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00:00:17,830 --> 00:00:16,790  
why did you want to be an astronaut

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00:00:18,790 --> 00:00:17,840  
well

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00:00:20,630 --> 00:00:18,800  
you know i

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00:00:22,470 --> 00:00:20,640  
have to admit i i grew up

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00:00:25,109 --> 00:00:22,480  
watching a lot of star trek

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00:00:27,429 --> 00:00:25,119  
with my dad and he was a he was a space

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00:00:28,630 --> 00:00:27,439  
fanatic this was in montreal

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00:00:30,230 --> 00:00:28,640  
and uh

9  
00:00:31,589 --> 00:00:30,240  
you know and on you know space program

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00:00:33,030 --> 00:00:31,599  
was was

11  
00:00:34,950 --> 00:00:33,040  
budding and

12  
00:00:36,870 --> 00:00:34,960  
and uh you know he would also you know

13  
00:00:38,470 --> 00:00:36,880

uh see the you know pictures of mission

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00:00:39,590 --> 00:00:38,480

control and say who are those guys how

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00:00:41,990 --> 00:00:39,600

do they get to work there that's got to

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00:00:43,110 --> 00:00:42,000

be the most amazing job in the world

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00:00:45,830 --> 00:00:43,120

and um

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00:00:48,389 --> 00:00:45,840

and the funny thing was you know for me

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00:00:50,389 --> 00:00:48,399

my dad said that he knew captain kirk

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00:00:52,709 --> 00:00:50,399

because he knew him from high school in

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00:00:55,029 --> 00:00:52,719

montreal and so at that age i was

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00:00:58,310 --> 00:00:55,039

probably five or six you know and i and

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00:00:59,990 --> 00:00:58,320

uh and so it was a strange mixture of

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00:01:01,990 --> 00:01:00,000

fiction and reality like i knew this was

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00:01:03,590 --> 00:01:02,000

fiction on the other hand that my dad

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00:01:06,149 --> 00:01:03,600

knows this guy

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00:01:07,910 --> 00:01:06,159

you know and i somehow that maybe made

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00:01:10,149 --> 00:01:07,920

things seem more possible to me i don't

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00:01:11,990 --> 00:01:10,159

know but then we went on a

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00:01:13,910 --> 00:01:12,000

family vacation to florida it was that

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00:01:16,550 --> 00:01:13,920

it was the time of apollo 11. so we got

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00:01:19,510 --> 00:01:16,560

to see the launch of apollo 11 um

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00:01:21,270 --> 00:01:19,520

uh on a family vacation there i was six

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00:01:24,070 --> 00:01:21,280

and um

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00:01:25,270 --> 00:01:24,080

and uh that was it that i told my dad uh

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00:01:27,350 --> 00:01:25,280

at that point

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00:01:28,310 --> 00:01:27,360

i wanted to do that and never changed my

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00:01:30,069 --> 00:01:28,320

mind

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00:01:31,350 --> 00:01:30,079

i want to get you to take us through

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00:01:34,469 --> 00:01:31,360

that story i want to start with your

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00:01:36,069 --> 00:01:34,479

hometown or home towns uh tell me about

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00:01:37,510 --> 00:01:36,079

where you grew up and and what it was

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00:01:39,749 --> 00:01:37,520

like there

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00:01:42,069 --> 00:01:39,759

well i grew up in montreal originally

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00:01:44,230 --> 00:01:42,079

until about 11 and then moved to

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00:01:45,270 --> 00:01:44,240

california

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00:01:46,710 --> 00:01:45,280

my dad

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00:01:48,389 --> 00:01:46,720

felt that california was the land of

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00:01:49,510 --> 00:01:48,399

opportunity at the time and he was

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00:01:50,630 --> 00:01:49,520

probably right

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00:01:52,870 --> 00:01:50,640

and

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00:01:54,469 --> 00:01:52,880

in both places we sort of we also had

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00:01:55,590 --> 00:01:54,479

like a really small country house you

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00:01:58,230 --> 00:01:55,600

know so i

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00:02:01,109 --> 00:01:58,240

a lot of my memories are spent you know

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00:02:03,350 --> 00:02:01,119

uh spending time around a small lake and

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00:02:04,550 --> 00:02:03,360

and uh swimming and boating and things

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00:02:05,990 --> 00:02:04,560

like that and playing around in the

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00:02:08,389 --> 00:02:06,000

woods and

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00:02:09,669 --> 00:02:08,399

also i was in scouts you know so i think

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00:02:12,630 --> 00:02:09,679

a lot of my a lot of my childhood

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00:02:14,150 --> 00:02:12,640

memories are camping and backpacking and

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00:02:15,670 --> 00:02:14,160

spending time in the mountains and some

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00:02:17,110 --> 00:02:15,680

of that's with family and some of that's

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00:02:18,070 --> 00:02:17,120

with friends and

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00:02:20,390 --> 00:02:18,080

um

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00:02:21,670 --> 00:02:20,400

but i grew up in san jose uh basically

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00:02:22,790 --> 00:02:21,680

went to high school in san jose

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00:02:24,150 --> 00:02:22,800

california

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00:02:28,790 --> 00:02:24,160

and uh

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00:02:29,990 --> 00:02:28,800

you know when i was there i think

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00:02:32,309 --> 00:02:30,000

most of the

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00:02:34,790 --> 00:02:32,319

you know the inspiration i think for me

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00:02:38,390 --> 00:02:34,800

was from my my parents and my teachers

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00:02:41,509 --> 00:02:38,400

you know so you do have a sense that the

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00:02:43,670 --> 00:02:41,519

people in those places and and

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00:02:45,670 --> 00:02:43,680

really help make you who you are

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00:02:47,509 --> 00:02:45,680

yeah my dad was uh my dad was a

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00:02:49,030 --> 00:02:47,519

mathematician and a quality control

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00:02:51,030 --> 00:02:49,040

engineer so he was a kind of a

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00:02:53,110 --> 00:02:51,040

perfectionist so i would i'd come back

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00:02:53,830 --> 00:02:53,120

you know if i got a 97 on an exam you

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00:02:57,830 --> 00:02:53,840

know

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00:02:58,869 --> 00:02:57,840

instead of that's great

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00:03:00,070 --> 00:02:58,879

and uh

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00:03:01,190 --> 00:03:00,080

so

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00:03:03,430 --> 00:03:01,200

you know an interesting thing for i

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00:03:06,229 --> 00:03:03,440

think for me coming from

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00:03:08,309 --> 00:03:06,239

montreal to california was that um you

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00:03:09,509 --> 00:03:08,319

know it's kind of a reflection on our

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00:03:11,830 --> 00:03:09,519

education system and why it's so

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00:03:13,589 --> 00:03:11,840

important that we try to improve it and

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00:03:16,229 --> 00:03:13,599

then i was i was three years ahead in

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00:03:18,630 --> 00:03:16,239

math coming in fifth sixth grade from

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00:03:20,070 --> 00:03:18,640

montreal

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00:03:22,949 --> 00:03:20,080

so much so that they didn't have a book

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00:03:24,710 --> 00:03:22,959

for me uh at the elementary school and

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00:03:26,470 --> 00:03:24,720

so i spent the rest of that year

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00:03:28,309 --> 00:03:26,480

tutoring like the the kids who needed

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00:03:29,509 --> 00:03:28,319

help in math

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00:03:31,830 --> 00:03:29,519

which is kind of formative for me

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00:03:33,509 --> 00:03:31,840

because i kind of tutored the rest of my

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00:03:35,589 --> 00:03:33,519

time through school in college and and

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00:03:38,869 --> 00:03:35,599

then you know and then taught later you

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00:03:40,949 --> 00:03:38,879

know in you know after finish school

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00:03:44,229 --> 00:03:40,959

so in six months in space did you get a

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00:03:46,070 --> 00:03:44,239

chance to see montreal in san jose

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00:03:48,789 --> 00:03:46,080

yeah yeah that was a really there was a

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00:03:50,630 --> 00:03:48,799

really uh neat neat uh moment for me in

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00:03:52,149 --> 00:03:50,640

uh in on the space station it was one

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00:03:53,910 --> 00:03:52,159

day and i think was pretty early on in

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00:03:55,270 --> 00:03:53,920

the mission when i we were flying over

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00:03:56,149 --> 00:03:55,280

north america

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00:03:59,910 --> 00:03:56,159

and

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00:04:02,869 --> 00:03:59,920

up in san jose as a teenager in in

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00:04:04,869 --> 00:04:02,879

montreal as a young boy um

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00:04:06,789 --> 00:04:04,879

you know all my memories you know from

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00:04:09,190 --> 00:04:06,799

you know from childhood took place in

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00:04:10,949 --> 00:04:09,200

you know basically those places and and

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00:04:12,470 --> 00:04:10,959

you know and places in between on trips

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00:04:15,670 --> 00:04:12,480

you know my family took across the

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00:04:18,150 --> 00:04:15,680

country uh you know camping trips in the

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00:04:19,749 --> 00:04:18,160

sierras or you know so all the places

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00:04:21,270 --> 00:04:19,759

that really all the places that i had

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00:04:23,110 --> 00:04:21,280

had been you know

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00:04:25,030 --> 00:04:23,120

uh i got to see them in about three

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00:04:27,350 --> 00:04:25,040

minutes you know so like every place i'd

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00:04:29,430 --> 00:04:27,360

ever been and everybody i you know i

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00:04:30,950 --> 00:04:29,440

knew and and all the memories i had i

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00:04:33,030 --> 00:04:30,960

could just kind of look down and relive

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00:04:35,030 --> 00:04:33,040

them all in about three minutes and it

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00:04:36,550 --> 00:04:35,040

was unbelievable that's not the same as

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00:04:38,230 --> 00:04:36,560

your life flashing before your eyes not

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00:04:40,790 --> 00:04:38,240

exactly

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00:04:42,150 --> 00:04:40,800

um yeah let's tell me more of the story

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00:04:43,830 --> 00:04:42,160

from give me

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00:04:46,390 --> 00:04:43,840

the sense of your educational your

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00:04:48,950 --> 00:04:46,400

professional career that ultimately led

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00:04:51,270 --> 00:04:48,960

you to become an astronaut

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00:04:53,350 --> 00:04:51,280

well actually after high school

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00:04:55,510 --> 00:04:53,360

i went to cal poly

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00:04:58,629 --> 00:04:55,520

san luis obispo in california started

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00:05:00,469 --> 00:04:58,639

off in physics and uh you know i really

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00:05:02,710 --> 00:05:00,479

was excited about physics but i but i

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00:05:04,870 --> 00:05:02,720

really liked um

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00:05:06,710 --> 00:05:04,880

robots for some reason i think part of

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00:05:08,390 --> 00:05:06,720

it was the idea of um

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00:05:10,710 --> 00:05:08,400

it was kind of a new it was it was a new

149

00:05:12,870 --> 00:05:10,720

field at that time really and and i kind

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00:05:14,710 --> 00:05:12,880

of like the idea of uh you know

151  
00:05:16,070 --> 00:05:14,720  
programming logic that comes out of your

152  
00:05:18,230 --> 00:05:16,080  
head into

153  
00:05:20,950 --> 00:05:18,240  
into a system and then and then watching

154  
00:05:22,710 --> 00:05:20,960  
it you know live in the sense and act on

155  
00:05:23,590 --> 00:05:22,720  
logic that you gave it you know in other

156  
00:05:25,110 --> 00:05:23,600  
words

157  
00:05:26,870 --> 00:05:25,120  
i suppose it has this this sense of

158  
00:05:29,029 --> 00:05:26,880  
creating life in a way because it you

159  
00:05:30,550 --> 00:05:29,039  
know you give it something and then it

160  
00:05:32,230 --> 00:05:30,560  
uses that and

161  
00:05:33,830 --> 00:05:32,240  
and operates from there and

162  
00:05:37,189 --> 00:05:33,840  
and so i change over to electrical

163  
00:05:39,830 --> 00:05:37,199

engineering and um and so i you know i

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00:05:41,430 --> 00:05:39,840

uh and my my senior project there was a

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00:05:42,710 --> 00:05:41,440

robot um

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00:05:44,150 --> 00:05:42,720

the first one that i had made and that

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00:05:45,830 --> 00:05:44,160

was that was really pretty cool did it

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00:05:47,670 --> 00:05:45,840

with a roommate who was also in

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00:05:49,909 --> 00:05:47,680

mechanical engineering so he did all the

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00:05:52,390 --> 00:05:49,919

mechanical engineering part of it

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00:05:54,070 --> 00:05:52,400

and um but during college there was two

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00:05:56,150 --> 00:05:54,080

things that happened that really were

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00:05:58,790 --> 00:05:56,160

meaningful to me uh one was

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00:06:00,950 --> 00:05:58,800

that it was um during my freshman year

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00:06:02,790 --> 00:06:00,960

it was the first flight of the shuttle

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00:06:04,390 --> 00:06:02,800

and i i just remember so vividly being

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00:06:07,270 --> 00:06:04,400

in the dormitory you know people

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00:06:08,469 --> 00:06:07,280

gathered to watch this the first flight

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00:06:10,390 --> 00:06:08,479

and um

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00:06:12,629 --> 00:06:10,400

and and for me you know i'd i'd want to

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00:06:14,950 --> 00:06:12,639

do this all my life but there wasn't

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00:06:17,670 --> 00:06:14,960

either yet wasn't any um

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00:06:20,150 --> 00:06:17,680

urgency or sense of direction you know

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00:06:21,110 --> 00:06:20,160

of how to do it

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00:06:22,550 --> 00:06:21,120

and

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00:06:24,309 --> 00:06:22,560

as soon as that happened i said i got

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00:06:26,950 --> 00:06:24,319

called asa and asked him what i have to

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00:06:28,790 --> 00:06:26,960

do so it's the first time i reached out

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00:06:31,350 --> 00:06:28,800

and tried to find out like who at nasa

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00:06:32,950 --> 00:06:31,360

could tell me what to do and

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00:06:35,590 --> 00:06:32,960

you know found the astronaut selection

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00:06:37,270 --> 00:06:35,600

office and um and and heard back from

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00:06:38,790 --> 00:06:37,280

them you know and you know and they kind

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00:06:40,150 --> 00:06:38,800

of give everybody the same advice you

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00:06:41,749 --> 00:06:40,160

know which is

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00:06:43,830 --> 00:06:41,759

do the you know be the best you can be

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00:06:46,469 --> 00:06:43,840

at whatever you choose to do don't focus

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00:06:48,230 --> 00:06:46,479

your career on trying to do this but but

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00:06:50,150 --> 00:06:48,240

just be the best you can be and and

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00:06:52,150 --> 00:06:50,160

follow what your you know your your

201  
00:06:54,070 --> 00:06:52,160  
interests and um

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00:06:55,350 --> 00:06:54,080  
so i never got a b again in college

203  
00:06:57,270 --> 00:06:55,360  
after that

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00:06:59,189 --> 00:06:57,280  
i just i just i couldn't allow that to

205  
00:07:02,469 --> 00:06:59,199  
happen and uh

206  
00:07:04,790 --> 00:07:02,479  
and so that worked out well for me

207  
00:07:06,710 --> 00:07:04,800  
and and in the end um

208  
00:07:08,790 --> 00:07:06,720  
at graduation at cal poly so now this is

209  
00:07:10,550 --> 00:07:08,800  
the end of those four years

210  
00:07:12,550 --> 00:07:10,560  
something another thing happened and so

211  
00:07:15,029 --> 00:07:12,560  
in between you know it was just college

212  
00:07:16,950 --> 00:07:15,039  
and had a good time and worked hard and

213  
00:07:18,309 --> 00:07:16,960

and uh made a lot of great friends

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00:07:19,670 --> 00:07:18,319

lifelong friends

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00:07:22,309 --> 00:07:19,680

and at the end

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00:07:24,390 --> 00:07:22,319

graduation there was uh

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00:07:26,150 --> 00:07:24,400

our graduation speaker was an astronaut

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00:07:28,070 --> 00:07:26,160

the first one that i ever met so that

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00:07:29,350 --> 00:07:28,080

was hoot gibson i didn't know this was

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00:07:31,430 --> 00:07:29,360

coming it just suddenly there was an

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00:07:34,390 --> 00:07:31,440

astronaut talking at graduation

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00:07:36,150 --> 00:07:34,400

and because i did so well i got to go up

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00:07:38,469 --> 00:07:36,160

to the podium to get an award so i got

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00:07:40,150 --> 00:07:38,479

to you know and instead of walking back

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00:07:42,550 --> 00:07:40,160

to my seat i turn around and walk toward

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00:07:43,350 --> 00:07:42,560

him sitting on the stage to shake his

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00:07:44,469 --> 00:07:43,360

hand

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00:07:45,990 --> 00:07:44,479

and um

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00:07:47,029 --> 00:07:46,000

later on i got to remind him of that he

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00:07:49,270 --> 00:07:47,039

remembered it because it was kind of out

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00:07:50,869 --> 00:07:49,280

of out of order to do that

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00:07:52,309 --> 00:07:50,879

and

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00:07:53,510 --> 00:07:52,319

so that was a really neat kind of

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00:07:55,430 --> 00:07:53,520

inspiration

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00:07:56,710 --> 00:07:55,440

you know that kind of block that kind of

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00:07:59,350 --> 00:07:56,720

you know

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00:08:00,550 --> 00:07:59,360

bracketed my college education was you

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00:08:02,230 --> 00:08:00,560

know

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00:08:03,749 --> 00:08:02,240

seeing the shuttle first go and then an

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00:08:06,629 --> 00:08:03,759

astronaut at the end and that that

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00:08:08,230 --> 00:08:06,639

really focused me um in college then i

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00:08:10,629 --> 00:08:08,240

went to cal tech after that

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00:08:12,390 --> 00:08:10,639

uh for a master's went uh kind of turned

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to arrow i mean i always

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00:08:15,589 --> 00:08:13,680

was interested in aero but electrical

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engineering was also uh i grew up in

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00:08:19,110 --> 00:08:17,759

silicon valley you know so this was the

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00:08:20,390 --> 00:08:19,120

job security

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00:08:22,869 --> 00:08:20,400

path as well

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and field my dad was in essentially and

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uh

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um but turned toward arrow did a masters

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in era with caltech um

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00:08:32,630 --> 00:08:30,479

and maybe at cal tech i the thing that

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00:08:33,430 --> 00:08:32,640

you know i kind of learned at caltech is

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uh

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00:08:36,149 --> 00:08:34,560

you know there's a lot of brilliant

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00:08:38,149 --> 00:08:36,159

people in this world and i wasn't one of

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00:08:39,589 --> 00:08:38,159

them

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00:08:41,269 --> 00:08:39,599

it's people who are brilliant and these

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00:08:42,709 --> 00:08:41,279

people have to really work really hard

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00:08:43,909 --> 00:08:42,719

to achieve and i'm in the second

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00:08:46,710 --> 00:08:43,919

category

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00:08:47,670 --> 00:08:46,720

uh and then i went to mit after that for

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00:08:49,910 --> 00:08:47,680

uh

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00:08:50,949 --> 00:08:49,920

the rest of my graduate work for a phd

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00:08:51,829 --> 00:08:50,959

and um

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00:08:53,190 --> 00:08:51,839

uh

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00:08:54,949 --> 00:08:53,200

did a really neat thing about being

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00:08:56,949 --> 00:08:54,959

there was

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00:08:59,670 --> 00:08:56,959

i was working at draper laboratory for

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00:09:01,590 --> 00:08:59,680

as a research assistant while

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00:09:03,829 --> 00:09:01,600

being a grad student and i got to work

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00:09:06,470 --> 00:09:03,839

on nasa programs for the first time so

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00:09:08,310 --> 00:09:06,480

the hubble telescope i got to work on

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00:09:09,910 --> 00:09:08,320

analysis for that for the release of it

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00:09:11,670 --> 00:09:09,920

from the shuttle and i got to work on

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00:09:14,230 --> 00:09:11,680

the shuttle auto pilot and i got to work

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00:09:15,829 --> 00:09:14,240

on space station later and so i got to

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00:09:18,470 --> 00:09:15,839

work on real nasa programs which felt

281

00:09:21,430 --> 00:09:18,480

made me feel like i was getting closer

282

00:09:23,430 --> 00:09:21,440

and then i after i finished graduate

283

00:09:26,150 --> 00:09:23,440

school i taught and my wife and i my

284

00:09:29,670 --> 00:09:28,150

was finishing medical school and we

285

00:09:31,350 --> 00:09:29,680

decided to spend a couple years doing

286

00:09:32,550 --> 00:09:31,360

something different so we went to sydney

287

00:09:34,630 --> 00:09:32,560

australia

288

00:09:36,949 --> 00:09:34,640

and i taught in the university there

289

00:09:37,990 --> 00:09:36,959

aeronautics for a couple years

290

00:09:42,150 --> 00:09:38,000

and

291

00:09:44,150 --> 00:09:42,160

nasa you know for like you know 10 years

292

00:09:46,550 --> 00:09:44,160

and finally got interviewed and then

293

00:09:48,949 --> 00:09:46,560

after uh getting disqualified for a

294

00:09:52,070 --> 00:09:48,959

medical condition which was devastating

295

00:09:54,389 --> 00:09:52,080

that cleared up and then i was i got in

296

00:09:56,550 --> 00:09:54,399

you know two years later after already

297

00:09:57,590 --> 00:09:56,560

coming to houston so i worked in houston

298

00:09:58,790 --> 00:09:57,600

for a couple years as a flight

299

00:10:01,190 --> 00:09:58,800

controller

300

00:10:03,190 --> 00:10:01,200

before getting selected so that's the

301

00:10:05,750 --> 00:10:03,200

that was the path

302

00:10:08,470 --> 00:10:05,760

the flying in space part of the job that

303

00:10:10,550 --> 00:10:08,480

you've worked so long and hard to get

304

00:10:12,230 --> 00:10:10,560

is a part that that has its dangers

305

00:10:14,710 --> 00:10:12,240

there's no denying that

306

00:10:17,590 --> 00:10:14,720

but greg what is it that you feel we get

307

00:10:20,949 --> 00:10:17,600

as a result of flying people in space

308

00:10:22,949 --> 00:10:20,959

that makes it worth taking that risk

309

00:10:24,470 --> 00:10:22,959

well there's no there's no you know

310

00:10:27,750 --> 00:10:24,480

there's a saying there's no reward

311

00:10:29,750 --> 00:10:27,760

without risk and you know and also

312

00:10:31,350 --> 00:10:29,760

you know if it's worth doing it's worth

313

00:10:33,590 --> 00:10:31,360

doing well and i think from nasa's

314

00:10:35,990 --> 00:10:33,600

perspective that means doing it safely

315

00:10:37,829 --> 00:10:36,000

you know and so these are we take

316

00:10:39,430 --> 00:10:37,839

measured risks you know i mean you know

317

00:10:41,030 --> 00:10:39,440

what we're trying what we do we believe

318

00:10:42,710 --> 00:10:41,040

and we think is very important and and

319

00:10:44,470 --> 00:10:42,720

we do everything possible to make sure

320

00:10:45,750 --> 00:10:44,480

that there's backups and redundancies

321

00:10:48,069 --> 00:10:45,760

and checks to make sure that it's as

322

00:10:49,350 --> 00:10:48,079

safe as it possibly can be but having

323

00:10:51,190 --> 00:10:49,360

said that you know yeah there's

324

00:10:52,470 --> 00:10:51,200

certainly an element of risk

325

00:10:54,069 --> 00:10:52,480

and um

326  
00:10:55,269 --> 00:10:54,079  
but uh

327  
00:10:56,790 --> 00:10:55,279  
you know it's

328  
00:10:58,949 --> 00:10:56,800  
it's sort of uh

329  
00:11:01,030 --> 00:10:58,959  
the sense of um

330  
00:11:02,710 --> 00:11:01,040  
you know we've we've ex you know it's

331  
00:11:04,230 --> 00:11:02,720  
part of human nature to explore and be

332  
00:11:07,350 --> 00:11:04,240  
curious and want to know new things and

333  
00:11:09,269 --> 00:11:07,360  
i my uh my kids are are five right now

334  
00:11:10,630 --> 00:11:09,279  
and it's neat because they it must have

335  
00:11:13,190 --> 00:11:10,640  
been a teacher that told them you know

336  
00:11:14,710 --> 00:11:13,200  
that uh you know we're so we do science

337  
00:11:16,949 --> 00:11:14,720  
because we're curious you know so they

338  
00:11:18,710 --> 00:11:16,959

say they say i'm curious i'm going to be

339

00:11:21,269 --> 00:11:18,720

a scientist you know which is really

340

00:11:22,790 --> 00:11:21,279

cute and you know and and you know this

341

00:11:24,630 --> 00:11:22,800

the science and exploration i mean

342

00:11:26,710 --> 00:11:24,640

that's what it is it's you know it's

343

00:11:28,630 --> 00:11:26,720

it's we're curious you know species we

344

00:11:30,310 --> 00:11:28,640

want to understand things and and uh

345

00:11:31,030 --> 00:11:30,320

that's what our exploration is all about

346

00:11:33,590 --> 00:11:31,040

and

347

00:11:35,110 --> 00:11:33,600

you know i feel like we're kind of

348

00:11:36,550 --> 00:11:35,120

living you know if once you've been in

349

00:11:38,790 --> 00:11:36,560

space and you can look down on the earth

350

00:11:40,790 --> 00:11:38,800

and see the whole earth floating you

351

00:11:43,350 --> 00:11:40,800

know in emptiness

352

00:11:44,949 --> 00:11:43,360

uh with your own eyes

353

00:11:47,030 --> 00:11:44,959

you really get the sense of

354

00:11:48,949 --> 00:11:47,040

this is a this is a small part of what

355

00:11:50,629 --> 00:11:48,959

there is to know about you know and it's

356

00:11:52,310 --> 00:11:50,639

so important and we've explored it you

357

00:11:54,550 --> 00:11:52,320

know quite thoroughly and there's still

358

00:11:56,870 --> 00:11:54,560

plenty more to you know to learn and

359

00:11:58,389 --> 00:11:56,880

explore on on earth but there's so much

360

00:12:00,230 --> 00:11:58,399

more out there

361

00:12:02,150 --> 00:12:00,240

we just have to be out there you know

362

00:12:03,269 --> 00:12:02,160

exploring it and

363

00:12:04,870 --> 00:12:03,279

and uh

364

00:12:06,949 --> 00:12:04,880

you know i think it's just it's it's

365

00:12:09,430 --> 00:12:06,959

destiny it's our future we have to do it

366

00:12:10,870 --> 00:12:09,440

and and um and this is the beginning of

367

00:12:12,150 --> 00:12:10,880

it and i you know it's very exciting to

368

00:12:17,750 --> 00:12:12,160

be part of it and

369

00:12:23,030 --> 00:12:19,870

greg you're a member of shuttle mission

370

00:12:24,790 --> 00:12:23,040

sts-134s crew just summarize the overall

371

00:12:26,550 --> 00:12:24,800

goals of this mission and tell me what

372

00:12:27,910 --> 00:12:26,560

your major responsibilities on this

373

00:12:29,110 --> 00:12:27,920

flight are going to be

374

00:12:30,710 --> 00:12:29,120

sure

375

00:12:32,629 --> 00:12:30,720

yeah i think the probably the most

376

00:12:35,269 --> 00:12:32,639

significant thing on this flight without

377

00:12:37,509 --> 00:12:35,279

a doubt is the ams the alpha magnetic

378

00:12:39,829 --> 00:12:37,519

spectrometer that we're flying up

379

00:12:42,310 --> 00:12:39,839

this is a physics experiment

380

00:12:44,949 --> 00:12:42,320

it's a two billion dollar

381

00:12:46,310 --> 00:12:44,959

experiment built by 15 countries and

382

00:12:48,389 --> 00:12:46,320

this will be installing this on top of

383

00:12:50,069 --> 00:12:48,399

the space station and there's there's no

384

00:12:51,269 --> 00:12:50,079

doubt this is probably going to be you

385

00:12:52,790 --> 00:12:51,279

know one of the most significant

386

00:12:54,790 --> 00:12:52,800

contributions to the science on the

387

00:12:56,069 --> 00:12:54,800

space station in the years to come so

388

00:12:57,670 --> 00:12:56,079

that that's a that's a very big part of

389

00:13:00,949 --> 00:12:57,680

the mission is getting that installed

390

00:13:02,389 --> 00:13:00,959

safely and correctly and um

391

00:13:05,030 --> 00:13:02,399

in addition to that there's a platform

392

00:13:07,110 --> 00:13:05,040

we have it's called uh elc 3. it's a

393

00:13:08,470 --> 00:13:07,120

logistics platform it goes outside also

394

00:13:10,470 --> 00:13:08,480

it gets installed another part of the

395

00:13:11,509 --> 00:13:10,480

truss and it has spare equipment

396

00:13:13,190 --> 00:13:11,519

basically

397

00:13:14,389 --> 00:13:13,200

uh there's a list of equipment on i

398

00:13:16,389 --> 00:13:14,399

could give you but essentially it's

399

00:13:18,230 --> 00:13:16,399

there to enable us to keep flying the

400

00:13:19,750 --> 00:13:18,240

space station you know for the next 10

401  
00:13:21,269 --> 00:13:19,760  
years and and have the spare equipment

402  
00:13:23,110 --> 00:13:21,279  
that we need

403  
00:13:24,150 --> 00:13:23,120  
and then we have a series of spacewalks

404  
00:13:25,509 --> 00:13:24,160  
on the mission

405  
00:13:26,470 --> 00:13:25,519  
i'm excited to be doing a couple of

406  
00:13:28,550 --> 00:13:26,480  
those

407  
00:13:30,870 --> 00:13:28,560  
and uh and some of that is maintenance

408  
00:13:33,509 --> 00:13:30,880  
some of it is uh science related some of

409  
00:13:35,030 --> 00:13:33,519  
it is um installing some new equipment

410  
00:13:36,389 --> 00:13:35,040  
and so i think between those four

411  
00:13:38,389 --> 00:13:36,399  
spacewalks and all the robotics

412  
00:13:39,990 --> 00:13:38,399  
operations to install the two big

413  
00:13:42,230 --> 00:13:40,000

payloads that come up in the payload bay

414

00:13:44,150 --> 00:13:42,240

those are the priorities of the mission

415

00:13:46,389 --> 00:13:44,160

almost everybody on this crew has been

416

00:13:48,310 --> 00:13:46,399

to the space station before in fact you

417

00:13:50,470 --> 00:13:48,320

and mike fink have had long duration

418

00:13:52,550 --> 00:13:50,480

stays on the station before

419

00:13:56,150 --> 00:13:52,560

has that really benefited the group of

420

00:13:57,670 --> 00:13:56,160

you as you prepare to fly sts-134 oh i'm

421

00:14:00,230 --> 00:13:57,680

sure you know

422

00:14:02,550 --> 00:14:00,240

we all we all feel that it has and a lot

423

00:14:03,829 --> 00:14:02,560

of you know in the training

424

00:14:06,230 --> 00:14:03,839

it makes a huge difference because we

425

00:14:07,430 --> 00:14:06,240

know exactly what to expect uh you know

426

00:14:09,750 --> 00:14:07,440

i think you know as you say especially

427

00:14:11,110 --> 00:14:09,760

for mike and i you know we were up there

428

00:14:12,470 --> 00:14:11,120

actually overlap for about six weeks

429

00:14:14,389 --> 00:14:12,480

we're there together

430

00:14:15,829 --> 00:14:14,399

and uh

431

00:14:17,189 --> 00:14:15,839

during the time that i was there in the

432

00:14:18,870 --> 00:14:17,199

time he was there there were multiple

433

00:14:20,870 --> 00:14:18,880

shuttle missions coming and going so the

434

00:14:23,030 --> 00:14:20,880

whole the whole dynamic of a shuttle

435

00:14:25,509 --> 00:14:23,040

coming up to the space station uh the

436

00:14:27,110 --> 00:14:25,519

two teams working together um you know

437

00:14:29,189 --> 00:14:27,120

how the space station prepares for us

438

00:14:30,629 --> 00:14:29,199

you know which i did for another shuttle

439

00:14:32,069 --> 00:14:30,639

how we work together when we're up there

440

00:14:33,509 --> 00:14:32,079

and then of course using all the systems

441

00:14:35,269 --> 00:14:33,519

on the space station

442

00:14:37,030 --> 00:14:35,279

in our case especially the airlock on

443

00:14:38,389 --> 00:14:37,040

the space station you know for the space

444

00:14:40,470 --> 00:14:38,399

walks

445

00:14:41,509 --> 00:14:40,480

so all that is so familiar to to mike

446

00:14:42,790 --> 00:14:41,519

and i

447

00:14:44,870 --> 00:14:42,800

it helps throughout the training because

448

00:14:46,310 --> 00:14:44,880

we can bring up you know these these

449

00:14:47,430 --> 00:14:46,320

points that are relevant you know as

450

00:14:49,509 --> 00:14:47,440

they come up for the shuttle crew that

451

00:14:51,590 --> 00:14:49,519

hasn't necessarily uh

452

00:14:54,069 --> 00:14:51,600

seen all these things and roberto too

453

00:14:56,230 --> 00:14:54,079

roberto you know has been there on the

454

00:14:57,750 --> 00:14:56,240

soyuz twice so he's also got that same

455

00:14:58,949 --> 00:14:57,760

familiarity with it with the space

456

00:15:00,310 --> 00:14:58,959

station so

457

00:15:01,189 --> 00:15:00,320

it helps a lot of the training i know

458

00:15:03,350 --> 00:15:01,199

during the mission it's gonna make

459

00:15:04,870 --> 00:15:03,360

things go a lot smoother

460

00:15:06,069 --> 00:15:04,880

and uh we'll know how to treat the space

461

00:15:06,790 --> 00:15:06,079

station guys because we know how we

462

00:15:08,550 --> 00:15:06,800

would

463

00:15:10,949 --> 00:15:08,560

like to be treated when shuttle crew

464

00:15:12,790 --> 00:15:10,959

came up and we were helping them and uh

465

00:15:14,150 --> 00:15:12,800

so it's a really helpful thing i think

466

00:15:15,110 --> 00:15:14,160

it's it's uh it's great and we're

467

00:15:16,230 --> 00:15:15,120

looking forward to seeing the space

468

00:15:18,310 --> 00:15:16,240

station again i can't wait to see it

469

00:15:20,069 --> 00:15:18,320

again well yeah you've done six months

470

00:15:21,990 --> 00:15:20,079

on the station so now you're looking at

471

00:15:23,269 --> 00:15:22,000

going for just a shorter period of time

472

00:15:25,030 --> 00:15:23,279

but you're also going to a station

473

00:15:26,790 --> 00:15:25,040

that's changed since you were there so

474

00:15:29,110 --> 00:15:26,800

so what are your expectations about what

475

00:15:30,949 --> 00:15:29,120

you're going to see when you arrive

476

00:15:32,870 --> 00:15:30,959

yeah i can't wait to to get there again

477

00:15:34,710 --> 00:15:32,880

you know it like say was it was home for

478

00:15:36,150 --> 00:15:34,720

me for six months you know and i and i

479

00:15:38,710 --> 00:15:36,160

feel that way about it it's you know

480

00:15:41,110 --> 00:15:38,720

it's a place i've lived in my life for a

481

00:15:42,230 --> 00:15:41,120

significant chunk of my life

482

00:15:45,670 --> 00:15:42,240

and

483

00:15:47,430 --> 00:15:45,680

has changed the one one big change i

484

00:15:48,629 --> 00:15:47,440

think that i'll notice is the cupola

485

00:15:59,269 --> 00:15:48,639

window

486

00:16:00,470 --> 00:15:59,279

side the japanese modular or spectacular

487

00:16:02,230 --> 00:16:00,480

windows

488

00:16:03,910 --> 00:16:02,240

but the cupola you know you can move

489

00:16:06,949 --> 00:16:03,920

into it and have windows all around it's

490

00:16:08,389 --> 00:16:06,959

a you know 360 degree panoramic view

491

00:16:09,829 --> 00:16:08,399

that's going to be spectacular to see

492

00:16:11,430 --> 00:16:09,839

that and there'll be additional modules

493

00:16:13,350 --> 00:16:11,440

it'll be even bigger you know even

494

00:16:15,189 --> 00:16:13,360

harder to find somebody than it was when

495

00:16:18,949 --> 00:16:15,199

i was up there

496

00:16:21,829 --> 00:16:18,959

before i had you know we were ready to

497

00:16:23,910 --> 00:16:21,839

do spacewalk if we needed to and

498

00:16:25,910 --> 00:16:23,920

i had a suit ready you know for me there

499

00:16:28,150 --> 00:16:25,920

that i bumped into as i flew past it

500

00:16:29,509 --> 00:16:28,160

every day and uh did a lot of work in

501  
00:16:31,110 --> 00:16:29,519  
the in the airlock but never had a

502  
00:16:32,629 --> 00:16:31,120  
chance to go outside nothing broke you

503  
00:16:34,069 --> 00:16:32,639  
know we're kind of you know in a funny

504  
00:16:35,590 --> 00:16:34,079  
way hoping for something really small

505  
00:16:37,509 --> 00:16:35,600  
and simple to break so we could go out

506  
00:16:39,749 --> 00:16:37,519  
and fix it but so i'm very excited this

507  
00:16:40,949 --> 00:16:39,759  
time to get a chance to actually go out

508  
00:16:43,670 --> 00:16:40,959  
the hatch and see the outside of the

509  
00:16:45,030 --> 00:16:43,680  
space station so i can't wait for that

510  
00:16:46,629 --> 00:16:45,040  
let me get you to tell us a little bit

511  
00:16:47,590 --> 00:16:46,639  
more about the the stuff that you're

512  
00:16:49,990 --> 00:16:47,600  
bringing

513  
00:16:52,069 --> 00:16:50,000

express logistics carrier three you

514

00:16:54,550 --> 00:16:52,079

referred to before tell me what its

515

00:16:56,470 --> 00:16:54,560

function is on orbit so this is a

516

00:16:58,310 --> 00:16:56,480

basically a platform

517

00:16:59,509 --> 00:16:58,320

that sits in the shuttle cargo bay and

518

00:17:01,670 --> 00:16:59,519

it'll move and it'll be installed

519

00:17:03,350 --> 00:17:01,680

outside on the truss on the station

520

00:17:05,350 --> 00:17:03,360

what's on it is things that have to be

521

00:17:07,429 --> 00:17:05,360

outside or will be used outside the

522

00:17:09,350 --> 00:17:07,439

spare equipment one thing is a is a tank

523

00:17:11,110 --> 00:17:09,360

a high pressure tank for the airlock

524

00:17:13,029 --> 00:17:11,120

another thing is a spare

525

00:17:15,270 --> 00:17:13,039

part of one of the robotic arms it's

526  
00:17:17,750 --> 00:17:15,280  
called spdm special purpose dexterous

527  
00:17:19,669 --> 00:17:17,760  
manipulator part of the canadian robotic

528  
00:17:21,350 --> 00:17:19,679  
arm system and it's a spare

529  
00:17:25,110 --> 00:17:21,360  
manipulator for that

530  
00:17:26,710 --> 00:17:25,120  
um there's some extra antennas on it for

531  
00:17:29,190 --> 00:17:26,720  
our s-band radio

532  
00:17:31,510 --> 00:17:29,200  
and so there's spare equipment on this

533  
00:17:33,270 --> 00:17:31,520  
platform that we'll be installing and

534  
00:17:35,430 --> 00:17:33,280  
setting up one of the spacewalks will

535  
00:17:38,070 --> 00:17:35,440  
involve um making sure some of that

536  
00:17:40,470 --> 00:17:38,080  
equipment is ready to be used when when

537  
00:17:42,470 --> 00:17:40,480  
needed and it'll it'll be out there you

538  
00:17:44,390 --> 00:17:42,480

know over the next 10 years you know and

539

00:17:46,150 --> 00:17:44,400

hope and you know as needed equipment

540

00:17:48,390 --> 00:17:46,160

will come off of that that platform to

541

00:17:49,510 --> 00:17:48,400

be used to replace things as they as

542

00:17:51,270 --> 00:17:49,520

they wear out

543

00:17:54,230 --> 00:17:51,280

so it's not anything that we have to

544

00:17:56,549 --> 00:17:54,240

have right now that's right prepping for

545

00:17:58,710 --> 00:17:56,559

stocking the pantry that's right exactly

546

00:18:00,710 --> 00:17:58,720

how does it go from getting in the

547

00:18:01,990 --> 00:18:00,720

payload bay out onto the trust what's

548

00:18:04,310 --> 00:18:02,000

the procedure for getting it out well

549

00:18:06,150 --> 00:18:04,320

the procedure's all robotic and and a

550

00:18:08,630 --> 00:18:06,160

lot of us on this crew are involved to

551  
00:18:10,950 --> 00:18:08,640  
make this all happen uh two guys uh in

552  
00:18:12,150 --> 00:18:10,960  
that case uh i believe it's mike and

553  
00:18:14,390 --> 00:18:12,160  
roberto

554  
00:18:15,990 --> 00:18:14,400  
they'll be doing the uh shuttle robotic

555  
00:18:17,190 --> 00:18:16,000  
work so they'll take the they'll take it

556  
00:18:18,549 --> 00:18:17,200  
out of the payload bay with the shuttle

557  
00:18:20,470 --> 00:18:18,559  
robotic arm

558  
00:18:21,909 --> 00:18:20,480  
and they'll basically bring it out and

559  
00:18:23,909 --> 00:18:21,919  
put it in a position where we can reach

560  
00:18:26,230 --> 00:18:23,919  
it with the station robotic arm

561  
00:18:28,549 --> 00:18:26,240  
box and i will be on the station side

562  
00:18:30,549 --> 00:18:28,559  
and we'll move the space station

563  
00:18:32,310 --> 00:18:30,559

robotic arm into position to grapple it

564

00:18:33,510 --> 00:18:32,320

once we grapple it then they can release

565

00:18:42,230 --> 00:18:33,520

it

566

00:18:44,310 --> 00:18:42,240

on the trust we have these mechanisms uh

567

00:18:45,990 --> 00:18:44,320

for attaching external payloads and they

568

00:18:47,110 --> 00:18:46,000

basically have they have guide veins so

569

00:18:48,870 --> 00:18:47,120

you can bring it in you know and they

570

00:18:51,590 --> 00:18:48,880

have targets and camera systems so you

571

00:18:53,350 --> 00:18:51,600

could uh steer it in you know perfectly

572

00:18:55,430 --> 00:18:53,360

and uh so we'll be doing all of that and

573

00:18:56,470 --> 00:18:55,440

then and then there's a basically a big

574

00:18:57,990 --> 00:18:56,480

claw

575

00:18:59,750 --> 00:18:58,000

that you know once and once the

576

00:19:01,510 --> 00:18:59,760

mechanism for the claw is in operation

577

00:19:02,789 --> 00:19:01,520

the claw grabs the capture bar and then

578

00:19:05,270 --> 00:19:02,799

pulls it down and pulls it tight and

579

00:19:06,870 --> 00:19:05,280

holds it in place so um

580

00:19:08,549 --> 00:19:06,880

if everything works right you know it'll

581

00:19:10,630 --> 00:19:08,559

be that claw will stay closed and it'll

582

00:19:12,950 --> 00:19:10,640

be solidly attached you know forever at

583

00:19:14,390 --> 00:19:12,960

that point and there's also

584

00:19:16,390 --> 00:19:14,400

some electrical umbilicals that have to

585

00:19:18,549 --> 00:19:16,400

connect to it and uh so another motor

586

00:19:20,789 --> 00:19:18,559

mechanism has to move into place and

587

00:19:23,430 --> 00:19:20,799

provide power data communication to

588

00:19:25,830 --> 00:19:23,440

everything that's on the platform and so

589

00:19:27,909 --> 00:19:25,840

box and i are taking turns uh in that

590

00:19:29,430 --> 00:19:27,919

case i'll be flying the robotic arm and

591

00:19:31,590 --> 00:19:29,440

he'll be doing the mechanisms on the

592

00:19:33,510 --> 00:19:31,600

attachment system and then the next day

593

00:19:35,350 --> 00:19:33,520

we'll do a similar thing for ams where

594

00:19:38,470 --> 00:19:35,360

we'll swap roles

595

00:19:40,470 --> 00:19:38,480

so for ams installation you'll be on the

596

00:19:42,950 --> 00:19:40,480

station arm side as well yeah so it's

597

00:19:44,630 --> 00:19:42,960

for ams installation uh

598

00:19:47,830 --> 00:19:44,640

again on the shuttle side and this time

599

00:19:49,909 --> 00:19:47,840

i believe it's drew with roberto

600

00:19:51,430 --> 00:19:49,919

flying the shuttle arm moving ams new

601  
00:19:53,110 --> 00:19:51,440  
position with very similar thing

602  
00:19:54,630 --> 00:19:53,120  
different position uh different side of

603  
00:19:57,830 --> 00:19:54,640  
the space station

604  
00:19:59,270 --> 00:19:57,840  
uh so the you know from the robotic

605  
00:20:00,710 --> 00:19:59,280  
team's point of view everything's

606  
00:20:03,029 --> 00:20:00,720  
different but from our point of view you

607  
00:20:04,149 --> 00:20:03,039  
know it's it's a similar you know or

608  
00:20:06,310 --> 00:20:04,159  
from a general point of view it's quite

609  
00:20:09,110 --> 00:20:06,320  
similar and that station arm grabs it

610  
00:20:10,789 --> 00:20:09,120  
puts it into place mechanisms grapple it

611  
00:20:13,110 --> 00:20:10,799  
pull it down and

612  
00:20:14,870 --> 00:20:13,120  
so you know it takes quite a few hours

613  
00:20:16,950 --> 00:20:14,880

you know it's it's it's a tricky

614

00:20:18,950 --> 00:20:16,960

operation the tolerances are really

615

00:20:21,110 --> 00:20:18,960

tight you don't have camera views that

616

00:20:22,950 --> 00:20:21,120

show you you know clearances between you

617

00:20:24,870 --> 00:20:22,960

know things that you would like to to

618

00:20:26,310 --> 00:20:24,880

know for sure that you're not hitting so

619

00:20:27,510 --> 00:20:26,320

it takes some training to make sure you

620

00:20:29,110 --> 00:20:27,520

know what we know we know we know

621

00:20:30,149 --> 00:20:29,120

exactly what we're expecting and get it

622

00:20:31,669 --> 00:20:30,159

in there right

623

00:20:33,270 --> 00:20:31,679

and but

624

00:20:34,310 --> 00:20:33,280

if all goes well you know it should be

625

00:20:36,710 --> 00:20:34,320

no problem

626

00:20:38,390 --> 00:20:36,720

i have to say on the on the for the ams

627

00:20:40,310 --> 00:20:38,400

which is the very expensive payload you

628

00:20:41,669 --> 00:20:40,320

know the one that's most important um

629

00:20:43,029 --> 00:20:41,679

the attachment mechanism we're putting

630

00:20:44,390 --> 00:20:43,039

it on doesn't have the same level of

631

00:20:46,149 --> 00:20:44,400

redundancy as some of the other

632

00:20:48,390 --> 00:20:46,159

attachment mechanisms in other words

633

00:20:51,510 --> 00:20:48,400

there's not two motors if one fails

634

00:20:54,230 --> 00:20:51,520

for attaching it for example so i'll be

635

00:20:56,070 --> 00:20:54,240

breathing a little better after we've

636

00:20:57,510 --> 00:20:56,080

that's been completed and i know that

637

00:20:59,110 --> 00:20:57,520

it's attached

638

00:21:01,350 --> 00:20:59,120

successfully just because i don't we

639

00:21:03,190 --> 00:21:01,360

don't have the redundancy there

640

00:21:06,950 --> 00:21:03,200

you know if something does go wrong is

641

00:21:08,149 --> 00:21:06,960

that a possible contingency eva task did

642

00:21:10,070 --> 00:21:08,159

you guys have prepared there's some

643

00:21:12,630 --> 00:21:10,080

potential tasks we could do you know

644

00:21:14,549 --> 00:21:12,640

there's but there's a couple of fallback

645

00:21:16,230 --> 00:21:14,559

uh things we can do and it's possible to

646

00:21:19,029 --> 00:21:16,240

keep the ams on the robotic arm

647

00:21:21,270 --> 00:21:19,039

overnight if we have to do that it has

648

00:21:24,230 --> 00:21:21,280

it can provide build power to it through

649

00:21:25,990 --> 00:21:24,240

the robotic arm so yeah we have we have

650

00:21:28,390 --> 00:21:26,000

some backup plans hopefully we don't

651  
00:21:30,230 --> 00:21:28,400  
need them right

652  
00:21:33,110 --> 00:21:30,240  
fill me in on the alpha magnetic

653  
00:21:34,950 --> 00:21:33,120  
spectrometer what does it do once it's

654  
00:21:37,190 --> 00:21:34,960  
in that position out on the station's

655  
00:21:39,029 --> 00:21:37,200  
truss well this is an amazing instrument

656  
00:21:41,270 --> 00:21:39,039  
you know the ams

657  
00:21:42,149 --> 00:21:41,280  
as you said alpha magnetic spectrometer

658  
00:21:43,909 --> 00:21:42,159  
uh

659  
00:21:46,070 --> 00:21:43,919  
in my mind this is like the hubble space

660  
00:21:49,590 --> 00:21:46,080  
telescope i mean it has the same type of

661  
00:21:51,270 --> 00:21:49,600  
potential for revolutionizing uh revolu

662  
00:21:53,669 --> 00:21:51,280  
revolutionizing our understanding of the

663  
00:21:55,270 --> 00:21:53,679

of the universe um it's looking at

664

00:21:57,029 --> 00:21:55,280

cosmic rays

665

00:21:58,789 --> 00:21:57,039

so it's different than a normal

666

00:22:01,190 --> 00:21:58,799

telescope

667

00:22:02,789 --> 00:22:01,200

and as it's collecting cosmic rays you

668

00:22:04,390 --> 00:22:02,799

know it's basically able to measure mass

669

00:22:06,310 --> 00:22:04,400

the direction they came from the energy

670

00:22:08,230 --> 00:22:06,320

they have and and and whether they're

671

00:22:10,630 --> 00:22:08,240

also matter or anti-matter

672

00:22:12,549 --> 00:22:10,640

and um so i think you know fundamentally

673

00:22:16,070 --> 00:22:12,559

you know it's designed to look look for

674

00:22:17,590 --> 00:22:16,080

antimatter and dark energy dark matter

675

00:22:18,870 --> 00:22:17,600

but it's looking at all cosmic ray

676

00:22:20,950 --> 00:22:18,880

particles and the thing is that on the

677

00:22:22,149 --> 00:22:20,960

ground they've been trying to simulate

678

00:22:24,470 --> 00:22:22,159

uh

679

00:22:26,870 --> 00:22:24,480

or create you know nuclear different

680

00:22:28,230 --> 00:22:26,880

nuclear particles with these acceler

681

00:22:33,510 --> 00:22:28,240

accelera

682

00:22:34,950 --> 00:22:33,520

and um

683

00:22:36,470 --> 00:22:34,960

and the energy levels they've reached on

684

00:22:38,630 --> 00:22:36,480

the ground are still in order of

685

00:22:40,789 --> 00:22:38,640

magnitude or more or less than what's in

686

00:22:42,630 --> 00:22:40,799

free space so it's possible that they're

687

00:22:43,590 --> 00:22:42,640

going to see things that you know first

688

00:22:45,510 --> 00:22:43,600

of all they'll see the natural

689

00:22:47,909 --> 00:22:45,520

background distribution of these kind of

690

00:22:49,510 --> 00:22:47,919

particles and they'll see possibly some

691

00:22:50,870 --> 00:22:49,520

ones that have not been able to create

692

00:22:52,630 --> 00:22:50,880

in the laboratory

693

00:22:54,630 --> 00:22:52,640

so there's a lot of potential for

694

00:22:55,430 --> 00:22:54,640

discovery and the other thing is that

695

00:22:56,870 --> 00:22:55,440

um

696

00:22:58,230 --> 00:22:56,880

you know it knows where the particle is

697

00:22:59,909 --> 00:22:58,240

coming from because if it could be

698

00:23:01,750 --> 00:22:59,919

pointing at a galaxy and if if

699

00:23:03,909 --> 00:23:01,760

anti-matter particles start showing up

700

00:23:05,430 --> 00:23:03,919

in the detector you know it could be

701

00:23:07,430 --> 00:23:05,440

telling us that that galaxy is an

702

00:23:09,909 --> 00:23:07,440

antimatter galaxy and you know the whole

703

00:23:12,549 --> 00:23:09,919

universe was supposedly uh in the big

704

00:23:14,789 --> 00:23:12,559

bang theory made you know in equal parts

705

00:23:17,190 --> 00:23:14,799

anti-matter and matter but now what we

706

00:23:18,870 --> 00:23:17,200

see is essentially all matter

707

00:23:20,149 --> 00:23:18,880

as far as we know

708

00:23:22,390 --> 00:23:20,159

and it turns out that this thing can

709

00:23:24,149 --> 00:23:22,400

detect you know uh anti-matter

710

00:23:26,470 --> 00:23:24,159

uh particles in a you know at a certain

711

00:23:28,230 --> 00:23:26,480

level it'll help understand help us

712

00:23:30,230 --> 00:23:28,240

understand you know the the nature of

713

00:23:31,830 --> 00:23:30,240

the evolution of the universe so it's

714

00:23:33,430 --> 00:23:31,840

some pretty interesting things and also

715

00:23:34,789 --> 00:23:33,440

i think the

716

00:23:36,470 --> 00:23:34,799

the um

717

00:23:38,230 --> 00:23:36,480

you know the thing that hubble did for

718

00:23:40,310 --> 00:23:38,240

us that was very one one major thing

719

00:23:41,510 --> 00:23:40,320

hubble did for us was very interesting

720

00:23:42,549 --> 00:23:41,520

was uh

721

00:23:44,950 --> 00:23:42,559

you know

722

00:23:46,230 --> 00:23:44,960

we knew that the universe was expanding

723

00:23:48,070 --> 00:23:46,240

and we wondered whether or not there's

724

00:23:49,510 --> 00:23:48,080

enough gravity for it to stop expanding

725

00:23:51,590 --> 00:23:49,520

and recollapse or whether or not it

726  
00:23:53,110 --> 00:23:51,600  
would expand forever or you know and

727  
00:23:55,029 --> 00:23:53,120  
hubble figured out that not only is it

728  
00:23:56,230 --> 00:23:55,039  
expanding but the rate of expansion is

729  
00:23:58,390 --> 00:23:56,240  
increasing

730  
00:23:59,669 --> 00:23:58,400  
and how how does that happen with normal

731  
00:24:01,269 --> 00:23:59,679  
gravity you know so there's something

732  
00:24:03,669 --> 00:24:01,279  
else we don't understand

733  
00:24:06,149 --> 00:24:03,679  
and uh you know and that has to do

734  
00:24:09,269 --> 00:24:06,159  
potentially with with dark matter and

735  
00:24:11,110 --> 00:24:09,279  
and dark energy and so if if ams helps

736  
00:24:13,350 --> 00:24:11,120  
us understand these things i think the

737  
00:24:16,230 --> 00:24:13,360  
you know the concepts of anti-matter uh

738  
00:24:18,149 --> 00:24:16,240

how anti-matter and matter um you know

739

00:24:19,510 --> 00:24:18,159

work and and how gravity works these are

740

00:24:21,269 --> 00:24:19,520

fundamental concepts we still don't

741

00:24:23,190 --> 00:24:21,279

really understand doesn't fit into the

742

00:24:24,870 --> 00:24:23,200

grand unified theory yet

743

00:24:26,549 --> 00:24:24,880

and uh you know just like when we

744

00:24:28,070 --> 00:24:26,559

figured out electromagnetism we have

745

00:24:30,310 --> 00:24:28,080

things like you know tvs and

746

00:24:32,630 --> 00:24:30,320

communications and satellites and

747

00:24:34,070 --> 00:24:32,640

and uh and all this technology based on

748

00:24:35,510 --> 00:24:34,080

our understanding of electromagnetism

749

00:24:36,789 --> 00:24:35,520

and so i think you know this is the

750

00:24:38,789 --> 00:24:36,799

beginning of the next phase of

751  
00:24:41,110 --> 00:24:38,799  
understanding physics that could really

752  
00:24:42,470 --> 00:24:41,120  
um be important for the future so it's

753  
00:24:43,510 --> 00:24:42,480  
pretty pretty interesting stuff that

754  
00:24:45,510 --> 00:24:43,520  
they're looking at it's fundamental

755  
00:24:47,750 --> 00:24:45,520  
physics but in the long run i think it

756  
00:24:50,070 --> 00:24:47,760  
has you know great potential for

757  
00:24:51,909 --> 00:24:50,080  
uh pushing us to the future so very

758  
00:24:53,909 --> 00:24:51,919  
interesting stuff and in this case as i

759  
00:24:56,549 --> 00:24:53,919  
understand it correctly the station is

760  
00:24:58,390 --> 00:24:56,559  
used as a platform for ams but the crew

761  
00:25:01,110 --> 00:24:58,400  
members on board don't really have any

762  
00:25:02,630 --> 00:25:01,120  
anything to do with it helping it take

763  
00:25:04,549 --> 00:25:02,640

its readings or measurements right it

764

00:25:07,269 --> 00:25:04,559

collects an incredible amount of data

765

00:25:08,390 --> 00:25:07,279

and uh you know it's looking at um you

766

00:25:09,990 --> 00:25:08,400

know all the particles coming through

767

00:25:12,310 --> 00:25:10,000

the detector and we're talking you know

768

00:25:14,230 --> 00:25:12,320

you know many particles per you know

769

00:25:16,710 --> 00:25:14,240

let's say let's say nanosecond or

770

00:25:18,070 --> 00:25:16,720

whatever and uh and it's figuring out

771

00:25:19,430 --> 00:25:18,080

which you know which ones came in the

772

00:25:21,430 --> 00:25:19,440

right way and left the right way so they

773

00:25:23,669 --> 00:25:21,440

can match up you know that the one that

774

00:25:25,029 --> 00:25:23,679

left through this surface was the one

775

00:25:26,950 --> 00:25:25,039

that came into this surface so it has a

776

00:25:29,029 --> 00:25:26,960

lot of there's a lot of analysis to do

777

00:25:30,789 --> 00:25:29,039

to figure out to match up you know

778

00:25:33,110 --> 00:25:30,799

accident entry points and

779

00:25:34,710 --> 00:25:33,120

and um and uh and you know figure out

780

00:25:36,630 --> 00:25:34,720

the curvature of particles in there and

781

00:25:38,310 --> 00:25:36,640

figure out the mass and so a lot of that

782

00:25:40,149 --> 00:25:38,320

raw data goes down to the ground there's

783

00:25:41,669 --> 00:25:40,159

some onboard computation and data

784

00:25:43,669 --> 00:25:41,679

compression and then it all goes down to

785

00:25:45,350 --> 00:25:43,679

the ground and and there'll be terabytes

786

00:25:47,830 --> 00:25:45,360

and terabytes and terabytes of data for

787

00:25:50,549 --> 00:25:47,840

physicist analytes for the next 10 years

788

00:25:52,070 --> 00:25:50,559

keep them busy no doubt no doubt

789

00:25:53,430 --> 00:25:52,080

you mentioned a few minutes ago that the

790

00:25:55,430 --> 00:25:53,440

plan for this

791

00:25:57,669 --> 00:25:55,440

mission also calls for four spacewalks

792

00:25:59,750 --> 00:25:57,679

by three different teams of spacewalkers

793

00:26:01,430 --> 00:25:59,760

tell me what your role as

794

00:26:04,149 --> 00:26:01,440

as a member of this team is going to be

795

00:26:05,750 --> 00:26:04,159

on this flight sure uh you know this is

796

00:26:07,350 --> 00:26:05,760

a really exciting uh part of the

797

00:26:09,110 --> 00:26:07,360

training in preparation to just being

798

00:26:11,590 --> 00:26:09,120

part of this team as you said there's

799

00:26:14,149 --> 00:26:11,600

three of us so uh drew feustel he's

800

00:26:16,310 --> 00:26:14,159

gonna be the lead space walker um and

801  
00:26:17,990 --> 00:26:16,320  
mike fink and i mike fink's done several

802  
00:26:20,070 --> 00:26:18,000  
spacewalks on the russian segment before

803  
00:26:22,149 --> 00:26:20,080  
for me this is this is the first time

804  
00:26:24,549 --> 00:26:22,159  
and the three of us work in it working a

805  
00:26:26,230 --> 00:26:24,559  
team for all the spacewalks so

806  
00:26:28,549 --> 00:26:26,240  
two of them on any particular spacewalk

807  
00:26:30,549 --> 00:26:28,559  
two go out the door the other one is uh

808  
00:26:33,510 --> 00:26:30,559  
works inside we call them iv and those

809  
00:26:35,510 --> 00:26:33,520  
guys evie and uh and the iv is the sort

810  
00:26:37,590 --> 00:26:35,520  
of task master the one who's got keeper

811  
00:26:39,110 --> 00:26:37,600  
of the master plan you know okay next

812  
00:26:40,789 --> 00:26:39,120  
we're doing this next you're doing this

813  
00:26:41,909 --> 00:26:40,799

and you know and as things evolve you

814

00:26:43,269 --> 00:26:41,919

know if they change a little bit is the

815

00:26:44,870 --> 00:26:43,279

one who's keeping track of everything

816

00:26:46,789 --> 00:26:44,880

and also communicating with the ground

817

00:26:48,390 --> 00:26:46,799

and and being the interface between you

818

00:26:51,190 --> 00:26:48,400

know the crew in the ground and the plan

819

00:26:52,710 --> 00:26:51,200

and the and the you know and the and um

820

00:26:54,070 --> 00:26:52,720

you know how well the suit is doing and

821

00:26:55,029 --> 00:26:54,080

how much time we have left and all and

822

00:26:57,590 --> 00:26:55,039

everything

823

00:27:00,549 --> 00:26:57,600

and we just kind of rotate that so on on

824

00:27:01,909 --> 00:27:00,559

eva one i'm out the door with with drew

825

00:27:05,350 --> 00:27:01,919

mike's iv

826

00:27:07,110 --> 00:27:05,360

and then eva2 i'm uh ev i'm internal i'm

827

00:27:08,710 --> 00:27:07,120

iv and those two guys are out the door

828

00:27:11,350 --> 00:27:08,720

and we we rotate that way through all

829

00:27:13,350 --> 00:27:11,360

those space walks so uh in combination

830

00:27:14,789 --> 00:27:13,360

then with the ground team you know the

831

00:27:16,789 --> 00:27:14,799

we we have a whole team of folks that

832

00:27:18,470 --> 00:27:16,799

have been working on us now you know by

833

00:27:19,830 --> 00:27:18,480

the time we fly it'll probably be two

834

00:27:22,149 --> 00:27:19,840

years you know that they've all been

835

00:27:25,029 --> 00:27:22,159

working on this and uh so it's a really

836

00:27:27,190 --> 00:27:25,039

neat team of folks really focused on on

837

00:27:28,950 --> 00:27:27,200

making all this happen and

838

00:27:32,070 --> 00:27:28,960

who knows if we'll execute it exactly as

839

00:27:35,190 --> 00:27:32,080

planned but you know we uh we train to

840

00:27:36,789 --> 00:27:35,200

be able to be flexible and uh but it's

841

00:27:38,549 --> 00:27:36,799

exciting to be part of that team and and

842

00:27:39,830 --> 00:27:38,559

i like the way that that teamwork works

843

00:27:41,590 --> 00:27:39,840

it's a little different than the

844

00:27:43,669 --> 00:27:41,600

experience i had before training for

845

00:27:44,789 --> 00:27:43,679

space station because i was i was flying

846

00:27:46,789 --> 00:27:44,799

with two russians and a lot of my

847

00:27:48,549 --> 00:27:46,799

training was solo so it's a neat

848

00:27:50,870 --> 00:27:48,559

difference in the in the training to be

849

00:27:52,630 --> 00:27:50,880

on a team like that it gives you a bit

850

00:27:55,029 --> 00:27:52,640

wider experience

851

00:27:56,470 --> 00:27:55,039

for your future flights exactly well let

852

00:27:58,470 --> 00:27:56,480

me get you to tell us about what's going

853

00:28:00,470 --> 00:27:58,480

to happen let's start with eva number

854

00:28:02,230 --> 00:28:00,480

one you and drew are outside what's

855

00:28:04,310 --> 00:28:02,240

what's on the uh what's on the timeline

856

00:28:06,310 --> 00:28:04,320

all right let's see so uh an eva one so

857

00:28:07,750 --> 00:28:06,320

drew and i go out uh and this will be my

858

00:28:09,750 --> 00:28:07,760

first time out the door

859

00:28:11,269 --> 00:28:09,760

and um so the first thing i do is this

860

00:28:13,190 --> 00:28:11,279

thing that they haven't funny name for

861

00:28:15,110 --> 00:28:13,200

translation adaptation

862

00:28:18,549 --> 00:28:15,120

um because we're so used to training

863

00:28:20,549 --> 00:28:18,559

under water and you know underwater

864

00:28:21,590 --> 00:28:20,559

you know it helps you get a sense a

865

00:28:25,590 --> 00:28:21,600

sense of

866

00:28:27,350 --> 00:28:25,600

of course gravity is still there but the

867

00:28:30,389 --> 00:28:27,360

water resists your motion

868

00:28:32,070 --> 00:28:30,399

so it takes every effort to move and

869

00:28:33,909 --> 00:28:32,080

and very little effort to stop because

870

00:28:35,269 --> 00:28:33,919

the you you have the water helping you

871

00:28:38,149 --> 00:28:35,279

stop the motion

872

00:28:40,070 --> 00:28:38,159

um and in space your expectation is that

873

00:28:41,909 --> 00:28:40,080

you know that uh yeah it takes work to

874

00:28:44,630 --> 00:28:41,919

stop too because there's nothing slowing

875

00:28:46,789 --> 00:28:44,640

you down so uh so if i have a couple

876

00:28:48,630 --> 00:28:46,799

minutes do it to do that make sure i you

877

00:28:51,510 --> 00:28:48,640

know i don't go flinging myself off the

878

00:28:53,990 --> 00:28:51,520

station because i push too hard um while

879

00:28:55,590 --> 00:28:54,000

drew uh sets up a couple of tethers and

880

00:28:56,950 --> 00:28:55,600

uh and then the the main things we're

881

00:28:58,470 --> 00:28:56,960

doing this task is that there's an

882

00:29:00,230 --> 00:28:58,480

experiment called missy

883

00:29:02,070 --> 00:29:00,240

it's a space exposure experiment

884

00:29:03,750 --> 00:29:02,080

basically they're like large suitcases

885

00:29:05,990 --> 00:29:03,760

with lots of samples inside of it those

886

00:29:08,630 --> 00:29:06,000

samples can be everything from materials

887

00:29:10,389 --> 00:29:08,640

to paints to coatings to electronic

888

00:29:12,630 --> 00:29:10,399

equipment to biological samples and they

889

00:29:14,070 --> 00:29:12,640

could come from different organizations

890

00:29:15,269 --> 00:29:14,080

and it's the idea is to expose these

891

00:29:16,789 --> 00:29:15,279

things to the

892

00:29:18,870 --> 00:29:16,799

the harsh environment of space for a

893

00:29:20,950 --> 00:29:18,880

long period and see what happens you

894

00:29:22,950 --> 00:29:20,960

know see see if the seeds seeds will

895

00:29:25,029 --> 00:29:22,960

still germinate see if a paint material

896

00:29:27,269 --> 00:29:25,039

will protect you know

897

00:29:29,909 --> 00:29:27,279

what's what's below it see if a circuit

898

00:29:33,190 --> 00:29:29,919

can still work you know and to help us

899

00:29:34,870 --> 00:29:33,200

design better systems for the future um

900

00:29:36,470 --> 00:29:34,880

and so there's a there's two experiments

901  
00:29:38,549 --> 00:29:36,480  
out there that are part of us missy

902  
00:29:39,990 --> 00:29:38,559  
seven we're going to retrieve those uh

903  
00:29:41,110 --> 00:29:40,000  
close them up

904  
00:29:43,350 --> 00:29:41,120  
take them back put them in the shuttle

905  
00:29:45,190 --> 00:29:43,360  
cargo bay and then we take new ones out

906  
00:29:46,870 --> 00:29:45,200  
of the cargo bay missy eight and we

907  
00:29:48,630 --> 00:29:46,880  
install them up on the up on the trust

908  
00:29:50,630 --> 00:29:48,640  
and they'll you know and they'll be out

909  
00:29:53,269 --> 00:29:50,640  
there for you know six months to a year

910  
00:29:54,710 --> 00:29:53,279  
before they uh come in so that's the

911  
00:29:56,070 --> 00:29:54,720  
first maintenance does this give you an

912  
00:29:58,149 --> 00:29:56,080  
opportunity to crawl way out on the end

913  
00:30:00,070 --> 00:29:58,159

of the truck not way out but that comes

914

00:30:03,830 --> 00:30:00,080

later okay

915

00:30:05,190 --> 00:30:03,840

yeah so uh so we do that and um and then

916

00:30:06,950 --> 00:30:05,200

the thing that one of the part of this

917

00:30:08,870 --> 00:30:06,960

four eva sequence is

918

00:30:09,830 --> 00:30:08,880

refilling a radiator

919

00:30:13,350 --> 00:30:09,840

that's

920

00:30:15,430 --> 00:30:13,360

and to do that we have to sort of

921

00:30:17,510 --> 00:30:15,440

connect a lot of

922

00:30:19,669 --> 00:30:17,520

ammonia hoses between a lot of segments

923

00:30:20,789 --> 00:30:19,679

including one that jumps across the

924

00:30:22,789 --> 00:30:20,799

rotating

925

00:30:24,389 --> 00:30:22,799

solar alpha rotary joint which normally

926  
00:30:25,990 --> 00:30:24,399  
can't have a hose running across it's

927  
00:30:27,510 --> 00:30:26,000  
connected to both ends because it has to

928  
00:30:28,470 --> 00:30:27,520  
spin freely

929  
00:30:30,549 --> 00:30:28,480  
so we're going to go out and we're going

930  
00:30:32,389 --> 00:30:30,559  
to connect all these hoses and then vent

931  
00:30:34,470 --> 00:30:32,399  
them basically so that they're filled

932  
00:30:36,389 --> 00:30:34,480  
with into the nitrogen we're going to

933  
00:30:38,630 --> 00:30:36,399  
vent them so that they're ready to be

934  
00:30:41,750 --> 00:30:38,640  
used for the ammonia fill on the next

935  
00:30:42,630 --> 00:30:41,760  
eva so that's uh that's another uh task

936  
00:30:44,630 --> 00:30:42,640  
and then

937  
00:30:46,230 --> 00:30:44,640  
um and we connect them all and we

938  
00:30:48,389 --> 00:30:46,240

disconnect the part that jumps that

939

00:30:49,669 --> 00:30:48,399

joint so that the joint can still spin

940

00:30:51,669 --> 00:30:49,679

freely and the solar panels are out here

941

00:30:53,430 --> 00:30:51,679

they have to be able to

942

00:30:55,590 --> 00:30:53,440

to continue rotating

943

00:30:57,110 --> 00:30:55,600

and also in this space walk we have um

944

00:30:58,870 --> 00:30:57,120

there's some external it's kind of like

945

00:31:01,110 --> 00:30:58,880

your wireless hubs in your house you

946

00:31:03,029 --> 00:31:01,120

know or a network it's basically a

947

00:31:04,630 --> 00:31:03,039

couple of antennas and that enables a

948

00:31:05,909 --> 00:31:04,640

wireless system to be working outside

949

00:31:07,590 --> 00:31:05,919

the station so they're they're

950

00:31:08,950 --> 00:31:07,600

experiments and payloads outside the

951  
00:31:10,470 --> 00:31:08,960  
space station they need to communicate

952  
00:31:12,470 --> 00:31:10,480  
to the data system

953  
00:31:14,070 --> 00:31:12,480  
and uh we're they're we're installing a

954  
00:31:16,470 --> 00:31:14,080  
couple of antennas and all the wiring

955  
00:31:18,630 --> 00:31:16,480  
for that to enable those

956  
00:31:20,310 --> 00:31:18,640  
those pieces of equipment or experiments

957  
00:31:22,230 --> 00:31:20,320  
whatever to communicate to internal

958  
00:31:23,430 --> 00:31:22,240  
systems through those antennas so it's a

959  
00:31:25,909 --> 00:31:23,440  
lot of wiring

960  
00:31:26,549 --> 00:31:25,919  
uh it's a little messy with long wires

961  
00:31:30,070 --> 00:31:26,559  
and

962  
00:31:32,389 --> 00:31:30,080  
it takes a while but um that's gonna be

963  
00:31:34,230 --> 00:31:32,399

in the front of the space station near

964

00:31:35,830 --> 00:31:34,240

the shuttle and the thing that's still

965

00:31:37,590 --> 00:31:35,840

maybe interesting about that is just

966

00:31:40,310 --> 00:31:37,600

that in order for us to do that they

967

00:31:42,789 --> 00:31:40,320

have they have to disable some things

968

00:31:45,669 --> 00:31:42,799

you know internally that'll we may lose

969

00:31:47,190 --> 00:31:45,679

communication so um and we may have to

970

00:31:48,549 --> 00:31:47,200

like wave through the window and say

971

00:31:49,830 --> 00:31:48,559

everything's okay and then go down and

972

00:31:51,669 --> 00:31:49,840

finish the work and come back and say

973

00:31:54,389 --> 00:31:51,679

everything's okay so we'll see how that

974

00:31:56,230 --> 00:31:54,399

goes but it should be interesting

975

00:31:58,789 --> 00:31:56,240

as you mentioned two days later you and

976

00:32:00,549 --> 00:31:58,799

mike swaps places mike and drew go

977

00:32:02,149 --> 00:32:00,559

outside on the second space walk what

978

00:32:04,310 --> 00:32:02,159

are they going to do out there

979

00:32:06,549 --> 00:32:04,320

yeah so this is a very interesting uh

980

00:32:08,149 --> 00:32:06,559

challenging spacewalk

981

00:32:10,710 --> 00:32:08,159

there's two major tasks one of them is

982

00:32:12,789 --> 00:32:10,720

to refill that radiator that i mentioned

983

00:32:14,789 --> 00:32:12,799

and so ammonia has to fill these lines

984

00:32:16,870 --> 00:32:14,799

you know all the way out to the

985

00:32:19,990 --> 00:32:16,880

to the far end of the port side of the

986

00:32:22,630 --> 00:32:20,000

station and and while also that's going

987

00:32:25,029 --> 00:32:22,640

on that that rotary joint for the solar

988

00:32:26,230 --> 00:32:25,039

panel on that side has to be lubricated

989

00:32:27,990 --> 00:32:26,240

and this is a long-term maintenance

990

00:32:30,389 --> 00:32:28,000

thing just to make sure that it can go

991

00:32:31,909 --> 00:32:30,399

for 10 more years you know and and not

992

00:32:33,350 --> 00:32:31,919

have any uh

993

00:32:34,710 --> 00:32:33,360

friction you know in the with the

994

00:32:36,389 --> 00:32:34,720

bearings

995

00:32:38,230 --> 00:32:36,399

but that's a big joint i mean it's 15

996

00:32:39,509 --> 00:32:38,240

feet across it's got lots of covers on

997

00:32:40,549 --> 00:32:39,519

it all those covers have to come well

998

00:32:42,070 --> 00:32:40,559

not all of them some of the covers have

999

00:32:43,750 --> 00:32:42,080

to come off we're going to be inside

1000

00:32:46,470 --> 00:32:43,760

there with lubrication guns trying to

1001

00:32:48,789 --> 00:32:46,480

lubricate different surfaces

1002

00:32:49,830 --> 00:32:48,799

and this there's a lot of connectors to

1003

00:32:51,269 --> 00:32:49,840

do this

1004

00:32:53,430 --> 00:32:51,279

i think we're setting a record for how

1005

00:32:55,029 --> 00:32:53,440

many uh fluid line connectors were

1006

00:32:56,870 --> 00:32:55,039

connecting and disconnecting in order to

1007

00:32:59,350 --> 00:32:56,880

set up all these lines to do this this

1008

00:33:01,110 --> 00:32:59,360

ammonia fill and then take it all apart

1009

00:33:03,269 --> 00:33:01,120

at the end

1010

00:33:05,669 --> 00:33:03,279

and the danger is that

1011

00:33:07,350 --> 00:33:05,679

if there's a minor danger or just that

1012

00:33:09,110 --> 00:33:07,360

you know it could be with one of these

1013

00:33:11,269 --> 00:33:09,120

connectors that some ammonia leaks out

1014

00:33:13,669 --> 00:33:11,279

if ammonia gets on the suit

1015

00:33:16,310 --> 00:33:13,679

you know this is 100 ammonia

1016

00:33:17,909 --> 00:33:16,320

unlike the household variety and so if

1017

00:33:19,830 --> 00:33:17,919

any comes into the space station on the

1018

00:33:22,230 --> 00:33:19,840

suit that's a big problem

1019

00:33:23,990 --> 00:33:22,240

health-wise so we can't bring any in it

1020

00:33:25,430 --> 00:33:24,000

now we could bake it out on the suit but

1021

00:33:27,509 --> 00:33:25,440

we have to identify it and then go

1022

00:33:29,350 --> 00:33:27,519

through a procedure to make sure that uh

1023

00:33:31,269 --> 00:33:29,360

it's sort of

1024

00:33:33,029 --> 00:33:31,279

we can scrape it off or have it bake off

1025

00:33:35,029 --> 00:33:33,039

the soup so we'll be watching really

1026

00:33:36,710 --> 00:33:35,039

closely to see if you know

1027

00:33:39,029 --> 00:33:36,720

most likely drew

1028

00:33:40,870 --> 00:33:39,039

gets contaminated if he does then we'll

1029

00:33:42,230 --> 00:33:40,880

have to you know be out for a certain

1030

00:33:44,149 --> 00:33:42,240

amount of time to make sure that there's

1031

00:33:46,789 --> 00:33:44,159

enough time for the sun to make it off

1032

00:33:48,789 --> 00:33:46,799

the suit and uh there's clean up steps

1033

00:33:50,710 --> 00:33:48,799

we can do and and inside the airlock we

1034

00:33:53,110 --> 00:33:50,720

can check if there's any ammonia as we

1035

00:33:55,669 --> 00:33:53,120

repress rise so this is our main concern

1036

00:33:57,590 --> 00:33:55,679

on this on this spacewalk but um but

1037

00:33:59,590 --> 00:33:57,600

it's really a

1038

00:34:02,070 --> 00:33:59,600

a ballet between

1039

00:34:04,149 --> 00:34:02,080

uh timing because as we do this this

1040

00:34:06,149 --> 00:34:04,159

fill it depends on

1041

00:34:09,349 --> 00:34:06,159

you don't you never want a part of the

1042

00:34:11,510 --> 00:34:09,359

uh that segment of of of of hoses

1043

00:34:14,550 --> 00:34:11,520

essentially of lines um filled with

1044

00:34:16,389 --> 00:34:14,560

ammonia without any way to expand um out

1045

00:34:18,069 --> 00:34:16,399

in the sun so you really want to do

1046

00:34:20,069 --> 00:34:18,079

certain things at night you know other

1047

00:34:21,349 --> 00:34:20,079

things in the day and so we're watching

1048

00:34:22,950 --> 00:34:21,359

the timing and

1049

00:34:24,389 --> 00:34:22,960

it's an interesting choreography with

1050

00:34:26,710 --> 00:34:24,399

that one um just trying to make sure

1051  
00:34:29,510 --> 00:34:26,720  
that we never not nothing is left to

1052  
00:34:31,750 --> 00:34:29,520  
expand and have nowhere to go you know

1053  
00:34:34,869 --> 00:34:31,760  
and in the meantime

1054  
00:34:36,710 --> 00:34:34,879  
mike will be mostly focusing on on

1055  
00:34:38,230 --> 00:34:36,720  
the lubrication of the rotary joint

1056  
00:34:40,629 --> 00:34:38,240  
called the sarge joint solar alpha

1057  
00:34:42,950 --> 00:34:40,639  
rotary joint and drew will help him as

1058  
00:34:44,310 --> 00:34:42,960  
he can and then we have a couple of

1059  
00:34:46,230 --> 00:34:44,320  
other tasks while we're waiting they're

1060  
00:34:48,230 --> 00:34:46,240  
going to rotate the whole joint once

1061  
00:34:50,230 --> 00:34:48,240  
they've lubricated it and lubricate it

1062  
00:34:51,589 --> 00:34:50,240  
again in a different position

1063  
00:34:53,349 --> 00:34:51,599

and then they'll put everything away so

1064

00:34:55,430 --> 00:34:53,359

it's it's a big spacewalk though a lot

1065

00:34:57,430 --> 00:34:55,440

of stuff and these same two guys are

1066

00:34:59,430 --> 00:34:57,440

going out again two days later but

1067

00:35:03,190 --> 00:34:59,440

before they do they're gonna

1068

00:35:04,950 --> 00:35:03,200

test out a new procedure for uh purging

1069

00:35:07,430 --> 00:35:04,960

nitrogen from a bloodstream right

1070

00:35:09,030 --> 00:35:07,440

spacewalkers have done this but you guys

1071

00:35:10,710 --> 00:35:09,040

are going to try out a new procedure

1072

00:35:12,310 --> 00:35:10,720

yeah tell me tell me about what th that

1073

00:35:14,069 --> 00:35:12,320

new procedure yeah this is very exciting

1074

00:35:15,910 --> 00:35:14,079

you know i mean it shouldn't you know it

1075

00:35:17,190 --> 00:35:15,920

when you watch a science fiction movie

1076

00:35:19,270 --> 00:35:17,200

and two people go out the door for a

1077

00:35:20,470 --> 00:35:19,280

spacewalk they don't take 48 hours to do

1078

00:35:22,710 --> 00:35:20,480

it you know they just somehow jump in

1079

00:35:25,030 --> 00:35:22,720

the suit and they're gone

1080

00:35:26,870 --> 00:35:25,040

in real life takes us a lot of time and

1081

00:35:28,870 --> 00:35:26,880

we'd like that to be you know

1082

00:35:30,390 --> 00:35:28,880

faster

1083

00:35:31,910 --> 00:35:30,400

for example on the first spacewalk we're

1084

00:35:33,589 --> 00:35:31,920

doing kampa which is one of the normal

1085

00:35:35,829 --> 00:35:33,599

things we do on the space station is we

1086

00:35:38,470 --> 00:35:35,839

go into the airlock the night before we

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00:35:40,870 --> 00:35:38,480

depressurize the airlock down to 10.2

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00:35:43,430 --> 00:35:40,880

14.7 is a normal atmospheric pressure

1089

00:35:45,750 --> 00:35:43,440

down at 10.2 we breathe some oxygen off

1090

00:35:47,270 --> 00:35:45,760

masks in that process and we sleep at

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00:35:48,470 --> 00:35:47,280

the lower pressure and it's just like

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00:35:49,829 --> 00:35:48,480

scuba diving in a sense one you know

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00:35:52,950 --> 00:35:49,839

what you're trying to do is get the get

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00:35:55,270 --> 00:35:52,960

nitrogen out of your out of your body uh

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00:35:57,910 --> 00:35:55,280

out of your bloodstream you know and uh

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00:35:59,910 --> 00:35:57,920

out of your tissues and um and that

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00:36:01,349 --> 00:35:59,920

process you know by going by sleeping at

1098

00:36:03,190 --> 00:36:01,359

ten two overnight you get a certain

1099

00:36:04,630 --> 00:36:03,200

amount out by breathing oxygen you're

1100

00:36:06,150 --> 00:36:04,640

you know that helps them and then the

1101

00:36:08,150 --> 00:36:06,160

rest of the process to getting out the

1102

00:36:10,390 --> 00:36:08,160

door make sure that when you go all the

1103

00:36:12,710 --> 00:36:10,400

way out it it's like coming up from you

1104

00:36:14,950 --> 00:36:12,720

know depth i mean it's the opposite of

1105

00:36:17,270 --> 00:36:14,960

scuba diving super having you go down

1106

00:36:18,470 --> 00:36:17,280

and it pressurizes then if it pushes

1107

00:36:19,910 --> 00:36:18,480

nitrogen into your tissues and if you

1108

00:36:21,829 --> 00:36:19,920

come up too fast the nitrogen can't

1109

00:36:23,510 --> 00:36:21,839

escape and can give you the bends here

1110

00:36:25,030 --> 00:36:23,520

it's the opposite we're going up first

1111

00:36:27,349 --> 00:36:25,040

you know we're going to a lower pressure

1112

00:36:29,190 --> 00:36:27,359

first and so that you you would get the

1113

00:36:31,430 --> 00:36:29,200

bends on the way out you know not on the

1114

00:36:32,470 --> 00:36:31,440

way back in so

1115

00:36:34,790 --> 00:36:32,480

anyway

1116

00:36:36,470 --> 00:36:34,800

this is the normal process we go through

1117

00:36:39,109 --> 00:36:36,480

by sleeping overnight in the in the

1118

00:36:41,030 --> 00:36:39,119

airlock another technique is to do

1119

00:36:43,190 --> 00:36:41,040

exercise where you know we're we're

1120

00:36:44,790 --> 00:36:43,200

breathing 100 oxygen and we do exercise

1121

00:36:46,950 --> 00:36:44,800

on a on a bike

1122

00:36:49,430 --> 00:36:46,960

and um do a certain prescription of that

1123

00:36:51,990 --> 00:36:49,440

which is based on our our particular you

1124

00:36:53,510 --> 00:36:52,000

know uh physiology you know body weight

1125

00:36:58,470 --> 00:36:53,520

and and

1126

00:37:00,069 --> 00:36:58,480

know another sequence of oxygen

1127

00:37:02,310 --> 00:37:00,079

breathing and pressure changes before we

1128

00:37:03,829 --> 00:37:02,320

go out the door so this is a brand new

1129

00:37:05,349 --> 00:37:03,839

technique that would allow us not to

1130

00:37:07,190 --> 00:37:05,359

have to spend the night sleeping in the

1131

00:37:09,270 --> 00:37:07,200

airlock locked up not have to do the

1132

00:37:11,270 --> 00:37:09,280

exercise you know before

1133

00:37:12,630 --> 00:37:11,280

basically get in the suit

1134

00:37:14,390 --> 00:37:12,640

and spend a little more time in the suit

1135

00:37:17,750 --> 00:37:14,400

doing some you know

1136

00:37:19,430 --> 00:37:17,760

with 100 oxygen doing very small motions

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00:37:23,510 --> 00:37:19,440

um just to make sure that you're you

1138

00:37:25,589 --> 00:37:23,520

have some metabolic uh metabolism

1139

00:37:27,670 --> 00:37:25,599

you know going you're not sleeping in

1140

00:37:29,349 --> 00:37:27,680

there you have to be doing something

1141

00:37:31,510 --> 00:37:29,359

you're in there a little longer waiting

1142

00:37:34,310 --> 00:37:31,520

to go out the door but um you know

1143

00:37:35,349 --> 00:37:34,320

overall the the whole process is

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00:37:37,670 --> 00:37:35,359

you know

1145

00:37:39,430 --> 00:37:37,680

much simpler and and you can do it on

1146

00:37:41,829 --> 00:37:39,440

the day of the spacewalk so we're going

1147

00:37:43,109 --> 00:37:41,839

to try that on uh a lot of work has been

1148

00:37:45,670 --> 00:37:43,119

done by a lot of people to make this

1149

00:37:47,190 --> 00:37:45,680

protocol work out and i will try that on

1150

00:37:49,190 --> 00:37:47,200

the third spacewalk and if it works

1151  
00:37:51,510 --> 00:37:49,200  
great we can do it on the fourth one too

1152  
00:37:53,589 --> 00:37:51,520  
okay eva number three as we said mike

1153  
00:37:54,790 --> 00:37:53,599  
and drew are going back outside what if

1154  
00:37:57,990 --> 00:37:54,800  
they what kind of work have they got in

1155  
00:38:00,550 --> 00:37:58,000  
front of them so on ava3 uh um

1156  
00:38:02,710 --> 00:38:00,560  
this is related to setting up um

1157  
00:38:05,190 --> 00:38:02,720  
ultimately it'd be nice if the if we had

1158  
00:38:06,630 --> 00:38:05,200  
the ability to have a our robotic arm

1159  
00:38:08,470 --> 00:38:06,640  
which can sort of inchworm around the

1160  
00:38:10,150 --> 00:38:08,480  
station you know it can grab in one

1161  
00:38:11,750 --> 00:38:10,160  
place and work from the other end and it

1162  
00:38:13,670 --> 00:38:11,760  
could it could also put that end down

1163  
00:38:16,069 --> 00:38:13,680

and and and inchworm and then use the

1164

00:38:17,829 --> 00:38:16,079

other end as the active end to do work

1165

00:38:19,270 --> 00:38:17,839

we'd like a base for that closer to the

1166

00:38:20,550 --> 00:38:19,280

russian segment so we're basically

1167

00:38:23,430 --> 00:38:20,560

installing that

1168

00:38:25,750 --> 00:38:23,440

and uh it's a very big um

1169

00:38:27,670 --> 00:38:25,760

you know i'd say contraction in a sense

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00:38:30,630 --> 00:38:27,680

it's a combining russian and american

1171

00:38:33,109 --> 00:38:30,640

hardware um so it'll attach to the you

1172

00:38:35,270 --> 00:38:33,119

know to the front of the of the fgb the

1173

00:38:36,470 --> 00:38:35,280

for the the you know the forward most

1174

00:38:38,390 --> 00:38:36,480

part of the russian part of the space

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00:38:40,150 --> 00:38:38,400

station so we're bringing that out to

1176

00:38:42,710 --> 00:38:40,160

the hatch it's a very big thing

1177

00:38:44,470 --> 00:38:42,720

um it's got a lot of connections to make

1178

00:38:46,630 --> 00:38:44,480

and installing it

1179

00:38:49,030 --> 00:38:46,640

there and that'll allow the uh you know

1180

00:38:51,589 --> 00:38:49,040

the robotic arm to base itself in that

1181

00:38:53,430 --> 00:38:51,599

point and then do do work you know

1182

00:38:56,470 --> 00:38:53,440

closer to that part of the space station

1183

00:38:57,910 --> 00:38:56,480

so for the long duration um you know

1184

00:38:59,589 --> 00:38:57,920

it's a good thing for us to have that

1185

00:39:00,870 --> 00:38:59,599

ability to have the robotic arm work

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00:39:03,109 --> 00:39:00,880

there and i think they have some

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00:39:04,470 --> 00:39:03,119

specific tasks in mind you know for that

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00:39:05,349 --> 00:39:04,480

potentially later

1189

00:39:12,069 --> 00:39:05,359

um

1190

00:39:14,710 --> 00:39:12,079

i guess you could say power optimization

1191

00:39:15,589 --> 00:39:14,720

uh cabling to do and that that uh you

1192

00:39:17,349 --> 00:39:15,599

know

1193

00:39:19,750 --> 00:39:17,359

for things that are already working but

1194

00:39:22,150 --> 00:39:19,760

but could fail if if power channel went

1195

00:39:24,390 --> 00:39:22,160

down um they're not the the power

1196

00:39:26,150 --> 00:39:24,400

channels aren't optimally

1197

00:39:27,990 --> 00:39:26,160

distributed so that you lose the least

1198

00:39:29,990 --> 00:39:28,000

number of things you know if one thing

1199

00:39:32,550 --> 00:39:30,000

fails and so there's some cables that

1200

00:39:34,310 --> 00:39:32,560

we're going to reroute um that basically

1201  
00:39:37,030 --> 00:39:34,320  
go forward from the russian segment to

1202  
00:39:39,829 --> 00:39:37,040  
the u to the u s segment um that that

1203  
00:39:41,670 --> 00:39:39,839  
changes that that improves that and uh

1204  
00:39:43,670 --> 00:39:41,680  
so it's it's just a matter of routing

1205  
00:39:45,109 --> 00:39:43,680  
some cables and some

1206  
00:39:46,390 --> 00:39:45,119  
connectors that are difficult to get to

1207  
00:39:48,150 --> 00:39:46,400  
but those are the main two tasks they'll

1208  
00:39:50,550 --> 00:39:48,160  
be doing on that space one and much of

1209  
00:39:52,710 --> 00:39:50,560  
this work was a

1210  
00:39:54,710 --> 00:39:52,720  
relatively late addition to your flight

1211  
00:39:57,510 --> 00:39:54,720  
right uh what were the circumstances

1212  
00:39:59,589 --> 00:39:57,520  
that caused these jobs to to move back

1213  
00:40:00,950 --> 00:39:59,599

and to end up on your mission well i

1214

00:40:03,190 --> 00:40:00,960

think there's a there's a lot of things

1215

00:40:04,309 --> 00:40:03,200

that are always in flux you know and uh

1216

00:40:06,630 --> 00:40:04,319

i think as we get closer and closer you

1217

00:40:08,230 --> 00:40:06,640

know by the time we get cl you know uh i

1218

00:40:09,589 --> 00:40:08,240

mean now we're you know four months from

1219

00:40:11,030 --> 00:40:09,599

flight and we think we know what we're

1220

00:40:13,190 --> 00:40:11,040

going to be doing

1221

00:40:15,910 --> 00:40:13,200

but when the actual day comes

1222

00:40:17,190 --> 00:40:15,920

you know there's pro it could change and

1223

00:40:18,710 --> 00:40:17,200

i think this is one of those things it

1224

00:40:21,270 --> 00:40:18,720

just became a higher priority than

1225

00:40:22,870 --> 00:40:21,280

something else and

1226

00:40:25,910 --> 00:40:22,880

you know and also it's a matter of what

1227

00:40:28,309 --> 00:40:25,920

could be done on previous flights um

1228

00:40:29,910 --> 00:40:28,319

there was uh you may

1229

00:40:32,950 --> 00:40:29,920

recall not not too long ago there was a

1230

00:40:35,430 --> 00:40:32,960

problem with the ammonia

1231

00:40:37,349 --> 00:40:35,440

a pump system on the space station and

1232

00:40:39,270 --> 00:40:37,359

uh the the expedition crew the station

1233

00:40:41,190 --> 00:40:39,280

crew was supposed to go out and do part

1234

00:40:42,790 --> 00:40:41,200

of this spacewalk that we're doing now

1235

00:40:44,069 --> 00:40:42,800

and instead they spent three spacewalks

1236

00:40:45,670 --> 00:40:44,079

fixing this ammonia pump they're

1237

00:40:47,349 --> 00:40:45,680

replacing it which is you know those

1238

00:40:48,950 --> 00:40:47,359

pumps are made are expected to fail we

1239

00:40:51,270 --> 00:40:48,960

have the spares up there they had to do

1240

00:40:52,790 --> 00:40:51,280

the change out and they did and it took

1241

00:40:54,870 --> 00:40:52,800

them three space walks and this fell off

1242

00:40:56,309 --> 00:40:54,880

their plate and fell into ours so and

1243

00:40:58,069 --> 00:40:56,319

that could happen again before we fly

1244

00:41:00,710 --> 00:40:58,079

you know you never know

1245

00:41:03,510 --> 00:41:00,720

with that in mind for the last eva with

1246

00:41:05,589 --> 00:41:03,520

uh you and mike going out the door uh

1247

00:41:08,150 --> 00:41:05,599

what's on the plan then for you guys on

1248

00:41:10,550 --> 00:41:08,160

eva number four so this is a this is an

1249

00:41:12,069 --> 00:41:10,560

exciting spacewalk for me uh

1250

00:41:14,470 --> 00:41:12,079

partly because i get to ride on top of

1251

00:41:15,510 --> 00:41:14,480

the robotic arm so box will be flying

1252

00:41:16,790 --> 00:41:15,520

the arm

1253

00:41:19,670 --> 00:41:16,800

but what we're doing is we're leaving

1254

00:41:21,750 --> 00:41:19,680

the boom there's a orbital it's called

1255

00:41:24,150 --> 00:41:21,760

obss it's the inspection boom we have on

1256

00:41:25,109 --> 00:41:24,160

the shuttle to use to inspect the tiles

1257

00:41:26,550 --> 00:41:25,119

and

1258

00:41:28,150 --> 00:41:26,560

that you know that boom will be left

1259

00:41:30,550 --> 00:41:28,160

behind on the space station you know

1260

00:41:32,550 --> 00:41:30,560

with the idea that at some point if the

1261

00:41:34,309 --> 00:41:32,560

space station has to do some work it

1262

00:41:36,230 --> 00:41:34,319

would give the robotic arm more reach if

1263

00:41:37,990 --> 00:41:36,240

it could use this boom as well

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00:41:39,910 --> 00:41:38,000

and we have left it up there before we

1265

00:41:41,750 --> 00:41:39,920

have the mechanisms in place to leave it

1266

00:41:43,430 --> 00:41:41,760

up there so

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00:41:46,069 --> 00:41:43,440

we'll be attaching that boom to the

1268

00:41:48,470 --> 00:41:46,079

truss and locking it in place

1269

00:41:50,309 --> 00:41:48,480

and normally the shuttle arm grabs that

1270

00:41:52,069 --> 00:41:50,319

boom at the end and

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00:41:53,589 --> 00:41:52,079

the station arm has a grapple fixture in

1272

00:41:55,910 --> 00:41:53,599

the middle but if we're going to use it

1273

00:41:57,510 --> 00:41:55,920

on the station at some future point you

1274

00:41:59,030 --> 00:41:57,520

want to be able to grab it from the end

1275

00:42:00,550 --> 00:41:59,040

so the grapple fixture at the end is not

1276

00:42:02,550 --> 00:42:00,560

the right kind and we have to change it

1277

00:42:03,829 --> 00:42:02,560

so it'll be kind of fun for mike and i

1278

00:42:05,750 --> 00:42:03,839

because we're kind of tearing this thing

1279

00:42:07,430 --> 00:42:05,760

apart in a way we're taking off that and

1280

00:42:09,670 --> 00:42:07,440

replacing it with a shuttle

1281

00:42:11,750 --> 00:42:09,680

a station a grapple fixture and we have

1282

00:42:13,589 --> 00:42:11,760

to cut some wires and pull this thing

1283

00:42:15,190 --> 00:42:13,599

off completely

1284

00:42:17,349 --> 00:42:15,200

and while we're doing that i'll be on

1285

00:42:19,510 --> 00:42:17,359

the station robotic arm and box will be

1286

00:42:21,670 --> 00:42:19,520

flying me around so uh that'll be an

1287

00:42:22,470 --> 00:42:21,680

exciting task to do

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00:42:23,910 --> 00:42:22,480

um

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00:42:26,870 --> 00:42:23,920

and

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00:42:28,550 --> 00:42:26,880

so we you know we do all of that uh

1291

00:42:29,349 --> 00:42:28,560

and um and

1292

00:42:31,750 --> 00:42:29,359

and

1293

00:42:34,470 --> 00:42:31,760

when it's done um uh mike will be

1294

00:42:36,069 --> 00:42:34,480

bringing the old uh grapple fixture back

1295

00:42:37,670 --> 00:42:36,079

and putting it in the shuttle cargo bay

1296

00:42:40,870 --> 00:42:37,680

i'll be doing a couple of miscellaneous

1297

00:42:43,589 --> 00:42:40,880

tasks uh and then we'll meet on top of

1298

00:42:44,710 --> 00:42:43,599

um the the elc platform that we just

1299

00:42:45,510 --> 00:42:44,720

installed

1300

00:42:47,990 --> 00:42:45,520

and

1301

00:42:50,150 --> 00:42:48,000

the the uh i mentioned before the spdm

1302

00:42:52,470 --> 00:42:50,160

the the robotic

1303

00:42:54,069 --> 00:42:52,480

spare mechanism that's on that platform

1304

00:42:55,990 --> 00:42:54,079

they want to release some bolts on that

1305

00:42:57,910 --> 00:42:56,000

to make sure that it can be utilized

1306

00:42:59,270 --> 00:42:57,920

when needed and so mike and i are going

1307

00:43:00,550 --> 00:42:59,280

to be up there

1308

00:43:01,750 --> 00:43:00,560

these bolt there's there's some extra

1309

00:43:03,510 --> 00:43:01,760

stress on these bolts so we have a

1310

00:43:06,150 --> 00:43:03,520

special pry bar we expect to be doing

1311

00:43:08,069 --> 00:43:06,160

some you know serious manual labor and

1312

00:43:10,550 --> 00:43:08,079

to try to break this thing free so we

1313

00:43:12,950 --> 00:43:10,560

can get those bolts off um

1314

00:43:15,030 --> 00:43:12,960

and uh but the neat thing about being on

1315

00:43:17,910 --> 00:43:15,040

on top of there is that so this will be

1316

00:43:19,829 --> 00:43:17,920

the last spacewalk uh potentially of the

1317

00:43:22,150 --> 00:43:19,839

entire shuttle program in terms of

1318

00:43:24,390 --> 00:43:22,160

building the space station and on top of

1319

00:43:26,069 --> 00:43:24,400

elc3 it's sort of the highest perch you

1320

00:43:27,349 --> 00:43:26,079

know above the whole space station so

1321

00:43:29,270 --> 00:43:27,359

we'll be on top

1322

00:43:30,950 --> 00:43:29,280

looking back at this the entire space

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00:43:33,349 --> 00:43:30,960

station that has been built now you know

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00:43:35,670 --> 00:43:33,359

by over 10 years by 15 countries and all

1325

00:43:38,069 --> 00:43:35,680

the shuttle flights and um

1326

00:43:40,550 --> 00:43:38,079

and on this last task we'll be able to

1327

00:43:41,750 --> 00:43:40,560

look and see the you know the fruits of

1328

00:43:43,589 --> 00:43:41,760

all that labor

1329

00:43:45,750 --> 00:43:43,599

the whole space station you know below

1330

00:43:47,510 --> 00:43:45,760

us so uh i think that's going to be a

1331

00:43:48,950 --> 00:43:47,520

special moment and we're bringing us a

1332

00:43:49,829 --> 00:43:48,960

good camera out to take some pictures up

1333

00:43:52,630 --> 00:43:49,839

there

1334

00:43:54,230 --> 00:43:52,640

of course sts-134 is the last flight

1335

00:43:56,150 --> 00:43:54,240

space shuttle endeavour you have any

1336

00:43:57,829 --> 00:43:56,160

thoughts about this ship's place in the

1337

00:43:59,190 --> 00:43:57,839

history of the human space flight

1338

00:44:01,109 --> 00:43:59,200

program

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00:44:02,790 --> 00:44:01,119

well i think that the whole shuttle

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00:44:03,589 --> 00:44:02,800

program um

1341

00:44:08,069 --> 00:44:03,599

you know

1342

00:44:09,990 --> 00:44:08,079

it leaves us kind of with a legacy of of

1343

00:44:10,630 --> 00:44:10,000

incredible amount of experience in space

1344

00:44:33,030 --> 00:44:10,640

i

1345

00:44:34,470 --> 00:44:33,040

over those 30 years

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00:44:36,470 --> 00:44:34,480

you know we've learned how to do so much

1347

00:44:38,230 --> 00:44:36,480

from you know

1348

00:44:41,349 --> 00:44:38,240

not just of course launching and landing

1349

00:44:43,510 --> 00:44:41,359

a giant spaceship but but uh

1350

00:44:45,190 --> 00:44:43,520

um you know having cameras operating up

1351  
00:44:47,510 --> 00:44:45,200  
there and and the rendezvous and the

1352  
00:44:49,349 --> 00:44:47,520  
docking and spacewalks and robotics and

1353  
00:44:51,829 --> 00:44:49,359  
all this equipment that works in you

1354  
00:44:53,510 --> 00:44:51,839  
know in a vacuum and you know and how to

1355  
00:44:56,069 --> 00:44:53,520  
optimize it to work in a vacuum and

1356  
00:44:57,829 --> 00:44:56,079  
bring it in and out

1357  
00:44:59,510 --> 00:44:57,839  
and you know and everything from you

1358  
00:45:01,430 --> 00:44:59,520  
know from the food

1359  
00:45:03,349 --> 00:45:01,440  
that we eat in space now which is which

1360  
00:45:05,349 --> 00:45:03,359  
is a much expanded menu compared to what

1361  
00:45:06,870 --> 00:45:05,359  
was originally you know to how to build

1362  
00:45:09,430 --> 00:45:06,880  
a space toilet i mean everything in

1363  
00:45:10,710 --> 00:45:09,440

between you know all the stuff that that

1364

00:45:12,790 --> 00:45:10,720

has been figured out during the space

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00:45:14,550 --> 00:45:12,800

shuttle program you know it's taken

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00:45:16,470 --> 00:45:14,560

it's taken you know science fiction

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00:45:19,670 --> 00:45:16,480

really and and made it reality over

1368

00:45:21,270 --> 00:45:19,680

those 30 years i think in the

1369

00:45:24,390 --> 00:45:21,280

you know in the early days the things

1370

00:45:25,190 --> 00:45:24,400

that we did before the shuttle um

1371

00:45:26,790 --> 00:45:25,200

were

1372

00:45:27,990 --> 00:45:26,800

magnificent and you know even though we

1373

00:45:30,150 --> 00:45:28,000

haven't been back to the moon yet and we

1374

00:45:32,390 --> 00:45:30,160

haven't gone on to mars and further out

1375

00:45:34,470 --> 00:45:32,400

yet what we have done is learn how to

1376

00:45:37,109 --> 00:45:34,480

get incredible amount of hardware and

1377

00:45:39,670 --> 00:45:37,119

complex hardware in space and and and

1378

00:45:40,710 --> 00:45:39,680

operate with it and so i think that's

1379

00:45:43,349 --> 00:45:40,720

you know one of the things that the

1380

00:45:45,270 --> 00:45:43,359

space shuttle program has done for us um

1381

00:45:46,870 --> 00:45:45,280

has really made it possible to do all

1382

00:45:48,630 --> 00:45:46,880

the future things that we want to do in

1383

00:45:51,190 --> 00:45:48,640

space and with a lot of know-how an

1384

00:45:53,589 --> 00:45:51,200

unbelievable amount of know-how

1385

00:45:56,069 --> 00:45:53,599

and the legacy of the the shuttle

1386

00:45:58,790 --> 00:45:56,079

program i think is the is really the

1387

00:46:01,109 --> 00:45:58,800

space station you know we spent you know

1388

00:46:04,069 --> 00:46:01,119

the last more than a decade building the

1389

00:46:05,829 --> 00:46:04,079

space station and uh and there it is so

1390

00:46:07,589 --> 00:46:05,839

you know i mean you fly up to it and and

1391

00:46:09,589 --> 00:46:07,599

there's another there's another

1392

00:46:10,950 --> 00:46:09,599

spaceship in the sky as you approach it

1393

00:46:12,309 --> 00:46:10,960

and you get closer and closer and it

1394

00:46:14,069 --> 00:46:12,319

gets bigger and bigger and bigger and

1395

00:46:15,510 --> 00:46:14,079

bigger and it's a it's a massive

1396

00:46:16,630 --> 00:46:15,520

structure you know

1397

00:46:18,069 --> 00:46:16,640

it's uh

1398

00:46:20,069 --> 00:46:18,079

uh you know as you know it's you know

1399

00:46:21,510 --> 00:46:20,079

two foot football fields and sizes if

1400

00:46:22,790 --> 00:46:21,520

you lay it down and when you're inside

1401  
00:46:24,790 --> 00:46:22,800  
it you look at the window and you look

1402  
00:46:26,470 --> 00:46:24,800  
out the to this you know solar panels

1403  
00:46:28,150 --> 00:46:26,480  
out on the truss

1404  
00:46:30,470 --> 00:46:28,160  
it's far out there and those are big

1405  
00:46:32,390 --> 00:46:30,480  
solar panels and this big giant thing

1406  
00:46:33,829 --> 00:46:32,400  
that has all the science capability and

1407  
00:46:35,510 --> 00:46:33,839  
ability to keep six people living

1408  
00:46:37,430 --> 00:46:35,520  
comfortably you know for months at a

1409  
00:46:39,430 --> 00:46:37,440  
time it's just flying around the earth

1410  
00:46:41,190 --> 00:46:39,440  
you know running only on solar power you

1411  
00:46:43,030 --> 00:46:41,200  
know and we built this we built this

1412  
00:46:44,630 --> 00:46:43,040  
thing you know with the space shuttle so

1413  
00:46:46,550 --> 00:46:44,640

i think the i think as the space shuttle

1414

00:46:49,670 --> 00:46:46,560

retires you know i think the legacy left

1415

00:46:51,750 --> 00:46:49,680

behind is really you know uh the the the

1416

00:46:53,030 --> 00:46:51,760

foothold that we have now on you know

1417

00:46:54,870 --> 00:46:53,040

everything we can do in the future in

1418

00:46:57,430 --> 00:46:54,880

space and the space station is that

1419

00:46:59,270 --> 00:46:57,440

foothold well on the subject of legacies

1420

00:47:00,950 --> 00:46:59,280

and and perspectives you're going to be

1421

00:47:02,870 --> 00:47:00,960

flying this mission right around the

1422

00:47:05,430 --> 00:47:02,880

50th anniversary of the first human

1423

00:47:07,109 --> 00:47:05,440

spaceflight by yuri gagarin and the 30th

1424

00:47:08,390 --> 00:47:07,119

anniversary of the first shuttle flight

1425

00:47:09,829 --> 00:47:08,400

yeah and

1426  
00:47:11,589 --> 00:47:09,839  
close to the 50th anniversary of the

1427  
00:47:12,870 --> 00:47:11,599  
first american space flight by alan

1428  
00:47:14,470 --> 00:47:12,880  
shepard yeah

1429  
00:47:16,309 --> 00:47:14,480  
what are your thoughts about

1430  
00:47:18,710 --> 00:47:16,319  
the fact that you are going to be in

1431  
00:47:21,430 --> 00:47:18,720  
space while everybody is paying

1432  
00:47:22,790 --> 00:47:21,440  
attention to these milestones

1433  
00:47:24,950 --> 00:47:22,800  
yeah it's amazing

1434  
00:47:27,349 --> 00:47:24,960  
i feel very lucky uh you know it's a

1435  
00:47:29,270 --> 00:47:27,359  
whole generation of of dreamers you know

1436  
00:47:32,150 --> 00:47:29,280  
like me who you know

1437  
00:47:34,870 --> 00:47:32,160  
who uh grew up on star trek you know and

1438  
00:47:36,549 --> 00:47:34,880

uh and what saw apollo and and watched

1439

00:47:38,790 --> 00:47:36,559

all this happen and it's amazing you

1440

00:47:41,030 --> 00:47:38,800

know what we've accomplished in that

1441

00:47:43,030 --> 00:47:41,040

time you know i um

1442

00:47:44,710 --> 00:47:43,040

you can look back 100 years you know and

1443

00:47:45,910 --> 00:47:44,720

look at i mean kitty hawk the first

1444

00:47:46,870 --> 00:47:45,920

powered flight

1445

00:47:49,190 --> 00:47:46,880

and

1446

00:47:51,109 --> 00:47:49,200

that you know in fact if you look at the

1447

00:47:52,710 --> 00:47:51,119

you know the right flyer it almost kind

1448

00:47:55,430 --> 00:47:52,720

of looks similar to the space station in

1449

00:47:56,950 --> 00:47:55,440

its shape in a way and the first flight

1450

00:47:58,470 --> 00:47:56,960

of the right flyer would have would have

1451

00:48:00,069 --> 00:47:58,480

only been half the

1452

00:48:01,990 --> 00:48:00,079

distance of the size of the space

1453

00:48:04,790 --> 00:48:02,000

station you know in 100 years we've gone

1454

00:48:07,589 --> 00:48:04,800

from that to this incredible facility

1455

00:48:09,030 --> 00:48:07,599

you know flying in space so it's a

1456

00:48:09,829 --> 00:48:09,040

we've accomplished a lot i mean you know

1457

00:48:12,870 --> 00:48:09,839

the

1458

00:48:14,470 --> 00:48:12,880

uh

1459

00:48:16,150 --> 00:48:14,480

you know i think a lot of people wish we

1460

00:48:18,870 --> 00:48:16,160

were back on the moon and on to mars by

1461

00:48:21,349 --> 00:48:18,880

now and and so do i i hope i hope that i

1462

00:48:22,549 --> 00:48:21,359

would walk on mars in my career time but

1463

00:48:24,870 --> 00:48:22,559

but it is amazing how much we've

1464

00:48:26,790 --> 00:48:24,880

accomplished in 50 years and and uh it

1465

00:48:29,430 --> 00:48:26,800

took so many people to make all that

1466

00:48:30,870 --> 00:48:29,440

possible and it's it's an unbelievable

1467

00:48:32,950 --> 00:48:30,880

honor to kind of be the representative

1468

00:48:35,349 --> 00:48:32,960

of of that generation of dreamers for

1469

00:48:36,790 --> 00:48:35,359

for me if we've done that much in the

1470

00:48:38,150 --> 00:48:36,800

last 50 years

1471

00:48:39,990 --> 00:48:38,160

where do you think we're going to be 50

1472

00:48:41,750 --> 00:48:40,000

years from now

1473

00:48:43,430 --> 00:48:41,760

well i think that i think the key is

1474

00:48:45,990 --> 00:48:43,440

going to be you know the time when it

1475

00:48:47,670 --> 00:48:46,000

becomes profitable for for

1476

00:48:49,510 --> 00:48:47,680

more than just governments to be

1477

00:48:52,230 --> 00:48:49,520

operating in space and that time is

1478

00:48:54,069 --> 00:48:52,240

coming and um you know and once we kind

1479

00:48:55,349 --> 00:48:54,079

of pass that that transition i think

1480

00:48:56,710 --> 00:48:55,359

there'll be a lot more traffic you know

1481

00:48:58,630 --> 00:48:56,720

i hope to see

1482

00:49:00,309 --> 00:48:58,640

uh you know i said i'd like to i'd like

1483

00:49:02,630 --> 00:49:00,319

to have walked on mars in my career time

1484

00:49:04,790 --> 00:49:02,640

but maybe i can go as a for retirement

1485

00:49:06,309 --> 00:49:04,800

vacation someday you know but you know i

1486

00:49:07,670 --> 00:49:06,319

think we're going to see you know many

1487

00:49:09,190 --> 00:49:07,680

more people getting a chance to fly in

1488

00:49:10,790 --> 00:49:09,200

space and you know

1489

00:49:12,470 --> 00:49:10,800

i'm sure we'll see bases starting to

1490

00:49:14,390 --> 00:49:12,480

grow throughout the solar system you

1491

00:49:18,069 --> 00:49:14,400

know starting on the moon

1492

00:49:20,470 --> 00:49:18,079

um mars and and first colony and we'll

1493

00:49:22,630 --> 00:49:20,480

have the first people born in space and

1494

00:49:25,510 --> 00:49:22,640

and uh i think the future history our

1495

00:49:27,349 --> 00:49:25,520

future history will will have uh more

1496

00:49:28,150 --> 00:49:27,359

and more happening away from earth and