 00:32:08,690

I would say the first time that I

873

00:32:12,409 --> 00:32:10,380

actually got to analyze the data myself

874

00:32:15,289 --> 00:32:12,419

because I came in when the mission had

875

00:32:17,210 --> 00:32:15,299

already started so I came in right

876

00:32:18,590 --> 00:32:17,220

around Guillaume so the first time I

877

00:32:20,149 --> 00:32:18,600

looked at that data it was sort of like

878

00:32:22,010 --> 00:32:20,159

I'm still learning what's going on I

879

00:32:23,750 --> 00:32:22,020

have no clear idea of

880

00:32:26,149 --> 00:32:23,760

what all this means and I'm still doing

881

00:32:27,649 --> 00:32:26,159

background reading and and all that sort

882

00:32:29,630 --> 00:32:27,659

of stuff but then the next Target

883

00:32:31,130 --> 00:32:29,640

bellguard that was the first time that I

884

00:32:33,230 --> 00:32:31,140

was like okay this data is coming down

885

00:32:34,970 --> 00:32:33,240

and I'm gonna look at it myself and I

886

00:32:36,710 --> 00:32:34,980

literally printed out every single

887

00:32:38,210 --> 00:32:36,720

picture that we got which was a lot

888

00:32:39,710 --> 00:32:38,220

because we take a lot of pictures with

889

00:32:41,630 --> 00:32:39,720

Sherlock and with all the other cameras

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00:32:43,370 --> 00:32:41,640

I think we have over 20 cameras on the

891

00:32:45,889 --> 00:32:43,380

Rover I printed out every single picture

892

00:32:47,990 --> 00:32:45,899

of the rock the outcrop that particular

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00:32:49,490 --> 00:32:48,000

patch and I put them all up in my office

894

00:32:51,889 --> 00:32:49,500

and then I looked through every single

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00:32:54,470 --> 00:32:51,899

point and for me that was like a

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00:32:56,029 --> 00:32:54,480

personal exploration and also just so

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00:32:57,950 --> 00:32:56,039

incredibly exciting that I had all of

898

00:33:02,350 --> 00:32:57,960

this information of Mars just staring at

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00:33:05,090 --> 00:33:02,360

me in my office so that I would say

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00:33:07,730 --> 00:33:05,100

okay this is

901  
00:33:10,610 --> 00:33:07,740  
one that's tugging in my heartstrings so

902  
00:33:12,289 --> 00:33:10,620  
Mindy on YouTube is wondering um her

903  
00:33:14,409 --> 00:33:12,299  
three-year-old wants to know if

904  
00:33:17,090 --> 00:33:14,419  
perseverance will go visit opportunity

905  
00:33:18,529 --> 00:33:17,100  
his new favorite thing is watching Rover

906  
00:33:23,570 --> 00:33:18,539  
documentaries

907  
00:33:26,389 --> 00:33:23,580  
oh that's great oh so

908  
00:33:28,190 --> 00:33:26,399  
maybe in spirit but in practicality I

909  
00:33:29,870 --> 00:33:28,200  
don't I don't think so

910  
00:33:32,269 --> 00:33:29,880  
um and I think part of it is that like

911  
00:33:33,769 --> 00:33:32,279  
we're exploring a different place but

912  
00:33:35,570 --> 00:33:33,779  
maybe one thing that would give you

913  
00:33:38,149 --> 00:33:35,580

comfort is that all of the information

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00:33:40,549 --> 00:33:38,159

from all the previous Rovers and this

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00:33:42,830 --> 00:33:40,559

one this is all coming into one big

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00:33:44,450 --> 00:33:42,840

picture of our understanding of Mars so

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00:33:46,730 --> 00:33:44,460

all of that information will get put

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00:33:48,889 --> 00:33:46,740

together and we're building on the

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00:33:51,769 --> 00:33:48,899

legacy of all of those previous sorts of

920

00:33:53,570 --> 00:33:51,779

Explorations so we have our plan and

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00:33:55,789 --> 00:33:53,580

we're going to go through exactly where

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00:33:57,110 --> 00:33:55,799

we've planned in our Traverse but

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00:33:58,970 --> 00:33:57,120

keeping all of that previous work in

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00:34:01,909 --> 00:33:58,980

mind

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00:34:04,610 --> 00:34:01,919

yep so opportunity might be gone but

926  
00:34:06,769 --> 00:34:04,620  
certainly not forgotten and as you

927  
00:34:08,570 --> 00:34:06,779  
mentioned that perseverance is standing

928  
00:34:09,829 --> 00:34:08,580  
on the shoulders of The Rovers that came

929  
00:34:11,149 --> 00:34:09,839  
before it

930  
00:34:13,369 --> 00:34:11,159  
yeah

931  
00:34:15,349 --> 00:34:13,379  
so Sarah I think we've got time for one

932  
00:34:17,869 --> 00:34:15,359  
last question from the audience

933  
00:34:20,270 --> 00:34:17,879  
sounds great okay I have one to bring it

934  
00:34:22,790 --> 00:34:20,280  
home and this is from reishi on

935  
00:34:24,649 --> 00:34:22,800  
Instagram saying what advice do you have

936  
00:34:27,050 --> 00:34:24,659  
sananda for someone interested in the

937  
00:34:30,770 --> 00:34:27,060  
stem field

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00:34:36,770 --> 00:34:34,190

I would say that

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00:34:39,109 --> 00:34:36,780

I think there's a lot of

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00:34:40,790 --> 00:34:39,119

um emphasis put on like specific paths

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00:34:43,070 --> 00:34:40,800

to get into stem and make particular

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00:34:44,570 --> 00:34:43,080

progress to like become a scientist in

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00:34:46,609 --> 00:34:44,580

this way or an engineer in this way or

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00:34:49,970 --> 00:34:46,619

things like that and my advice would be

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00:34:53,750 --> 00:34:49,980

to find your own path because for me

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00:34:55,430 --> 00:34:53,760

that took a lot of time I did great in

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00:34:57,349 --> 00:34:55,440

high school and then in college I just

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00:34:59,270 --> 00:34:57,359

had a really really hard time and I took

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00:35:00,589 --> 00:34:59,280

all the science and math classes and all

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00:35:03,050 --> 00:35:00,599

that kind of stuff and it just wasn't

951  
00:35:04,970 --> 00:35:03,060  
clicking for me and I had really bad

952  
00:35:06,890 --> 00:35:04,980  
grades until I started to figure out

953  
00:35:09,050 --> 00:35:06,900  
like what do I need to do to learn and

954  
00:35:10,910 --> 00:35:09,060  
for me it was research I needed to be in

955  
00:35:13,430 --> 00:35:10,920  
a lab and finding out new things and

956  
00:35:15,170 --> 00:35:13,440  
thinking creatively and so that's how I

957  
00:35:16,970 --> 00:35:15,180  
was able to reconcile the art that I did

958  
00:35:19,010 --> 00:35:16,980  
and the music that I played and the

959  
00:35:20,569 --> 00:35:19,020  
design that I wanted to do with the

960  
00:35:23,150 --> 00:35:20,579  
science that I wanted to do is doing

961  
00:35:25,490 --> 00:35:23,160  
creative research so for me that was a

962  
00:35:27,770 --> 00:35:25,500  
path towards stem and I would always say

963  
00:35:30,109 --> 00:35:27,780

like stem plus art is is incredible

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00:35:32,270 --> 00:35:30,119

that's what I always love to do so don't

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00:35:34,069 --> 00:35:32,280

be restrictive about how you want to

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00:35:35,810 --> 00:35:34,079

approach them make it work for you

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00:35:39,230 --> 00:35:35,820

because you deserve to be in the field

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if you want to be there that's it

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and if I could add you know you've

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00:35:44,690 --> 00:35:43,440

worked on perseverance you've been able

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to do all these incredible things with

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Sherlock because you've had the

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perseverance to do them and so that's

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00:35:52,190 --> 00:35:50,760

some great advice to really persevere to

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our audience

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00:35:55,849 --> 00:35:53,760

um unfortunately folks that is all the

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00:35:57,650 --> 00:35:55,859

time we have for this evening I want to

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00:36:00,290 --> 00:35:57,660

take a moment to thank our speaker Dr

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00:36:03,349 --> 00:36:00,300

sananda Sharma for joining us to discuss

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two years of perseverance I also want to

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00:36:07,190 --> 00:36:05,160

thank our wonderful questions co-host

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Sarah Marcotte and everyone working

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behind the scenes to make this possible

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00:36:12,829 --> 00:36:11,040

make sure you check out the link Sarah

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00:36:15,290 --> 00:36:12,839

mentioned earlier to get more

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information about the two years of

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perseverance that link again is Mars dot

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nasa.gov forward slash Mars 2020. to all

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of you watching thank you for taking the

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time to join us every month if you

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00:36:31,370 --> 00:36:29,640

missed one or would like to revisit any

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of our Von Carmen talks from the past

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00:36:36,410 --> 00:36:33,839

five years they are all available on

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jpl's YouTube page and please be sure to

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00:36:42,710 --> 00:36:38,640

join us next month for exploring ocean

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worlds with eels exobiology extent life

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surveyor that's all for tonight folks

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thanks and bye everyone have a great

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