



1  
00:00:42,470 --> 00:00:40,229  
kathy thornton continues to ignite fuels

2  
00:00:46,950 --> 00:00:42,480  
that are

3  
00:00:46,960 --> 00:00:52,869  
got the latch to rope shape

4  
00:00:56,950 --> 00:00:54,790  
that's affirmative valve this is a real

5  
00:00:58,869 --> 00:00:56,960  
nice drop and we'd like to continue on

6  
00:01:03,990 --> 00:00:58,879  
at step

7  
00:01:04,000 --> 00:01:09,910  
copy that

8  
00:01:14,870 --> 00:01:12,550  
once again we are able to see

9  
00:01:16,710 --> 00:01:14,880  
experiment video from three of the

10  
00:01:45,270 --> 00:01:16,720  
experiments that are being processed

11  
00:01:51,510 --> 00:01:46,789  
stand by rommel and kathy can you

12  
00:01:54,630 --> 00:01:53,350  
it just extinguished and there's a

13  
00:01:55,910 --> 00:01:54,640

little bit of clouding in the chamber

14

00:02:03,190 --> 00:01:55,920

this time that was really strange

15

00:02:08,309 --> 00:02:05,429

in space lab huntsville for kathy we are

16

00:02:10,070 --> 00:02:08,319

going to run with the fsdc fan on for

17

00:02:11,430 --> 00:02:10,080

this next three millimeter run and when

18

00:02:15,750 --> 00:02:11,440

you're ready to copy the setting i've

19

00:02:30,949 --> 00:02:17,589

kathy thornton has just released another

20

00:02:35,509 --> 00:02:33,509

the fuel has just been ignited

21

00:02:37,350 --> 00:02:35,519

you can see the combustion products or

22

00:03:00,949 --> 00:02:37,360

soot that are being released by the

23

00:03:04,790 --> 00:03:03,110

hello worcester mass

24

00:03:07,190 --> 00:03:04,800

my name is al sacco and i'm from

25

00:03:09,430 --> 00:03:07,200

worcester mass i'm a ps on this flight

26  
00:03:11,110 --> 00:03:09,440  
united states microgravity lab number

27  
00:03:12,630 --> 00:03:11,120  
two we're doing a lot of science

28  
00:03:14,869 --> 00:03:12,640  
experiments on a whole variety of

29  
00:03:16,710 --> 00:03:14,879  
different fields biotechnology material

30  
00:03:19,190 --> 00:03:16,720  
science crystal growth fluid dynamics

31  
00:03:20,470 --> 00:03:19,200  
fluid physics and combustion

32  
00:03:22,390 --> 00:03:20,480  
and we're going to talk a little bit

33  
00:03:24,149 --> 00:03:22,400  
about all of these things with you guys

34  
00:03:25,990 --> 00:03:24,159  
today before we do

35  
00:03:28,149 --> 00:03:26,000  
let me introduce or let them introduce

36  
00:03:32,869 --> 00:03:28,159  
themselves the redshift first we'll go

37  
00:03:36,789 --> 00:03:35,030  
hi i'm ken bowsox i'm from bedford

38  
00:03:41,830 --> 00:03:36,799

indiana and i'm the mission commander on

39

00:03:47,110 --> 00:03:43,509

i'm kathy thornton and i'm the payload

40

00:03:48,630 --> 00:03:47,120

commander on this flight

41

00:03:50,070 --> 00:03:48,640

and i'm kent romer you're from delaware

42

00:03:55,910 --> 00:03:50,080

colorado and i'm the pilot on this

43

00:03:55,920 --> 00:04:03,589

and that's the redshift

44

00:04:07,589 --> 00:04:05,670

can we have the first question please

45

00:04:09,429 --> 00:04:07,599

okay for questions regarding fluid

46

00:04:11,030 --> 00:04:09,439

experiments worcester south high please

47

00:04:12,630 --> 00:04:11,040

go ahead

48

00:04:14,710 --> 00:04:12,640

this is hosanna

49

00:04:18,870 --> 00:04:14,720

my question is what is the purpose of

50

00:04:21,909 --> 00:04:20,310

well in order to understand the purpose

51  
00:04:24,150 --> 00:04:21,919  
of the contact angle experiment you

52  
00:04:25,670 --> 00:04:24,160  
first have to understand two variables

53  
00:04:27,030 --> 00:04:25,680  
that are involved with it one is called

54  
00:04:28,629 --> 00:04:27,040  
surface tension

55  
00:04:29,990 --> 00:04:28,639  
and the other is contact angle and

56  
00:04:31,990 --> 00:04:30,000  
they're related

57  
00:04:34,070 --> 00:04:32,000  
surface tension really can be simply

58  
00:04:35,749 --> 00:04:34,080  
thought of as how molecules like each

59  
00:04:37,909 --> 00:04:35,759  
other that they like each other a lot

60  
00:04:39,749 --> 00:04:37,919  
they have a very high surface tension on

61  
00:04:41,270 --> 00:04:39,759  
the other hand what you also have to

62  
00:04:42,950 --> 00:04:41,280  
balance is how they like the materials

63  
00:04:44,710 --> 00:04:42,960

they contact

64

00:04:47,030 --> 00:04:44,720

and those are called adhesive forces

65

00:04:49,189 --> 00:04:47,040

adhesive forces how the liquids

66

00:04:51,189 --> 00:04:49,199

like the solid so what you have when the

67

00:04:53,110 --> 00:04:51,199

contact angle experiment is a balance

68

00:04:54,550 --> 00:04:53,120

between what they call cohesive forces

69

00:04:56,550 --> 00:04:54,560

or surface tension

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00:04:59,830 --> 00:04:56,560

and adhesive forces so how it likes the

71

00:05:01,270 --> 00:04:59,840

wall and when those two balance

72

00:05:04,469 --> 00:05:01,280

and they're balanced by gravity that's

73

00:05:06,310 --> 00:05:04,479

really how far up the liquid goes

74

00:05:08,230 --> 00:05:06,320

now in in space the reason we come to

75

00:05:09,830 --> 00:05:08,240

space to study surface tension is

76

00:05:28,469 --> 00:05:09,840

primarily because it dominates and let

77

00:05:31,909 --> 00:05:30,150

you see in space the orange juice the

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00:05:33,990 --> 00:05:31,919

molecules like each other and they form

79

00:05:36,070 --> 00:05:34,000

a sphere if you were to do that on the

80

00:05:38,150 --> 00:05:36,080

ground of course it would cling to the

81

00:05:39,830 --> 00:05:38,160

sides of the vessel and these are called

82

00:05:42,710 --> 00:05:39,840

again surface tension is something

83

00:05:44,310 --> 00:05:42,720

called a cohesive force

84

00:05:46,150 --> 00:05:44,320

steven bellick from the accelerated

85

00:05:47,510 --> 00:05:46,160

learning laboratory

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00:05:48,790 --> 00:05:47,520

hi i'm nick piquette from north high

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00:05:50,469 --> 00:05:48,800

school

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00:05:51,749 --> 00:05:50,479

hi i'm beth quinadamo from north high

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00:05:53,029 --> 00:05:51,759

school

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00:05:53,909 --> 00:05:53,039

hi i'm reggie hill from north high

91

00:05:55,430 --> 00:05:53,919

school

92

00:05:56,469 --> 00:05:55,440

hi i'm josh robert from dardy high

93

00:05:58,230 --> 00:05:56,479

school

94

00:05:59,909 --> 00:05:58,240

hi i'm tanisha westa from north high

95

00:06:02,070 --> 00:05:59,919

school and our question is

96

00:06:04,150 --> 00:06:02,080

how does the surface tension and contact

97

00:06:08,870 --> 00:06:04,160

angle react in space when soap is added

98

00:06:12,790 --> 00:06:11,110

soap is a what we call a surfactant and

99

00:06:14,629 --> 00:06:12,800

what that does is reduce the surface

100

00:06:16,390 --> 00:06:14,639

tension

101  
00:06:17,990 --> 00:06:16,400  
and in space it reduces the surface

102  
00:06:21,110 --> 00:06:18,000  
tension by the same amount it doesn't

103  
00:06:22,790 --> 00:06:21,120  
change at all in space but again what

104  
00:06:25,189 --> 00:06:22,800  
you can see is you can see the effect of

105  
00:06:27,430 --> 00:06:25,199  
that so factor a lot more in space

106  
00:06:29,749 --> 00:06:27,440  
because you have a one-sixth gravity

107  
00:06:31,590 --> 00:06:29,759  
component and therefore surface tension

108  
00:06:33,110 --> 00:06:31,600  
dominates over gravity and we can

109  
00:06:34,710 --> 00:06:33,120  
explore that but it really doesn't

110  
00:06:36,710 --> 00:06:34,720  
change

111  
00:06:38,230 --> 00:06:36,720  
anything more than it does on the ground

112  
00:06:48,070 --> 00:06:38,240  
the ground and space are very similar

113  
00:06:50,710 --> 00:06:49,350

i'm katie already from doing another

114

00:06:53,189 --> 00:06:50,720

question please

115

00:06:55,189 --> 00:06:53,199

i am igor vishwandority high school

116

00:06:57,189 --> 00:06:55,199

and i'm tom davao from doherty high and

117

00:06:58,950 --> 00:06:57,199

our question is in the contact angle

118

00:07:00,550 --> 00:06:58,960

experiment what would happen if the

119

00:07:02,550 --> 00:07:00,560

slides were of different materials and

120

00:07:06,870 --> 00:07:02,560

sizes and would other liquids change the

121

00:07:10,790 --> 00:07:09,029

well i hope uh with what i've explained

122

00:07:13,029 --> 00:07:10,800

to you so far that surface tension and

123

00:07:15,510 --> 00:07:13,039

contact angle are basic properties of a

124

00:07:16,629 --> 00:07:15,520

liquid and its interaction with the

125

00:07:18,309 --> 00:07:16,639

solid

126

00:07:21,270 --> 00:07:18,319

so those aren't affected by space

127

00:07:23,029 --> 00:07:21,280

however every time you change the liquid

128

00:07:25,270 --> 00:07:23,039

or you change the solid that it's in

129

00:07:27,350 --> 00:07:25,280

contact with that is the material then

130

00:07:30,309 --> 00:07:27,360

you in fact will affect the contact

131

00:07:32,469 --> 00:07:30,319

angle experiment how high it rises but

132

00:07:34,950 --> 00:07:32,479

the size that is the size of the

133

00:07:36,550 --> 00:07:34,960

materials or even the amount of liquid

134

00:07:38,790 --> 00:07:36,560

that you put in really doesn't have a

135

00:07:42,790 --> 00:07:38,800

major effect on that either in space or

136

00:07:46,230 --> 00:07:44,629

next question please we have five

137

00:07:48,710 --> 00:07:46,240

minutes remaining in worcester please go

138

00:07:50,950 --> 00:07:48,720

ahead with the next question

139

00:07:53,029 --> 00:07:50,960

hi my name is hong tran from north high

140

00:07:59,270 --> 00:07:53,039

and i was wondering if the mass of an

141

00:08:02,150 --> 00:08:00,629

you know that's that's another very

142

00:08:03,670 --> 00:08:02,160

interesting question and you got to

143

00:08:05,430 --> 00:08:03,680

think about it a little bit surface

144

00:08:06,710 --> 00:08:05,440

tension again is a basic property of a

145

00:08:08,629 --> 00:08:06,720

fluid

146

00:08:10,710 --> 00:08:08,639

and it really doesn't

147

00:08:12,790 --> 00:08:10,720

change whether we have whether we have a

148

00:08:14,390 --> 00:08:12,800

large mass on it or a small mass on it

149

00:08:15,589 --> 00:08:14,400

the surface tension is the same however

150

00:08:17,990 --> 00:08:15,599

what you see

151  
00:08:19,749 --> 00:08:18,000  
is if i look at an eye dropper and i

152  
00:08:22,150 --> 00:08:19,759  
squeeze out a little bit of liquid on

153  
00:08:23,830 --> 00:08:22,160  
the ground as that liquid grows it gets

154  
00:08:25,510 --> 00:08:23,840  
very heavy and as it gets heavy it

155  
00:08:27,909 --> 00:08:25,520  
elongates the drop and eventually it

156  
00:08:29,589 --> 00:08:27,919  
falls off now the surface engine

157  
00:08:32,149 --> 00:08:29,599  
surface tension of that material didn't

158  
00:08:34,469 --> 00:08:32,159  
change it just became so heavy

159  
00:08:36,949 --> 00:08:34,479  
that the adhesive forces were overcome

160  
00:08:39,670 --> 00:08:36,959  
by the cohesive forces excuse me the

161  
00:08:41,269 --> 00:08:39,680  
cohesive forces were overcome hello the

162  
00:08:42,790 --> 00:08:41,279  
cohesive and adhesive forces were

163  
00:08:45,350 --> 00:08:42,800

overcome by gravity is what i'm trying

164

00:08:46,710 --> 00:08:45,360

to say hope here up here that wouldn't

165

00:08:48,310 --> 00:08:46,720

happen of course and you saw that with

166

00:08:50,070 --> 00:08:48,320

the straw when i squeezed out the orange

167

00:08:51,350 --> 00:08:50,080

juice it just sort of hung there as a

168

00:08:53,190 --> 00:08:51,360

sphere

169

00:08:55,030 --> 00:08:53,200

so surface tension really doesn't change

170

00:08:56,870 --> 00:08:55,040

it's not broken by mass

171

00:08:58,949 --> 00:08:56,880

but you see it looks that way and it

172

00:09:00,310 --> 00:08:58,959

seems that way uh because of your

173

00:09:01,990 --> 00:09:00,320

observation in the one gravity

174

00:09:03,269 --> 00:09:02,000

environment

175

00:09:05,110 --> 00:09:03,279

please

176  
00:09:07,030 --> 00:09:05,120  
hi my name is joella tafani from south

177  
00:09:08,790 --> 00:09:07,040  
high my question is is there a

178  
00:09:14,630 --> 00:09:08,800  
difference in velocity of the spreading

179  
00:09:17,430 --> 00:09:15,990  
well to be honest with you we didn't

180  
00:09:19,430 --> 00:09:17,440  
spread any pepper in space on this

181  
00:09:20,310 --> 00:09:19,440  
flight at least we haven't yet

182  
00:09:22,070 --> 00:09:20,320  
but

183  
00:09:23,670 --> 00:09:22,080  
i would expect that there may be a

184  
00:09:24,949 --> 00:09:23,680  
difference in in velocity and the

185  
00:09:27,110 --> 00:09:24,959  
difference in velocity wouldn't be

186  
00:09:28,310 --> 00:09:27,120  
because of the surface tension effect

187  
00:09:30,230 --> 00:09:28,320  
but

188  
00:09:32,230 --> 00:09:30,240

because of convective effects

189

00:09:33,990 --> 00:09:32,240

temperature differences and that's

190

00:09:35,670 --> 00:09:34,000

additive so you'd get not only the

191

00:09:37,190 --> 00:09:35,680

surface tension effect but in addition

192

00:09:39,670 --> 00:09:37,200

to that you may get some convective

193

00:09:41,670 --> 00:09:39,680

effect so you probably see a difference

194

00:09:46,310 --> 00:09:41,680

in the velocity of the pepper itself

195

00:09:49,750 --> 00:09:48,150

can i have another question please we

196

00:09:51,990 --> 00:09:49,760

have one minute left in worcester time

197

00:09:53,990 --> 00:09:52,000

for one last question my reaction

198

00:10:01,430 --> 00:09:54,000

there's a reaction would a ball of water

199

00:10:04,230 --> 00:10:02,949

well we haven't run that experiment

200

00:10:05,030 --> 00:10:04,240

either but i can tell you the answer to

201  
00:10:06,630 --> 00:10:05,040  
that

202  
00:10:08,470 --> 00:10:06,640  
just like sprinkling

203  
00:10:10,630 --> 00:10:08,480  
pepper on a liquid surface what you'd

204  
00:10:12,630 --> 00:10:10,640  
see up here is you'd see the pepper just

205  
00:10:13,750 --> 00:10:12,640  
form around the outside of the sphere of

206  
00:10:16,150 --> 00:10:13,760  
liquid

207  
00:10:17,430 --> 00:10:16,160  
and for every action there is a reaction

208  
00:10:19,110 --> 00:10:17,440  
as the pepper touch the surface of the

209  
00:10:21,269 --> 00:10:19,120  
liquid the liquid would touch back with

210  
00:10:24,230 --> 00:10:21,279  
exactly the same force but what you'd

211  
00:10:26,389 --> 00:10:24,240  
see is because of surface tension that

212  
00:10:27,990 --> 00:10:26,399  
pepper would just adhere to the outside

213  
00:10:29,590 --> 00:10:28,000

of the drop

214

00:10:31,430 --> 00:10:29,600

and it would form all the way around the

215

00:10:34,389 --> 00:10:31,440

drop you'd see a uniform distribution of

216

00:10:37,030 --> 00:10:34,399

pepper all the way around the drop

217

00:10:39,269 --> 00:10:37,040

hi my name is prubali chakraborty and

218

00:10:41,030 --> 00:10:39,279

can fiber supported drop combustion be

219

00:10:43,430 --> 00:10:41,040

used in the shuttle's engines to make

220

00:10:47,590 --> 00:10:43,440

maneuvering simpler and are there any

221

00:10:51,829 --> 00:10:49,110

yeah that's a good question too and i

222

00:10:53,350 --> 00:10:51,839

have a navy aviator here and a fighter

223

00:10:55,269 --> 00:10:53,360

pilot that's going to answer that for us

224

00:10:58,389 --> 00:10:55,279

and also the pilot of the shuttle so

225

00:11:01,829 --> 00:10:59,990

thanks sally that's a great question and

226

00:11:04,389 --> 00:11:01,839

the answer is maybe that can help us

227

00:11:06,310 --> 00:11:04,399

maneuver the shuttle

228

00:11:08,389 --> 00:11:06,320

the uh and also in real line

229

00:11:09,910 --> 00:11:08,399

applications there are many i'll start

230

00:11:11,750 --> 00:11:09,920

out by saying as well as the shuttle

231

00:11:13,670 --> 00:11:11,760

from having better combustion and the

232

00:11:15,350 --> 00:11:13,680

f-14 i used to fly as well as the car

233

00:11:17,269 --> 00:11:15,360

that people drive even the heater and

234

00:11:19,190 --> 00:11:17,279

water heater in your home it can help

235

00:11:20,310 --> 00:11:19,200

them be much more efficient and the

236

00:11:22,389 --> 00:11:20,320

reason we study that up here in

237

00:11:25,350 --> 00:11:22,399

microgravity is without the influence of

238

00:11:27,350 --> 00:11:25,360

gravity and without convection

239

00:11:29,829 --> 00:11:27,360

the burning is much more even in a

240

00:11:32,069 --> 00:11:29,839

sphere and it burns more slowly so we

241

00:11:33,990 --> 00:11:32,079

can control it and much better analyze

242

00:11:36,870 --> 00:11:34,000

it and hopefully come up with more

243

00:11:38,470 --> 00:11:36,880

efficient combustion processes and fuels

244

00:11:40,630 --> 00:11:38,480

and additionally that would also result

245

00:11:42,550 --> 00:11:40,640

in less pollutants so it would help the

246

00:11:44,710 --> 00:11:42,560

environment also

247

00:11:46,870 --> 00:11:44,720

next question

248

00:11:48,550 --> 00:11:46,880

hello my name is jill feckler

249

00:11:50,069 --> 00:11:48,560

do different flammable liquids form

250

00:11:51,509 --> 00:11:50,079

different shapes when they burn and are

251

00:12:02,629 --> 00:11:51,519

the materials you're using different

252

00:12:06,389 --> 00:12:04,310

that's a good question as i understand

253

00:12:08,069 --> 00:12:06,399

the materials that you are using are

254

00:12:09,509 --> 00:12:08,079

petroleum distillate which is a mixture

255

00:12:12,310 --> 00:12:09,519

of all different kinds of petroleum

256

00:12:14,550 --> 00:12:12,320

products we're trying some pure

257

00:12:16,550 --> 00:12:14,560

fuels up here or very simple mixtures

258

00:12:18,470 --> 00:12:16,560

we're using some methanol and water and

259

00:12:20,310 --> 00:12:18,480

a few other mixtures and

260

00:12:21,269 --> 00:12:20,320

because they are liquids they form a

261

00:12:22,710 --> 00:12:21,279

sphere

262

00:12:23,829 --> 00:12:22,720

here in space

263

00:12:26,310 --> 00:12:23,839

just like the orange juice you saw

264

00:12:27,750 --> 00:12:26,320

floating around but we don't want these

265

00:12:29,750 --> 00:12:27,760

burning droplets floating around the

266

00:12:31,190 --> 00:12:29,760

space lab so we can find them by putting

267

00:12:33,990 --> 00:12:31,200

them on a fiber

268

00:12:35,750 --> 00:12:34,000

so there are spherical drops on a fiber

269

00:12:38,389 --> 00:12:35,760

the different materials often the same

270

00:12:39,990 --> 00:12:38,399

shape however the the combustion of the

271

00:12:41,910 --> 00:12:40,000

different materials is significantly

272

00:12:44,870 --> 00:12:41,920

different the methanol was burning with

273

00:12:46,069 --> 00:12:44,880

a very very faint blue shell of flame

274

00:12:48,470 --> 00:12:46,079

and some of the other products were

275

00:12:50,829 --> 00:12:48,480

burning with yellow or several or blue

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00:12:53,990 --> 00:12:50,839

and yellow alternating kind of

277

00:12:56,069 --> 00:12:54,000

flames you have another question

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00:12:58,069 --> 00:12:56,079

yes my name is jessica huddy

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00:13:00,069 --> 00:12:58,079

did your flames move around or vary in

280

00:13:01,590 --> 00:13:00,079

size and shape due to air currents and

281

00:13:13,269 --> 00:13:01,600

do the flames produce any visible

282

00:13:16,069 --> 00:13:14,470

that's a very good question that some of

283

00:13:18,069 --> 00:13:16,079

the things that we're trying to explore

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00:13:19,590 --> 00:13:18,079

up here we have done some of the burns

285

00:13:22,150 --> 00:13:19,600

without air currents and we get a

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00:13:23,590 --> 00:13:22,160

completely spherical shell of flame

287

00:13:25,910 --> 00:13:23,600

and others we have done with air

288

00:13:28,389 --> 00:13:25,920

currents and we get a teardrop shape

289

00:13:30,550 --> 00:13:28,399

where the the combustion products and

290

00:13:32,470 --> 00:13:30,560

the vapors that are burning are moving

291

00:13:34,310 --> 00:13:32,480

along with the air currents it also

292

00:13:35,829 --> 00:13:34,320

changes the color of the flame because

293

00:13:37,110 --> 00:13:35,839

with air currents we're feeding more

294

00:13:38,150 --> 00:13:37,120

oxygen

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00:13:40,470 --> 00:13:38,160

to the

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00:13:42,310 --> 00:13:40,480

ball of fire

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00:13:45,189 --> 00:13:42,320

and uh other when we're not having air

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00:13:46,870 --> 00:13:45,199

flow it's uh the oxygen has to diffuse

299

00:13:48,790 --> 00:13:46,880

into the combustion zone so it's a

300

00:13:51,269 --> 00:13:48,800

little bit slower burning process

301  
00:13:55,350 --> 00:13:51,279  
also burns bluer whereas we have airflow

302  
00:13:59,189 --> 00:13:57,430  
my name is ray marquette

303  
00:14:01,590 --> 00:13:59,199  
what percentage of times did you get a

304  
00:14:06,230 --> 00:14:01,600  
good flame and how long on average did

305  
00:14:09,750 --> 00:14:07,430  
we've had a little bit of trouble

306  
00:14:12,150 --> 00:14:09,760  
getting the droplets deployed on the

307  
00:14:15,509 --> 00:14:12,160  
fiber but once we get them on the fiber

308  
00:14:17,910 --> 00:14:15,519  
we get ignition every time

309  
00:14:19,430 --> 00:14:17,920  
and uh we it burns from uh on the

310  
00:14:21,350 --> 00:14:19,440  
average of five or six seconds for a

311  
00:14:23,509 --> 00:14:21,360  
small drop to a five millimeter drop was

312  
00:14:25,189 --> 00:14:23,519  
going as long as 25 or 30 seconds which

313  
00:14:26,150 --> 00:14:25,199

is a lot longer burn time than you're

314

00:14:29,670 --> 00:14:26,160  
getting on the ground with your

315

00:14:34,470 --> 00:14:32,310  
hi my name is geralyn waters

316

00:14:36,230 --> 00:14:34,480  
and my question is do you think anything

317

00:14:45,990 --> 00:14:36,240  
besides the difference in graphic

318

00:14:50,629 --> 00:14:48,069  
gravity has a lot of effects on the

319

00:14:52,310 --> 00:14:50,639  
on this experiment and yours

320

00:14:54,629 --> 00:14:52,320  
in your experiment you're burning a tear

321

00:14:56,949 --> 00:14:54,639  
drape teardrop shaped

322

00:14:59,189 --> 00:14:56,959  
fuel because gravity is pulling it down

323

00:15:02,550 --> 00:14:59,199  
here we start out with a spherical drop

324

00:15:04,710 --> 00:15:02,560  
of fuel and also because of convection

325

00:15:06,230 --> 00:15:04,720  
which is another effect of gravity the

326

00:15:07,990 --> 00:15:06,240

combustion products and actually the

327

00:15:09,910 --> 00:15:08,000

vapors that are burning are rising in

328

00:15:11,829 --> 00:15:09,920

your experiment and oxygen continues to

329

00:15:13,750 --> 00:15:11,839

be supplied from the bottom here we

330

00:15:16,310 --> 00:15:13,760

don't have that so we're looking at

331

00:15:18,790 --> 00:15:16,320

diffusion of oxygen into the flame front

332

00:15:20,069 --> 00:15:18,800

to continue to feed it which is a little

333

00:15:21,750 --> 00:15:20,079

bit different than what you're doing so

334

00:15:23,430 --> 00:15:21,760

gravity is certainly the major effect up

335

00:15:24,710 --> 00:15:23,440

here the lack of gravity is the

336

00:15:27,430 --> 00:15:24,720

difference in what we're doing and what

337

00:15:29,430 --> 00:15:27,440

you're doing down there

338

00:15:30,949 --> 00:15:29,440

my name is jared shooter

339

00:15:41,350 --> 00:15:30,959

do you have to replace the filament

340

00:15:45,030 --> 00:15:43,509

you know another good question that's uh

341

00:15:47,430 --> 00:15:45,040

we didn't replace the filament every

342

00:15:48,790 --> 00:15:47,440

time but we do replace it periodically

343

00:15:51,269 --> 00:15:48,800

and one of the reasons for that is we

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00:15:53,269 --> 00:15:51,279

get foot deposits we had carbon deposits

345

00:15:55,110 --> 00:15:53,279

high molecular weight carbon materials

346

00:15:56,710 --> 00:15:55,120

and what do they do they change the

347

00:15:58,790 --> 00:15:56,720

surface tension of the liquid and how it

348

00:16:00,710 --> 00:15:58,800

interacts with the solid itself that can

349

00:16:02,870 --> 00:16:00,720

result in a variety of different things

350

00:16:05,110 --> 00:16:02,880

not the least of which is the drop

351

00:16:06,949 --> 00:16:05,120

moving along the filament itself in

352

00:16:09,189 --> 00:16:06,959

addition to that it can change the heat

353

00:16:11,030 --> 00:16:09,199

transfer rate how heat is leaving the

354

00:16:12,230 --> 00:16:11,040

filament which affects the studies that

355

00:16:13,829 --> 00:16:12,240

we're looking at

356

00:16:15,189 --> 00:16:13,839

so we don't replace it all the time but

357

00:16:18,389 --> 00:16:15,199

if it looks like it's getting a little

358

00:16:20,710 --> 00:16:18,399

then we do in fact replace it

359

00:16:22,470 --> 00:16:20,720

my name is kate gehart does the type of

360

00:16:30,069 --> 00:16:22,480

filament have an effect on the result of

361

00:16:33,990 --> 00:16:32,310

yeah very much and that's another

362

00:16:36,150 --> 00:16:34,000

very interesting question because one of

363

00:16:37,829 --> 00:16:36,160

the things that we're looking at is is

364

00:16:39,910 --> 00:16:37,839

all the different heat transfer and mass

365

00:16:41,990 --> 00:16:39,920

transfer effects how oxygen comes into

366

00:16:43,509 --> 00:16:42,000

the flame and that light blue flame that

367

00:16:46,069 --> 00:16:43,519

we see as a result of what we call a

368

00:16:47,670 --> 00:16:46,079

diffusive flame oxygen is not convecting

369

00:16:49,990 --> 00:16:47,680

ends not being brought in by other

370

00:16:52,389 --> 00:16:50,000

molecules as a group but coming in

371

00:16:53,829 --> 00:16:52,399

individually it's a diffusive flame

372

00:16:55,910 --> 00:16:53,839

how the heat is taken out of the

373

00:16:57,509 --> 00:16:55,920

filament is very important because some

374

00:16:59,509 --> 00:16:57,519

of the heat is being conducted down the

375

00:17:01,110 --> 00:16:59,519

filament so if we change that material

376

00:17:02,550 --> 00:17:01,120

we can change it from a metal which is

377

00:17:04,309 --> 00:17:02,560

very conductive

378

00:17:06,069 --> 00:17:04,319

to a ceramic which we're using up here

379

00:17:08,470 --> 00:17:06,079

which is a little bit less conductive

380

00:17:09,990 --> 00:17:08,480

and that changes the entire burning rate

381

00:17:11,990 --> 00:17:10,000

of the film

382

00:17:14,710 --> 00:17:12,000

of the flame excuse me

383

00:17:16,949 --> 00:17:14,720

and changes what we see in the dynamics

384

00:17:19,510 --> 00:17:16,959

of the flame itself so the material the

385

00:17:21,350 --> 00:17:19,520

thickness of that material are very very

386

00:17:23,750 --> 00:17:21,360

important it's also important in

387

00:17:25,669 --> 00:17:23,760

microgravity to make sure again the

388

00:17:28,390 --> 00:17:25,679

liquid and the solid are compatible in

389

00:17:31,669 --> 00:17:28,400

the sense that the liquid to a certain

390

00:17:33,110 --> 00:17:31,679

extent but not too much what's the solid

391

00:17:34,789 --> 00:17:33,120

in other words we don't want it to like

392

00:17:36,870 --> 00:17:34,799

to solid too much so it won't maintain

393

00:17:38,710 --> 00:17:36,880

its sphericity but we'll spread along

394

00:17:40,630 --> 00:17:38,720

the filament but we do want it to

395

00:17:42,150 --> 00:17:40,640

maintain its contact with the filament

396

00:17:44,390 --> 00:17:42,160

we need to light the filament a little

397

00:17:49,350 --> 00:17:47,029

hello my name is ann johnsy my question

398

00:17:51,350 --> 00:17:49,360

is is the flame isolated to the coil of

399

00:17:53,110 --> 00:17:51,360

the filament or does it move away from

400

00:18:05,270 --> 00:17:53,120

the filament so just the fluid is

401

00:18:09,830 --> 00:18:07,110

well first again we're not using a coil

402

00:18:11,990 --> 00:18:09,840

up here we're using a uh filament just a

403

00:18:14,630 --> 00:18:12,000

straight line

404

00:18:15,430 --> 00:18:14,640

material straight string

405

00:18:16,390 --> 00:18:15,440

but

406

00:18:18,070 --> 00:18:16,400

you should

407

00:18:19,830 --> 00:18:18,080

you probably remember from studying this

408

00:18:21,110 --> 00:18:19,840

that in fact the liquid is not burning

409

00:18:23,110 --> 00:18:21,120

but the vapors from the liquid are

410

00:18:25,990 --> 00:18:23,120

burning and that's what we see as well

411

00:18:27,830 --> 00:18:26,000

we see a shallow or a halo of burning

412

00:18:29,830 --> 00:18:27,840

material that's displaced slightly from

413

00:18:33,669 --> 00:18:29,840

the liquid of the fuel

414

00:18:37,270 --> 00:18:35,750

next question please

415

00:18:38,630 --> 00:18:37,280

and this is the last question from

416

00:18:39,590 --> 00:18:38,640

louisville science center please go

417

00:18:41,270 --> 00:18:39,600

ahead

418

00:18:43,190 --> 00:18:41,280

my name is tom fulda

419

00:18:45,270 --> 00:18:43,200

and i was wondering would the amount of

420

00:18:47,590 --> 00:18:45,280

electricity used in the experiment

421

00:19:00,070 --> 00:18:47,600

change the rate of combustion and would

422

00:19:03,110 --> 00:19:01,750

that's another uh interesting question

423

00:19:03,909 --> 00:19:03,120

we have to think on that a little bit

424

00:19:05,029 --> 00:19:03,919

but

425

00:19:06,870 --> 00:19:05,039

certainly when you put in more

426

00:19:08,710 --> 00:19:06,880

electricity into your filaments now

427

00:19:10,789 --> 00:19:08,720

we're not doing it exactly that way

428

00:19:12,710 --> 00:19:10,799

we're igniting it from an external

429

00:19:13,590 --> 00:19:12,720

source we're not putting electricity

430

00:19:15,590 --> 00:19:13,600

through it

431

00:19:18,150 --> 00:19:15,600

i wouldn't expect the electricity to be

432

00:19:20,549 --> 00:19:18,160

affected by the microgravity at all

433

00:19:22,070 --> 00:19:20,559

but by increasing the electricity in the

434

00:19:23,909 --> 00:19:22,080

filament if we were doing it that way

435

00:19:25,830 --> 00:19:23,919

like you're doing it on the ground

436

00:19:28,070 --> 00:19:25,840

increases the rate at which the filament

437

00:19:30,630 --> 00:19:28,080

heats and therefore

438

00:19:32,950 --> 00:19:30,640

impacts the rate at which the vapor is

439

00:19:35,430 --> 00:19:32,960

combust so in fact as you change the

440

00:19:36,950 --> 00:19:35,440

electricity you may see an effect but

441

00:19:39,350 --> 00:19:36,960

that would be again a function of the

442

00:19:41,110 --> 00:19:39,360

material that you make your your coil

443

00:19:42,870 --> 00:19:41,120

out of and the rate at which you put

444

00:19:44,310 --> 00:19:42,880

electricity in it would be a very subtle

445

00:19:46,470 --> 00:19:44,320

and difficult thing to measure for you

446

00:19:48,150 --> 00:19:46,480

but it is measurable on the ground in

447

00:19:49,510 --> 00:19:48,160

microgravity that wouldn't affect us

448

00:19:51,350 --> 00:19:49,520

very much first of all but because of

449

00:19:52,950 --> 00:19:51,360

the way we're doing the experiment but

450

00:19:54,870 --> 00:19:52,960

in addition to that even if we were

451  
00:19:56,950 --> 00:19:54,880  
using electrical way to heat the

452  
00:19:58,950 --> 00:19:56,960  
filament i wouldn't expect uh

453  
00:20:01,190 --> 00:19:58,960  
microgravity to affect

454  
00:20:02,789 --> 00:20:01,200  
electricity very much up here so that in

455  
00:20:04,230 --> 00:20:02,799  
and of itself would not be affected by

456  
00:20:05,909 --> 00:20:04,240  
microgravity the same thing that was

457  
00:20:07,510 --> 00:20:05,919  
affected on the ground though would be

458  
00:20:09,110 --> 00:20:07,520  
affected up here in the sense that the

459  
00:20:11,510 --> 00:20:09,120  
rate at which you put the electricity in

460  
00:20:13,430 --> 00:20:11,520  
how much the thickness of the material

461  
00:20:15,590 --> 00:20:13,440  
and what that material it is how much of