

ISS: BENEFITS FOR HUMANITY

**A SNAPSHOT
OF EARTH**



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00:00:09,830 --> 00:00:08,470
what happens if you wake up in the

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00:00:12,310 --> 00:00:09,840
morning and you understand the state of

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00:00:14,390 --> 00:00:12,320
the world as it is right now what could

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00:00:16,790 --> 00:00:14,400
that data enable how can people make

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00:00:18,950 --> 00:00:16,800
smarter decisions how could for example

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00:00:21,670 --> 00:00:18,960
a farmer get better yield on his or her

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00:00:24,390 --> 00:00:21,680
crops how could somebody help disaster

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00:00:25,349 --> 00:00:24,400
response how can we use satellites to

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00:00:27,429 --> 00:00:25,359
help

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00:00:29,669 --> 00:00:27,439
humanity that in many ways was the

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00:00:31,830 --> 00:00:29,679
underlying thesis of doing planet labs

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00:00:33,590 --> 00:00:31,840
was to get data into the hands of people

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00:00:36,549 --> 00:00:33,600

that could enable us to make smarter

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

responses to that planet labs set out

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00:00:41,110 --> 00:00:38,480

with the mission to photograph the

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00:00:42,630 --> 00:00:41,120

entire earth every day

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00:00:44,790 --> 00:00:42,640

and they thought how are we going to do

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00:00:46,069 --> 00:00:44,800

this i said let's build our own

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00:00:50,709 --> 00:00:46,079

satellite

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00:00:52,310 --> 00:00:50,719

very large they are very expensive we

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00:00:54,069 --> 00:00:52,320

took a different approach by making them

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00:00:55,670 --> 00:00:54,079

really small we can launch lots of them

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00:00:57,590 --> 00:00:55,680

and by launching lots of them we can

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00:00:59,430 --> 00:00:57,600

cover this to get to this mission of

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00:01:01,270 --> 00:00:59,440

imaging the whole earth every day if we

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00:01:02,709 --> 00:01:01,280
can do that then we can literally change

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00:01:05,429 --> 00:01:02,719
the way that we see the world and they

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00:01:07,670 --> 00:01:05,439
called it the dove it's about size of a

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00:01:10,550 --> 00:01:07,680
loaf of bread our doves

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00:01:12,789 --> 00:01:10,560
are basically mainly a big camera with a

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00:01:14,390 --> 00:01:12,799
telescope looking down

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00:01:16,230 --> 00:01:14,400
to take pictures of the earth we

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00:01:18,469 --> 00:01:16,240
initially developed the first dove

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00:01:20,230 --> 00:01:18,479
satellite in our garage so we kept on

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00:01:22,390 --> 00:01:20,240
iterating the dove design we made it

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00:01:25,350 --> 00:01:22,400
better and better and eventually we put

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00:01:27,429 --> 00:01:25,360
our first one into space

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00:01:29,030 --> 00:01:27,439

we had no idea what the quality would be

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00:01:30,630 --> 00:01:29,040

like i mean we didn't know if it was

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00:01:32,469 --> 00:01:30,640

going to work but we got an image down

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00:01:34,950 --> 00:01:32,479

and it was so beautiful

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00:01:37,190 --> 00:01:34,960

and that we we knew at that point we

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00:01:39,030 --> 00:01:37,200

could make this technology work

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00:01:40,310 --> 00:01:39,040

wow we can really do this and we can

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00:01:41,670 --> 00:01:40,320

achieve this mission which is something

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00:01:43,270 --> 00:01:41,680

that is really needed for us to

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00:01:45,030 --> 00:01:43,280

understand global change

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00:01:47,109 --> 00:01:45,040

so we had done a couple of demonstration

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00:01:49,670 --> 00:01:47,119

satellites but the next steps we wanted

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00:01:52,069 --> 00:01:49,680

to do was to scale it up to test

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00:01:54,149 --> 00:01:52,079
the first fleets of satellites but what

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00:01:55,830 --> 00:01:54,159
made that possible was actually access

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00:01:57,109 --> 00:01:55,840
to space so here's the problem that in

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00:01:59,109 --> 00:01:57,119
order to take pictures of the entire

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00:02:00,310 --> 00:01:59,119
earth every day you're gonna need more

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00:02:02,149 --> 00:02:00,320
than one or two satellites you're gonna

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00:02:03,429 --> 00:02:02,159
need a whole lot of satellites and you

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00:02:05,990 --> 00:02:03,439
need to be able to deploy them really

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00:02:07,749 --> 00:02:06,000
fast and really there's only one obvious

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00:02:11,750 --> 00:02:07,759
choice on how to deploy that and that's

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00:02:16,309 --> 00:02:14,150
there was no other platform in the world

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00:02:18,309 --> 00:02:16,319
in order to get access to space of of

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00:02:20,229 --> 00:02:18,319

that fashion in that time period than

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00:02:22,470 --> 00:02:20,239

the international space station nanomax

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00:02:24,309 --> 00:02:22,480

is our key partner with nasa at

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00:02:27,030 --> 00:02:24,319

nanoracks we understood plant lab's

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00:02:28,630 --> 00:02:27,040

vision and we knew that we could help

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00:02:30,150 --> 00:02:28,640

we worked together to figure out what

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00:02:32,470 --> 00:02:30,160

was going to be the best way to get as

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00:02:34,710 --> 00:02:32,480

many satellites as possible and we

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00:02:37,190 --> 00:02:34,720

basically developed a new platform it

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00:02:39,270 --> 00:02:37,200

goes out of the gym airlock

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00:02:41,830 --> 00:02:39,280

it's picked up by a robotic arm pointed

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00:02:43,270 --> 00:02:41,840

out in the space and it fires these

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00:02:49,750 --> 00:02:43,280

little satellites off of the space

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00:02:53,430 --> 00:02:51,589

they were able to secure 28 of our

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00:02:54,949 --> 00:02:53,440

satellites to be launched from the

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00:02:56,309 --> 00:02:54,959

international space station and that was

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00:02:57,990 --> 00:02:56,319

known as flop one our first

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00:02:58,949 --> 00:02:58,000

constellation this opened up the whole

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00:03:01,190 --> 00:02:58,959

world

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00:03:03,670 --> 00:03:01,200

to uh satellite developers people that

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00:03:06,390 --> 00:03:03,680

could put things into orbit fast

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00:03:08,309 --> 00:03:06,400

we now deploy these on a regular basis

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00:03:10,790 --> 00:03:08,319

from the international space station and

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00:03:12,630 --> 00:03:10,800

now today we're able to operate the

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00:03:14,550 --> 00:03:12,640

largest fleet of earth imaging

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00:03:15,670 --> 00:03:14,560

satellites in human history and none of

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00:03:18,070 --> 00:03:15,680

that would have been possible without

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00:03:22,390 --> 00:03:18,080

the international space station

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00:03:25,830 --> 00:03:22,400

enable young small companies like

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00:03:27,830 --> 00:03:25,840

ourselves to get going in space the iss

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00:03:29,750 --> 00:03:27,840

provides a lot of opportunities for

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00:03:32,149 --> 00:03:29,760

commercial companies to test and find

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00:03:34,070 --> 00:03:32,159

where the market in space is going to be

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00:03:36,309 --> 00:03:34,080

and so what we're seeing today is a

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00:03:38,309 --> 00:03:36,319

proliferation of new ideas and new

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00:03:40,470 --> 00:03:38,319

concepts it's almost like it's a

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00:03:42,710 --> 00:03:40,480

renaissance of what's happening in space

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00:03:44,710 --> 00:03:42,720

buckle up and strap down because this is

