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00:00:10,070 --> 00:00:08,549  
hello i'm jd harrington public affairs

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00:00:12,230 --> 00:00:10,080  
officer for nasa's science mission

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00:00:14,870 --> 00:00:12,240  
director in washington dc

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00:00:16,150 --> 00:00:14,880  
i'd like to welcome you today to today's

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00:00:18,630 --> 00:00:16,160  
l14 media

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00:00:20,950 --> 00:00:18,640  
conference we will discuss the exciting

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00:00:22,470 --> 00:00:20,960  
launch of nasa's two radiation belt

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00:00:25,109 --> 00:00:22,480  
stone probes

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00:00:26,870 --> 00:00:25,119  
rbsp for short now this is going to

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00:00:28,550 --> 00:00:26,880  
happen on august 23rd from cape

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00:00:30,630 --> 00:00:28,560  
canaveral florida

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00:00:32,630 --> 00:00:30,640  
the two-year rbsp mission will help

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00:00:35,350 --> 00:00:32,640

scientists develop an understanding

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00:00:37,190 --> 00:00:35,360

of earth's van I and radiation belts in

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related regions that pose hazards to

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humans

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00:00:42,069 --> 00:00:40,640

and exploration uh robotic exploration

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00:00:43,750 --> 00:00:42,079

for explorers

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00:00:45,750 --> 00:00:43,760

before we get started a few housekeeping

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00:00:47,910 --> 00:00:45,760

duties we have four panelists

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00:00:49,750 --> 00:00:47,920

joining us today each will give a short

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00:00:51,270 --> 00:00:49,760

four to six minute briefing on their

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00:00:52,790 --> 00:00:51,280

specific topic

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besides seeing their graphics here on

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00:00:55,189 --> 00:00:54,480

television you can also see them on the

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00:00:58,510 --> 00:00:55,199

website

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00:01:01,990 --> 00:00:58,520

at [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)

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00:01:03,430 --> 00:01:02,000

rbsp after the panelist discussion

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00:01:05,509 --> 00:01:03,440

we'll move to the question and answer

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00:01:06,950 --> 00:01:05,519

session accepting questions from media

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00:01:08,950 --> 00:01:06,960

here at nasa headquarters

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00:01:11,190 --> 00:01:08,960

those at the centers and others from

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00:01:13,109 --> 00:01:11,200

that dial into the telephone bridge

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00:01:14,390 --> 00:01:13,119

you can also ask questions submitted via

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00:01:17,510 --> 00:01:14,400

the twitter sphere

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00:01:19,270 --> 00:01:17,520

by using the hashtag ask nasa

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this media conference will be limited to

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00:01:23,350 --> 00:01:20,560

one hour

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00:01:24,070 --> 00:01:23,360

today's panelists include lika gujarat

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00:01:26,390 --> 00:01:24,080

curta

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00:01:32,550 --> 00:01:26,400

the living with a star program scientist

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00:01:36,230 --> 00:01:35,350

besides lika we have mona kessel the

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00:01:38,830 --> 00:01:36,240

rbsp

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00:01:41,590 --> 00:01:38,840

program scientist also from nasa

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00:01:44,550 --> 00:01:41,600

headquarters

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00:01:47,030 --> 00:01:44,560

barry mock the rbsp project scientist

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00:01:51,749 --> 00:01:47,040

from johns hopkins universities applied

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00:01:55,510 --> 00:01:54,710

and rick fitzgerald the rbsp project

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00:01:58,789 --> 00:01:55,520

manager

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00:02:00,870 --> 00:01:58,799

from also from apl laurel maryland

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00:02:01,990 --> 00:02:00,880  
and with that let's get started here's

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00:02:05,270 --> 00:02:02,000  
lika

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00:02:07,910 --> 00:02:05,280  
thank you jd good afternoon

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00:02:10,469 --> 00:02:07,920  
after the very successful landing of

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00:02:14,070 --> 00:02:10,479  
nasa's mars science laboratory with

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00:02:16,550 --> 00:02:14,080  
all lies focused on planet mars i think

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00:02:18,550 --> 00:02:16,560  
it's time to bring our attention back to

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00:02:21,110 --> 00:02:18,560  
planet earth once again

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00:02:21,990 --> 00:02:21,120  
not only do we live here but we are also

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00:02:24,070 --> 00:02:22,000  
launching the

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00:02:26,470 --> 00:02:24,080  
second mission of living with a star

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00:02:27,350 --> 00:02:26,480  
program called radiation build storm

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00:02:31,030 --> 00:02:27,360

probes

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00:02:31,830 --> 00:02:31,040

for short rbsp the radiation belts are

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the first

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and perhaps the oldest discovery of

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the space age yet they remain a mystery

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00:02:41,350 --> 00:02:40,319

simply because this is a very harsh

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00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:41,360

environment

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00:02:45,509 --> 00:02:43,920

where satellites don't last for very

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00:02:49,030 --> 00:02:45,519

long and we don't have

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a lot of data we still don't understand

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how the belts behave nor do we have the

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ability to make

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key predictions which is really very

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important

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and i hope with the launch of these two

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probes we will be answering many of

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these questions

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my esteemed colleagues to my left they

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are going to talk about the details of

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the mission and its signs

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00:03:12,710 --> 00:03:10,879

and let me talk a little bit about the

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program itself living with the star

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program

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00:03:18,869 --> 00:03:17,440

uh most of you know that we live in the

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outer atmosphere

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00:03:24,630 --> 00:03:22,480

of our star the sun and it's not only

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00:03:26,390 --> 00:03:24,640

our planet but every other planet

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00:03:29,990 --> 00:03:26,400

everything in the solar system

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is immersed in the solar environment

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even though with our unaided eyes we

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just kind of

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00:03:37,750 --> 00:03:36,080

look at the sun and it looks like a

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placid yellow ball

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when we look at the sun with um you know

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telescopes

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00:03:45,509 --> 00:03:43,360

uh we find like solar dynamics

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00:03:45,990 --> 00:03:45,519

observatory first mission of living with

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the star

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00:03:51,190 --> 00:03:48,959

program what we find is a really

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seething boiling surface

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00:03:59,910 --> 00:03:55,120

a very dynamic sun which has tremendous

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influence on the environment in geospace

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00:04:03,509 --> 00:04:00,640

even

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00:04:04,309 --> 00:04:03,519

as we search for life on mars that's why

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00:04:07,750 --> 00:04:04,319

we launched

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00:04:10,869 --> 00:04:07,760

msl it is kind of interesting to know

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that under the protective shield

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00:04:14,869 --> 00:04:13,360

of earth's magnetosphere and and

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00:04:18,069 --> 00:04:14,879

atmosphere

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00:04:20,710 --> 00:04:18,079

earth still remains an island

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00:04:21,509 --> 00:04:20,720

in the universe i would say in which

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00:04:24,550 --> 00:04:21,519

life has

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00:04:24,870 --> 00:04:24,560

evolved and flourished and the origins

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00:04:28,070 --> 00:04:24,880

and

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00:04:30,950 --> 00:04:28,080

fate of life here on earth is really

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00:04:33,110 --> 00:04:30,960

intimately connected to the sun and

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00:04:34,710 --> 00:04:33,120

solar variability and how the earth

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00:04:37,270 --> 00:04:34,720

responds to that

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00:04:39,430 --> 00:04:37,280

recognizing this importance between the

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00:04:40,629 --> 00:04:39,440

connection between sun and earth sun and

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00:04:43,990 --> 00:04:40,639

solar system

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in 2001 nasa initiated a program called

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00:04:48,230 --> 00:04:46,800

living with a star program whose goal is

126  
00:04:50,710 --> 00:04:48,240  
to really go after

127  
00:04:51,830 --> 00:04:50,720  
the science of the connected sun earth

128  
00:04:54,230 --> 00:04:51,840  
system

129  
00:04:55,510 --> 00:04:54,240  
but the ones that have relevance to life

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00:04:58,390 --> 00:04:55,520  
and society so

131  
00:05:00,390 --> 00:04:58,400  
basic science with science uh with

132  
00:05:02,790 --> 00:05:00,400  
relevance to life and society

133  
00:05:04,230 --> 00:05:02,800  
kind of science in pasture mode and this

134  
00:05:07,189 --> 00:05:04,240  
becomes very clear

135  
00:05:08,550 --> 00:05:07,199  
with this um chart that i'm about to

136  
00:05:11,830 --> 00:05:08,560  
show you which kind of

137  
00:05:14,230 --> 00:05:11,840  
gives you on the top panel the aspects

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00:05:16,310 --> 00:05:14,240

of basic science solar variability and

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00:05:18,950 --> 00:05:16,320

its impact on our magnetosphere

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00:05:20,550 --> 00:05:18,960

something we will be studying with rbsp

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00:05:22,870 --> 00:05:20,560

solar variability and its

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00:05:24,310 --> 00:05:22,880

impact on different kinds of planet

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00:05:25,950 --> 00:05:24,320

planetary environments

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00:05:27,670 --> 00:05:25,960

that might or might not have

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00:05:29,670 --> 00:05:27,680

magnetosphere um

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00:05:31,510 --> 00:05:29,680

solar variability and it's not

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00:05:35,029 --> 00:05:31,520

necessarily solar variability

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00:05:36,230 --> 00:05:35,039

but in general sort of variability of

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00:05:39,510 --> 00:05:36,240

radiation

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00:05:40,310 --> 00:05:39,520

in the magnetized uh universe uh the

151  
00:05:42,710 --> 00:05:40,320  
plasma

152  
00:05:44,070 --> 00:05:42,720  
that surrounds that most of our universe

153  
00:05:46,390 --> 00:05:44,080  
is actually filled with

154  
00:05:47,909 --> 00:05:46,400  
magnetized plasma so this mission is

155  
00:05:51,110 --> 00:05:47,919  
actually going to provide some

156  
00:05:54,550 --> 00:05:51,120  
critical insight into that as well

157  
00:05:57,510 --> 00:05:54,560  
when we go to the lower uh panel

158  
00:05:59,029 --> 00:05:57,520  
what you see is the relevant side of it

159  
00:06:02,230 --> 00:05:59,039  
essentially

160  
00:06:05,990 --> 00:06:02,240  
modern uh human technology has become

161  
00:06:09,029 --> 00:06:06,000  
very susceptible to solar storm solar

162  
00:06:10,870 --> 00:06:09,039  
coronal mass ejections solar wind what

163  
00:06:13,029 --> 00:06:10,880

you're looking in that picture

164

00:06:14,629 --> 00:06:13,039

are these that solar storms can affect

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00:06:16,309 --> 00:06:14,639

satellites in space

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00:06:18,070 --> 00:06:16,319

astronauts doing extra vehicular

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00:06:20,629 --> 00:06:18,080

activity power grids

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00:06:22,150 --> 00:06:20,639

uh even smart power grids uh

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00:06:25,350 --> 00:06:22,160

communication navigation

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00:06:26,629 --> 00:06:25,360

system uh air traffic uh and even

171

00:06:28,469 --> 00:06:26,639

terrestrial climate

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00:06:29,909 --> 00:06:28,479

so there's a deep connection between how

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00:06:33,430 --> 00:06:29,919

the sun varies

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00:06:37,029 --> 00:06:33,440

and its relevance to life and society

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00:06:39,670 --> 00:06:37,039

now in addition to the sun producing

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00:06:42,150 --> 00:06:39,680

radiation something that sun also

177

00:06:46,710 --> 00:06:42,160

produces is what's called a solar wind

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00:06:49,189 --> 00:06:46,720

this is a hot million miles per hour

179

00:06:51,110 --> 00:06:49,199

wind which consists of electrons and

180

00:06:53,670 --> 00:06:51,120

protons and if i can get the

181

00:06:56,070 --> 00:06:53,680

next chart please and this is this kind

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00:06:59,350 --> 00:06:56,080

of blows out continuously from

183

00:07:02,230 --> 00:06:59,360

the sun and um it's it's the

184

00:07:04,629 --> 00:07:02,240

next movie and and what what this shows

185

00:07:08,070 --> 00:07:04,639

is from the surface of the sun

186

00:07:11,830 --> 00:07:08,080

all the way 93 millions of miles away

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00:07:15,110 --> 00:07:11,840

our home planet earth now this picture

188

00:07:16,469 --> 00:07:15,120

was taken by five digital cameras on one

189

00:07:19,830 --> 00:07:16,479

of our missions called

190

00:07:21,909 --> 00:07:19,840

stereo and we are able to see for the

191

00:07:25,029 --> 00:07:21,919

first time the entire picture

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00:07:27,749 --> 00:07:25,039

of a solar storm 93 million miles

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00:07:29,350 --> 00:07:27,759

in between what you see are cloud of

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00:07:32,469 --> 00:07:29,360

plasma there's a billion

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00:07:34,870 --> 00:07:32,479

tons of material electrons and protons

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00:07:37,830 --> 00:07:34,880

traveling at tremendous speed

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00:07:39,270 --> 00:07:37,840

impinging not only on our planet that

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00:07:41,589 --> 00:07:39,280

really blue dot

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00:07:44,230 --> 00:07:41,599

but also planet venus and any other

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00:07:46,550 --> 00:07:44,240

planets in the solar system

201  
00:07:48,070 --> 00:07:46,560  
in the next movie what we have done is

202  
00:07:50,950 --> 00:07:48,080  
we have taken those

203  
00:07:52,390 --> 00:07:50,960  
images kind of distorted them into a

204  
00:07:55,350 --> 00:07:52,400  
radial coordinate

205  
00:07:57,909 --> 00:07:55,360  
so we can actually see the track of a

206  
00:08:00,469 --> 00:07:57,919  
coronal mass ejection or a solar storm

207  
00:08:02,950 --> 00:08:00,479  
in just one panel so you are seeing

208  
00:08:03,589 --> 00:08:02,960  
93 million miles captured in that one

209  
00:08:06,550 --> 00:08:03,599  
frame

210  
00:08:08,869 --> 00:08:06,560  
and you see that the solar storms are

211  
00:08:09,990 --> 00:08:08,879  
blowing out from the surface of the sun

212  
00:08:11,990 --> 00:08:10,000  
from the blue

213  
00:08:13,510 --> 00:08:12,000

to the yellowish red and then the

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00:08:16,710 --> 00:08:13,520

interplanetary medium

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00:08:17,350 --> 00:08:16,720

this is billion tons of matter plowing

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00:08:19,270 --> 00:08:17,360

through

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00:08:20,469 --> 00:08:19,280

interplanetary medium and just look at

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00:08:23,029 --> 00:08:20,479

the size scale

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00:08:24,550 --> 00:08:23,039

uh it it's just overwhelming to tiny

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00:08:27,670 --> 00:08:24,560

planets like ours

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00:08:30,869 --> 00:08:27,680

mars venus and and so how does

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00:08:34,230 --> 00:08:30,879

our planet then respond to that

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00:08:34,870 --> 00:08:34,240

kind of dynamic pressure if you look at

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00:08:38,149 --> 00:08:34,880

the next

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00:08:41,750 --> 00:08:38,159

movie that shows that earth

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00:08:43,990 --> 00:08:41,760

actually has its own magnetosphere we

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00:08:45,750 --> 00:08:44,000

call it almost like a cocoon

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00:08:47,430 --> 00:08:45,760

that protects us from this harmful

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00:08:49,750 --> 00:08:47,440

radiation of the sun

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00:08:51,430 --> 00:08:49,760

so the solar wind provides the dynamic

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00:08:53,670 --> 00:08:51,440

pressure and you're seeing that

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00:08:55,030 --> 00:08:53,680

from the left it impinges on the

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00:08:57,829 --> 00:08:55,040

magnetosphere

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00:08:58,790 --> 00:08:57,839

and when the storm is really strong you

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00:09:00,949 --> 00:08:58,800

can see

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that the magnetosphere is not only

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00:09:05,269 --> 00:09:03,279

shimmering it's get gets squished

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00:09:07,269 --> 00:09:05,279

distorted all different kinds of

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00:09:10,949 --> 00:09:07,279

phenomena but this is happening

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constantly and inside the magnetosphere

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what we have are the radiation belts

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and these radiation belts are really

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important for us for a couple of reasons

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for satellites in that environment

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as well as for astronauts astronauts for

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them to leave low earth orbit

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they have to punch through the radiation

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00:09:33,750 --> 00:09:33,040

bills and satellites many of our key

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satellites

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00:09:36,949 --> 00:09:36,000

actually go skimming through this uh

251  
00:09:38,870 --> 00:09:36,959  
environment

252  
00:09:40,470 --> 00:09:38,880  
and they spent spend their entire

253  
00:09:44,070 --> 00:09:40,480  
lifetime in this environment

254  
00:09:44,550 --> 00:09:44,080  
and this is not a pleasant environment

255  
00:09:47,829 --> 00:09:44,560  
it's a

256  
00:09:49,829 --> 00:09:47,839  
harmful harsh uh environment

257  
00:09:51,829 --> 00:09:49,839  
as i mentioned before you know we still

258  
00:09:52,550 --> 00:09:51,839  
don't understand how the radiation belts

259  
00:09:55,430 --> 00:09:52,560  
behave

260  
00:09:57,269 --> 00:09:55,440  
neither can we make uh key predictions

261  
00:09:59,509 --> 00:09:57,279  
for the radiation bills

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00:10:01,509 --> 00:09:59,519  
what are those key predictions you know

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00:10:04,069 --> 00:10:01,519

we don't know for example

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where highly charged relativistic

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electrons

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00:10:08,710 --> 00:10:07,600

will appear or disappear these are

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really lethal

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for example to spacecraft charging

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we for example don't know how the

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radiation belts will respond to any

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given coronal mass ejection

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will the belts shrink will the belts

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expand

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will the belts merge i mean you know

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these three orthogonal questions

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we don't have a good answer for that

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today but with the launch of these two

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missions we certainly think

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that we will have a much better

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understanding of what's going on there

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now i want to show you the last slide

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and in the last slide i want to draw

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your attention

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to the solar cycle the various phases of

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00:10:49,670 --> 00:10:46,880

the solar cycle

286

00:10:51,509 --> 00:10:49,680

and how our geospace environment and

287

00:10:52,389 --> 00:10:51,519

radiation builds respond to that

288

00:10:54,550 --> 00:10:52,399

environment

289

00:10:56,310 --> 00:10:54,560

so on the top panel what you're seeing

290

00:10:57,190 --> 00:10:56,320

is the red plot i mean that's your

291

00:11:00,230 --> 00:10:57,200

traditional

292

00:11:03,430 --> 00:11:00,240

solar cycle variability plot sun

293

00:11:05,110 --> 00:11:03,440

varies every 11 years the sunspots go up

294

00:11:06,710 --> 00:11:05,120

and then go down and we are kind of on

295

00:11:09,990 --> 00:11:06,720

the rising phase of that

296

00:11:13,030 --> 00:11:10,000

cycle the blue plot superposed

297

00:11:14,389 --> 00:11:13,040

on that top panel essentially shows the

298

00:11:16,389 --> 00:11:14,399

response of

299

00:11:18,790 --> 00:11:16,399

the geospace environment or in other

300

00:11:21,269 --> 00:11:18,800

words you know how the radiation belts

301  
00:11:22,389 --> 00:11:21,279  
would uh respond to solar variability

302  
00:11:24,630 --> 00:11:22,399  
and what you find

303  
00:11:27,110 --> 00:11:24,640  
there isn't a one-to-one correspondence

304  
00:11:29,829 --> 00:11:27,120  
they are not following the same pattern

305  
00:11:31,750 --> 00:11:29,839  
or what goes on the radiation bells and

306  
00:11:33,430 --> 00:11:31,760  
our geospace environment

307  
00:11:35,829 --> 00:11:33,440  
not only responds to the solar

308  
00:11:36,790 --> 00:11:35,839  
variability but it also responds to the

309  
00:11:39,509 --> 00:11:36,800  
solar wind

310  
00:11:41,670 --> 00:11:39,519  
that we just showed you in the movie the

311  
00:11:44,470 --> 00:11:41,680  
high-speed solar wind in blue

312  
00:11:45,030 --> 00:11:44,480  
in the lower panel the slow speed solar

313  
00:11:48,230 --> 00:11:45,040

vein

314

00:11:49,990 --> 00:11:48,240

in green the coronal mass ejections and

315

00:11:52,470 --> 00:11:50,000

other transients in red

316

00:11:54,150 --> 00:11:52,480

in the lower panel they have all

317

00:11:57,110 --> 00:11:54,160

different variability

318

00:11:58,230 --> 00:11:57,120

all of them together along with the

319

00:12:01,269 --> 00:11:58,240

sunspot cycle

320

00:12:01,870 --> 00:12:01,279

really contributes to what the radiation

321

00:12:04,230 --> 00:12:01,880

belt

322

00:12:05,750 --> 00:12:04,240

experiences and this is what we are

323

00:12:07,910 --> 00:12:05,760

trying to understand

324

00:12:09,350 --> 00:12:07,920

and going back to the basic points we

325

00:12:12,790 --> 00:12:09,360

need to understand this

326

00:12:15,750 --> 00:12:12,800

because the weather in these belts

327

00:12:16,550 --> 00:12:15,760

is very important for us much like the

328

00:12:19,110 --> 00:12:16,560

weather

329

00:12:20,150 --> 00:12:19,120

on surface of our planet you know like

330

00:12:22,550 --> 00:12:20,160

the tornadoes

331

00:12:24,470 --> 00:12:22,560

the hurricanes and we want to understand

332

00:12:27,430 --> 00:12:24,480

the weather in the radiation belts

333

00:12:29,509 --> 00:12:27,440

and its variation with solar cycle so

334

00:12:33,030 --> 00:12:29,519

that we can be better prepared for

335

00:12:35,430 --> 00:12:33,040

making better satellite designs for our

336

00:12:38,629 --> 00:12:35,440

astronauts for communications

337

00:12:40,230 --> 00:12:38,639

all of those and with that i'm going to

338

00:12:42,389 --> 00:12:40,240

pass it on to mona who will give you

339

00:12:43,670 --> 00:12:42,399

some history and more signs on the

340

00:12:45,670 --> 00:12:43,680

radiation belts

341

00:12:47,190 --> 00:12:45,680

okay thank you lika for setting the

342

00:12:49,910 --> 00:12:47,200

stage that

343

00:12:50,629 --> 00:12:49,920

really puts this into perspective i want

344

00:12:52,310 --> 00:12:50,639

to start

345

00:12:53,990 --> 00:12:52,320

by answering a couple of simple

346

00:12:56,230 --> 00:12:54,000

questions starting with

347

00:12:57,590 --> 00:12:56,240

what are the radiation belts and then

348

00:12:59,750 --> 00:12:57,600

where are they

349

00:13:00,629 --> 00:12:59,760

so if we can look at the first slide

350

00:13:03,430 --> 00:13:00,639

that i have

351

00:13:05,750 --> 00:13:03,440

you can see a cutaway model of the

352

00:13:07,509 --> 00:13:05,760

earth's radiation belt you see the earth

353

00:13:10,230 --> 00:13:07,519

and you see there's an inner belt

354

00:13:13,350 --> 00:13:10,240

and then outer belt and within these

355

00:13:15,750 --> 00:13:13,360

belts are captured or trapped actually

356

00:13:17,430 --> 00:13:15,760

high energy particles primarily

357

00:13:19,190 --> 00:13:17,440

electrons and ions

358

00:13:21,110 --> 00:13:19,200

they're trapped by earth's magnetic

359

00:13:24,150 --> 00:13:21,120

field you can also see the

360

00:13:25,750 --> 00:13:24,160

two satellites from rbsp that are

361

00:13:28,389 --> 00:13:25,760

pictured there as well

362

00:13:29,110 --> 00:13:28,399

so the inner belt really begins about a

363

00:13:31,030 --> 00:13:29,120

thousand

364

00:13:33,430 --> 00:13:31,040  
miles up from earth's surface and

365

00:13:35,670 --> 00:13:33,440  
extends to about 8 000 miles

366

00:13:37,030 --> 00:13:35,680  
then there's a gap and the outer belt

367

00:13:40,470 --> 00:13:37,040  
begins and that's about

368

00:13:43,670 --> 00:13:40,480  
12 000 to about 25 000 miles

369

00:13:45,670 --> 00:13:43,680  
so those belts that's kind of a

370

00:13:48,150 --> 00:13:45,680  
picture that you see when they're

371

00:13:50,230 --> 00:13:48,160  
nominal when there's not a lot going on

372

00:13:51,750 --> 00:13:50,240  
but during solar storms which we could

373

00:13:54,949 --> 00:13:51,760  
just discussed

374

00:13:57,990 --> 00:13:54,959  
lots of things happen the belts can

375

00:13:58,870 --> 00:13:58,000  
expand greatly so they fill in much

376

00:14:00,790 --> 00:13:58,880

closer to earth

377

00:14:02,310 --> 00:14:00,800

they can even fill in the region between

378

00:14:05,590 --> 00:14:02,320

the belts and expand

379

00:14:08,629 --> 00:14:05,600

out so when they expand in they get to

380

00:14:09,269 --> 00:14:08,639

about 125 miles above the surface of the

381

00:14:11,430 --> 00:14:09,279

earth

382

00:14:14,150 --> 00:14:11,440

that means that the international space

383

00:14:15,990 --> 00:14:14,160

station and low orbiting satellites

384

00:14:18,150 --> 00:14:16,000

pass through that region so they're

385

00:14:19,430 --> 00:14:18,160

susceptible to the energetic particles

386

00:14:21,590 --> 00:14:19,440

that are trapped there

387

00:14:23,110 --> 00:14:21,600

the same thing happens on the outside

388

00:14:24,389 --> 00:14:23,120

that's where our geosynchronous

389

00:14:27,509 --> 00:14:24,399

satellites are

390

00:14:28,629 --> 00:14:27,519

and as the belts expand those satellites

391

00:14:30,870 --> 00:14:28,639

come within

392

00:14:32,150 --> 00:14:30,880

that region and they're also then

393

00:14:35,829 --> 00:14:32,160

susceptible to

394

00:14:38,790 --> 00:14:35,839

the possible damage from the particles

395

00:14:40,069 --> 00:14:38,800

so let's stop about solar storms for a

396

00:14:40,949 --> 00:14:40,079

little bit because i want to step back

397

00:14:43,590 --> 00:14:40,959

in time

398

00:14:45,430 --> 00:14:43,600

for a little bit back to the 1950s when

399

00:14:47,990 --> 00:14:45,440

the space age began

400

00:14:49,670 --> 00:14:48,000

as like has already mentioned one of the

401  
00:14:51,990 --> 00:14:49,680  
first discoveries

402  
00:14:52,710 --> 00:14:52,000  
the first satellite that went into space

403  
00:14:55,670 --> 00:14:52,720  
discovered

404  
00:14:57,030 --> 00:14:55,680  
the inner belt of what we now know as

405  
00:14:59,189 --> 00:14:57,040  
the radiation belts

406  
00:15:00,150 --> 00:14:59,199  
so if we can look at the next slide that

407  
00:15:03,110 --> 00:15:00,160  
i have

408  
00:15:05,750 --> 00:15:03,120  
what i show here is a picture of four of

409  
00:15:08,710 --> 00:15:05,760  
the early pioneering scientists

410  
00:15:10,230 --> 00:15:08,720  
from left to right they're carl mcelwain

411  
00:15:13,750 --> 00:15:10,240  
james van allen

412  
00:15:14,470 --> 00:15:13,760  
george ludwig and ernie ray all four of

413  
00:15:16,629 --> 00:15:14,480

these men

414

00:15:17,910 --> 00:15:16,639

were very important to these early

415

00:15:21,110 --> 00:15:17,920

discoveries

416

00:15:22,470 --> 00:15:21,120

van allen particularly was lecturing all

417

00:15:24,230 --> 00:15:22,480

around the country

418

00:15:26,710 --> 00:15:24,240

he was trying to get people interested

419

00:15:28,949 --> 00:15:26,720

in doing science in space

420

00:15:30,310 --> 00:15:28,959

so what he really wanted to study was

421

00:15:32,870 --> 00:15:30,320

cosmic rays

422

00:15:34,790 --> 00:15:32,880

and you need to go above the atmosphere

423

00:15:36,069 --> 00:15:34,800

to study cosmic rays

424

00:15:37,910 --> 00:15:36,079

because that's where you're going to get

425

00:15:40,069 --> 00:15:37,920

the best view and

426

00:15:42,310 --> 00:15:40,079

the the rockets the suborbital rockets

427

00:15:44,310 --> 00:15:42,320

that he'd been sending up for some years

428

00:15:45,990 --> 00:15:44,320

those are only up for a few minutes and

429

00:15:48,389 --> 00:15:46,000

then come right back down so he was very

430

00:15:51,749 --> 00:15:48,399

anxious to get a satellite in space

431

00:15:53,749 --> 00:15:51,759

so in addition to to uh

432

00:15:55,269 --> 00:15:53,759

pushing this idea of doing cosmic rays

433

00:15:57,829 --> 00:15:55,279

in space he was

434

00:15:59,350 --> 00:15:57,839

conversing with verna werner von braun

435

00:16:01,350 --> 00:15:59,360

and william pickering

436

00:16:03,030 --> 00:16:01,360

both of whom were very important in

437

00:16:05,749 --> 00:16:03,040

getting that first rocket

438

00:16:06,550 --> 00:16:05,759

to go up into space the first u.s rocket

439

00:16:09,670 --> 00:16:06,560

in space

440

00:16:12,389 --> 00:16:09,680

so he together with george ludwig

441

00:16:14,069 --> 00:16:12,399

designed the first instrument and that

442

00:16:14,949 --> 00:16:14,079

instrument was just a simple geiger

443

00:16:17,749 --> 00:16:14,959

counter

444

00:16:19,350 --> 00:16:17,759

and that was to go up on explorer one so

445

00:16:21,910 --> 00:16:19,360

if we can show the next

446

00:16:24,069 --> 00:16:21,920

slide that i have this is a very famous

447

00:16:26,550 --> 00:16:24,079

picture showing pickering

448

00:16:28,710 --> 00:16:26,560

van allen and von braun holding up a

449

00:16:30,870 --> 00:16:28,720

model of explorer one

450

00:16:31,829 --> 00:16:30,880

this is this was a press conference that

451  
00:16:35,350 --> 00:16:31,839  
was held

452  
00:16:37,990 --> 00:16:35,360  
soon after um the launch of the rocket

453  
00:16:39,829 --> 00:16:38,000  
and it was really important because it

454  
00:16:42,069 --> 00:16:39,839  
had not only national but also

455  
00:16:44,550 --> 00:16:42,079  
international significance

456  
00:16:47,509 --> 00:16:44,560  
so soon after that ben allen and his

457  
00:16:49,430 --> 00:16:47,519  
team got very busy analyzing the data

458  
00:16:51,030 --> 00:16:49,440  
and simultaneously getting ready for

459  
00:16:52,870 --> 00:16:51,040  
explore two and three which we're going

460  
00:16:55,189 --> 00:16:52,880  
to launch in the next few months

461  
00:16:57,110 --> 00:16:55,199  
but the data was perplexing because

462  
00:17:00,470 --> 00:16:57,120  
there were times when the count rates

463  
00:17:02,470 --> 00:17:00,480

went very very low and it didn't make

464

00:17:03,670 --> 00:17:02,480

any sense that the cosmic rays in space

465

00:17:07,110 --> 00:17:03,680

would be zero

466

00:17:10,150 --> 00:17:07,120

so then explorer three confirmed that

467

00:17:12,470 --> 00:17:10,160

so now mcelwain he went into the lab he

468

00:17:14,870 --> 00:17:12,480

took their prototype geiger counter

469

00:17:16,789 --> 00:17:14,880

did a series of tests and he was able to

470

00:17:18,230 --> 00:17:16,799

demonstrate that when the count rates

471

00:17:21,270 --> 00:17:18,240

got really high

472

00:17:21,909 --> 00:17:21,280

like 25 000 counts per second then the

473

00:17:25,029 --> 00:17:21,919

geiger

474

00:17:28,470 --> 00:17:25,039

counter would actually respond with zero

475

00:17:30,870 --> 00:17:28,480

so what they've got now is count rates

476  
00:17:31,669 --> 00:17:30,880  
that are a thousand times the cosmic

477  
00:17:34,710 --> 00:17:31,679  
rays

478  
00:17:36,950 --> 00:17:34,720  
so that was that was really interesting

479  
00:17:39,029 --> 00:17:36,960  
they got very very busy then trying to

480  
00:17:40,789 --> 00:17:39,039  
piece that together and say okay what

481  
00:17:43,510 --> 00:17:40,799  
are we really looking at here

482  
00:17:45,430 --> 00:17:43,520  
so they put together a map and if we can

483  
00:17:47,830 --> 00:17:45,440  
look at the next slide

484  
00:17:48,630 --> 00:17:47,840  
they they did an analysis by latitude

485  
00:17:51,750 --> 00:17:48,640  
and longitude

486  
00:17:53,990 --> 00:17:51,760  
and altitude and then they hand drew

487  
00:17:55,430 --> 00:17:54,000  
and in fact all of this was done without

488  
00:17:57,990 --> 00:17:55,440

computers so it was really

489

00:17:58,870 --> 00:17:58,000

quite an effort back at that time they

490

00:18:01,029 --> 00:17:58,880

drew

491

00:18:03,029 --> 00:18:01,039

a version of the radiation belt because

492

00:18:05,909 --> 00:18:03,039

van allen deduced

493

00:18:07,669 --> 00:18:05,919

that there must be trapped radiation and

494

00:18:08,390 --> 00:18:07,679

this was the picture that he came up

495

00:18:10,150 --> 00:18:08,400

with

496

00:18:11,669 --> 00:18:10,160

then later he was giving a press

497

00:18:15,110 --> 00:18:11,679

conference on this

498

00:18:17,590 --> 00:18:15,120

and he was describing these belts as

499

00:18:19,350 --> 00:18:17,600

encircling the earth and so there was a

500

00:18:21,350 --> 00:18:19,360

reporter in the audience who asked him a

501  
00:18:24,230 --> 00:18:21,360  
question he said do you mean like a belt

502  
00:18:26,630 --> 00:18:24,240  
he said yeah like a belt so that's where

503  
00:18:27,990 --> 00:18:26,640  
the term radiation belts came from was a

504  
00:18:30,230 --> 00:18:28,000  
reporter asking a question

505  
00:18:32,470 --> 00:18:30,240  
at a press conference and and this

506  
00:18:34,070 --> 00:18:32,480  
discovery this discovery of these

507  
00:18:36,390 --> 00:18:34,080  
radiation belts with the trapped

508  
00:18:38,390 --> 00:18:36,400  
radiation landed van allen on the cover

509  
00:18:40,310 --> 00:18:38,400  
at time magazine if we go to the next

510  
00:18:41,990 --> 00:18:40,320  
picture which again shows the map but

511  
00:18:46,470 --> 00:18:42,000  
now it shows van allen on the cover

512  
00:18:48,549 --> 00:18:46,480  
of time magazine this was in may 1959

513  
00:18:50,470 --> 00:18:48,559

but at that time we thought that they

514

00:18:51,750 --> 00:18:50,480

were static belts that they were fixed

515

00:18:54,789 --> 00:18:51,760

in location

516

00:18:57,350 --> 00:18:54,799

later satellites cross and sampecs

517

00:18:59,190 --> 00:18:57,360

painted an entirely different picture so

518

00:19:01,590 --> 00:18:59,200

if we can go to the movie now

519

00:19:04,150 --> 00:19:01,600

i want to show you with sampek's data

520

00:19:06,470 --> 00:19:04,160

starting in about 1998

521

00:19:07,750 --> 00:19:06,480

pictures of the dynamic nature of the

522

00:19:10,230 --> 00:19:07,760

belts you can see

523

00:19:11,430 --> 00:19:10,240

red areas those correspond to the belts

524

00:19:14,470 --> 00:19:11,440

getting really pumped up

525

00:19:17,190 --> 00:19:14,480

lots of charged particles sometimes

526

00:19:18,710 --> 00:19:17,200

the belts the red areas extend all the

527

00:19:20,710 --> 00:19:18,720

way through the region sometimes the

528

00:19:22,789 --> 00:19:20,720

outer one almost disappears

529

00:19:24,470 --> 00:19:22,799

and then other times you can see them as

530

00:19:26,710 --> 00:19:24,480

two distinct belts

531

00:19:28,070 --> 00:19:26,720

but one thing you definitely can see is

532

00:19:31,909 --> 00:19:28,080

that it's a highly

533

00:19:33,830 --> 00:19:31,919

dynamic region so one satellite

534

00:19:35,270 --> 00:19:33,840

unfortunately could not unravel this

535

00:19:38,470 --> 00:19:35,280

complicated nature

536

00:19:40,870 --> 00:19:38,480

this is a job for rbsp but it also

537

00:19:43,110 --> 00:19:40,880

demonstrates a kind of weather in space

538

00:19:45,669 --> 00:19:43,120

that lika has already mentioned

539

00:19:48,390 --> 00:19:45,679

this is all driven by the sun by the

540

00:19:51,669 --> 00:19:48,400

changing energy coming from the sun

541

00:19:52,310 --> 00:19:51,679

and it actually affects the performance

542

00:19:54,630 --> 00:19:52,320

and the

543

00:19:56,549 --> 00:19:54,640

reliability of technologies that we have

544

00:19:59,190 --> 00:19:56,559

here both in space and

545

00:20:00,549 --> 00:19:59,200

on the ground now in particular if you

546

00:20:03,590 --> 00:20:00,559

look at the next slide

547

00:20:06,710 --> 00:20:03,600

what rbsp will be able to do is

548

00:20:07,669 --> 00:20:06,720

give us information about spacecraft

549

00:20:11,110 --> 00:20:07,679

charging

550

00:20:13,909 --> 00:20:11,120

upsets

551  
00:20:15,510 --> 00:20:13,919  
sometimes the solar panels will degrade

552  
00:20:17,350 --> 00:20:15,520  
because of the charges that are

553  
00:20:18,630 --> 00:20:17,360  
that are that that come and they hit the

554  
00:20:20,070 --> 00:20:18,640  
panels so

555  
00:20:21,909 --> 00:20:20,080  
this is something that rick is going to

556  
00:20:24,950 --> 00:20:21,919  
talk about a little bit more later

557  
00:20:26,710 --> 00:20:24,960  
but this aspect this solar

558  
00:20:28,070 --> 00:20:26,720  
the space weather is what we're

559  
00:20:30,470 --> 00:20:28,080  
concerned about and

560  
00:20:32,070 --> 00:20:30,480  
in particular when we have astronauts

561  
00:20:33,510 --> 00:20:32,080  
that fly through the area they can get a

562  
00:20:36,470 --> 00:20:33,520  
dose of radiation

563  
00:20:37,270 --> 00:20:36,480

we know that prolonged exposure to

564

00:20:40,470 --> 00:20:37,280

radiation

565

00:20:42,950 --> 00:20:40,480

can cause cancer so rbsp

566

00:20:44,070 --> 00:20:42,960

is what it will do for us is enable

567

00:20:46,950 --> 00:20:44,080

the prediction

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00:20:48,310 --> 00:20:46,960

of extreme and dynamic space weather

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00:20:51,430 --> 00:20:48,320

conditions

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00:20:54,630 --> 00:20:51,440

we have broadcasting both satellites

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00:20:55,830 --> 00:20:54,640

24 7 space weather this is going to get

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00:20:58,070 --> 00:20:55,840

picked up by

573

00:21:00,149 --> 00:20:58,080

ground stations around the world if we

574

00:21:01,029 --> 00:21:00,159

go to my final slide we can see a

575

00:21:03,590 --> 00:21:01,039

picture

576

00:21:06,310 --> 00:21:03,600

of a ground station this is the korea

577

00:21:09,430 --> 00:21:06,320

astronomy and space science institute

578

00:21:12,549 --> 00:21:09,440

they built a special dish just to to

579

00:21:14,070 --> 00:21:12,559

capture the rbsp space weather data

580

00:21:15,909 --> 00:21:14,080

we're also working with the czech

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00:21:18,950 --> 00:21:15,919

republic they have a ground

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00:21:20,870 --> 00:21:18,960

station and other sites around the world

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00:21:22,470 --> 00:21:20,880

so as soon as that data becomes

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00:21:24,710 --> 00:21:22,480

available it will be

585

00:21:26,310 --> 00:21:24,720

broadcast out to the public and this

586

00:21:29,430 --> 00:21:26,320

will support our efforts

587

00:21:30,470 --> 00:21:29,440

of analyzing space weather data around

588

00:21:32,870 --> 00:21:30,480

the world

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00:21:34,470 --> 00:21:32,880

so now i want to turn it over to barry

590

00:21:35,190 --> 00:21:34,480

who's going to talk about the mission in

591

00:21:36,950 --> 00:21:35,200

more detail

592

00:21:38,470 --> 00:21:36,960

thank you very much mona i want to

593

00:21:40,549 --> 00:21:38,480

answer the most important question

594

00:21:42,789 --> 00:21:40,559

as cool as mars is it does not have a

595

00:21:44,630 --> 00:21:42,799

radiation belt so i won't be

596

00:21:47,110 --> 00:21:44,640

i won't be talking about mars here i

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00:21:49,029 --> 00:21:47,120

wanted to start by showing a movie

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00:21:51,350 --> 00:21:49,039

that illustrates the point that mona was

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00:21:53,029 --> 00:21:51,360

making in lika that the um

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00:21:55,029 --> 00:21:53,039

uh the radiation belts are highly

601  
00:21:57,510 --> 00:21:55,039  
dynamic but what this movie also

602  
00:21:59,350 --> 00:21:57,520  
shows is that that dynamics is highly

603  
00:22:01,510 --> 00:21:59,360  
unpredictable based on what we know

604  
00:22:03,750 --> 00:22:01,520  
about the radiation belts right now

605  
00:22:05,990 --> 00:22:03,760  
we know that variations in the sun cause

606  
00:22:07,830 --> 00:22:06,000  
what are called geomagnetic storms

607  
00:22:09,190 --> 00:22:07,840  
those storms are actually observable on

608  
00:22:11,270 --> 00:22:09,200  
the ground by mag

609  
00:22:12,470 --> 00:22:11,280  
by magnetometer measurements and they

610  
00:22:14,470 --> 00:22:12,480  
show up as these strong

611  
00:22:16,630 --> 00:22:14,480  
dips that you see in the green curve in

612  
00:22:18,870 --> 00:22:16,640  
the upper right of this uh

613  
00:22:19,909 --> 00:22:18,880

of this movie what we've learned is the

614

00:22:22,149 --> 00:22:19,919

response

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00:22:23,510 --> 00:22:22,159

of the radiation bells to those storms

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00:22:25,830 --> 00:22:23,520

to those green dips

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00:22:27,750 --> 00:22:25,840

is highly variable sometimes it's big

618

00:22:29,830 --> 00:22:27,760

sometimes it's small and we just do not

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00:22:32,230 --> 00:22:29,840

understand why that uh

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00:22:33,590 --> 00:22:32,240

why that occurs this movie by the way

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00:22:35,430 --> 00:22:33,600

will be on the rbsb

622

00:22:36,789 --> 00:22:35,440

and nasa website and you can study it

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00:22:38,549 --> 00:22:36,799

yourself and you can look at the

624

00:22:40,549 --> 00:22:38,559

response to those two different storms

625

00:22:42,549 --> 00:22:40,559

and you'll see that it is very different

626  
00:22:43,750 --> 00:22:42,559  
and it is just a mystery as to why that

627  
00:22:47,029 --> 00:22:43,760  
happens

628  
00:22:49,110 --> 00:22:47,039  
on the next slide i wanted to talk about

629  
00:22:50,789 --> 00:22:49,120  
the fact that since 1958 when the

630  
00:22:52,149 --> 00:22:50,799  
radiation belts were discovered

631  
00:22:54,230 --> 00:22:52,159  
we've learned that when it comes to

632  
00:22:55,270 --> 00:22:54,240  
radiation regions in space we are not

633  
00:22:58,390 --> 00:22:55,280  
alone

634  
00:23:00,549 --> 00:22:58,400  
at all radiation is created near the sun

635  
00:23:02,310 --> 00:23:00,559  
radiation is uh created between the

636  
00:23:04,149 --> 00:23:02,320  
planets it's strongly

637  
00:23:06,470 --> 00:23:04,159  
uh created at all of the strongly

638  
00:23:09,029 --> 00:23:06,480

magnetized planets here we show earth

639

00:23:11,029 --> 00:23:09,039

and jupiter radio image of jupiter but

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00:23:11,909 --> 00:23:11,039

it also occurs at saturn uranus and

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00:23:14,870 --> 00:23:11,919

neptune so

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00:23:15,430 --> 00:23:14,880

radiation belts are are common they also

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00:23:17,590 --> 00:23:15,440

occur in

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00:23:18,870 --> 00:23:17,600

distant regions of the of the universe

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00:23:21,750 --> 00:23:18,880

here is an image of

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00:23:23,750 --> 00:23:21,760

of x-ray image of the crab nebula which

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00:23:24,310 --> 00:23:23,760

is an image of the radiation belts of

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00:23:29,029 --> 00:23:24,320

that

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00:23:31,590 --> 00:23:29,039

important parts of the radiation

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00:23:33,110 --> 00:23:31,600

about storm pro's mission is to use

651  
00:23:35,669 --> 00:23:33,120  
earth's radiation belt

652  
00:23:36,950 --> 00:23:35,679  
as a natural laboratory for studying how

653  
00:23:39,110 --> 00:23:36,960  
radiation

654  
00:23:40,549 --> 00:23:39,120  
is created in space how it varies in

655  
00:23:42,870 --> 00:23:40,559  
space

656  
00:23:45,669 --> 00:23:42,880  
and why the creation of radiation in

657  
00:23:47,830 --> 00:23:45,679  
space is so common

658  
00:23:49,350 --> 00:23:47,840  
i'd like to go back to the my first

659  
00:23:51,830 --> 00:23:49,360  
movie if i may

660  
00:23:52,630 --> 00:23:51,840  
i'd like to talk about another aspect of

661  
00:23:58,390 --> 00:23:52,640  
uh

662  
00:24:00,149 --> 00:23:58,400  
wanted to describe why it is so unique

663  
00:24:02,549 --> 00:24:00,159

in terms of its ability

664

00:24:04,789 --> 00:24:02,559

to resolve the mysteries of the van

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00:24:05,750 --> 00:24:04,799

allen radiation belts the first and most

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00:24:07,110 --> 00:24:05,760

obvious point

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00:24:10,070 --> 00:24:07,120

is the fact that there are two

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00:24:13,350 --> 00:24:10,080

spacecraft closely coordinated with

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00:24:15,269 --> 00:24:13,360

with each other two spacecraft allow

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00:24:17,350 --> 00:24:15,279

you to determine the difference between

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00:24:18,950 --> 00:24:17,360

a spacecraft variations that occur

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00:24:20,710 --> 00:24:18,960

because the spacecraft moves from one

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00:24:22,950 --> 00:24:20,720

region to another region

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00:24:24,710 --> 00:24:22,960

and variations that occur because of

675

00:24:25,750 --> 00:24:24,720

explicit time variations in the

676  
00:24:28,070 --> 00:24:25,760  
radiation belts

677  
00:24:29,909 --> 00:24:28,080  
and as simple as that seems that has

678  
00:24:32,390 --> 00:24:29,919  
been a fundamental impediment in our

679  
00:24:35,110 --> 00:24:32,400  
ability to understand the physics of

680  
00:24:36,789 --> 00:24:35,120  
space environment things like the

681  
00:24:40,950 --> 00:24:36,799  
radiation belts

682  
00:24:42,789 --> 00:24:40,960  
this movie shows the rbsp spacecraft

683  
00:24:44,710 --> 00:24:42,799  
with these red and green balls

684  
00:24:46,789 --> 00:24:44,720  
and if you study it carefully you'll see

685  
00:24:49,510 --> 00:24:46,799  
how the two spacecraft

686  
00:24:50,470 --> 00:24:49,520  
look at any one structure twice and that

687  
00:24:53,430 --> 00:24:50,480  
looking at

688  
00:24:54,630 --> 00:24:53,440

at structures twice for any for any

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00:24:56,630 --> 00:24:54,640

feature that you see

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00:24:58,789 --> 00:24:56,640

allows us to make that separation

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00:25:00,549 --> 00:24:58,799

between space and time

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00:25:01,830 --> 00:25:00,559

on my next slide i show a little bit

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more about

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00:25:05,590 --> 00:25:04,320

uh the orbit the orbits are highly

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elliptical they cut

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00:25:09,590 --> 00:25:08,240

and they are that way be because they're

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00:25:11,269 --> 00:25:09,600

designed to cut through all of the

698

00:25:12,390 --> 00:25:11,279

different radiation structures of the

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00:25:14,630 --> 00:25:12,400

radiation belt

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00:25:16,950 --> 00:25:14,640

the two spacecraft follow almost

701  
00:25:17,510 --> 00:25:16,960  
identical orbits but not quite in fact

702  
00:25:19,909 --> 00:25:17,520  
one

703  
00:25:21,669 --> 00:25:19,919  
is a little faster than the other and so

704  
00:25:22,789 --> 00:25:21,679  
sometimes these spacecraft are very

705  
00:25:25,430 --> 00:25:22,799  
close together

706  
00:25:27,430 --> 00:25:25,440  
sometimes they're very very far apart as

707  
00:25:29,669 --> 00:25:27,440  
as far as the entire orbit

708  
00:25:30,470 --> 00:25:29,679  
and that allows us to study small scale

709  
00:25:35,990 --> 00:25:30,480  
structures

710  
00:25:39,269 --> 00:25:36,000  
do all that we can to understand the

711  
00:25:41,830 --> 00:25:39,279  
various parts of how this radiation belt

712  
00:25:42,549 --> 00:25:41,840  
responds there is another aspect of the

713  
00:25:44,390 --> 00:25:42,559

rbsb

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00:25:46,310 --> 00:25:44,400

mission that also makes it uniquely

715

00:25:46,789 --> 00:25:46,320

capable of resolving the mysteries of

716

00:25:53,190 --> 00:25:46,799

the

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00:25:54,310 --> 00:25:53,200

highest quality instruments that have

718

00:25:57,510 --> 00:25:54,320

ever been used

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00:26:00,549 --> 00:25:57,520

to study radiation regions in space

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00:26:01,909 --> 00:26:00,559

it is exceedingly difficult to make

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00:26:03,750 --> 00:26:01,919

measurements in the heart of the

722

00:26:05,110 --> 00:26:03,760

radiation belt because the particles

723

00:26:06,870 --> 00:26:05,120

penetrate your instruments and

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00:26:09,669 --> 00:26:06,880

contaminate the measurements

725

00:26:11,029 --> 00:26:09,679

and rbsp has technologies that allow it

726

00:26:13,110 --> 00:26:11,039

to make the cleanest

727

00:26:16,230 --> 00:26:13,120

measurements that have ever been done in

728

00:26:19,350 --> 00:26:16,240

this the heart of the radiation

729

00:26:20,549 --> 00:26:19,360

belt i'd like to talk now with my next

730

00:26:22,230 --> 00:26:20,559

slide

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00:26:24,470 --> 00:26:22,240

the different classes of instruments

732

00:26:27,590 --> 00:26:24,480

that are on rbsb and there are two

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00:26:28,789 --> 00:26:27,600

classes one class measures the particles

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00:26:32,070 --> 00:26:28,799

themselves

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00:26:34,070 --> 00:26:32,080

and on the next slide if i can have that

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00:26:35,590 --> 00:26:34,080

this highlights the various components

737

00:26:38,630 --> 00:26:35,600

that are actually measuring

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00:26:40,310 --> 00:26:38,640

the particles these these instruments

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00:26:42,549 --> 00:26:40,320

measure particles from the lowest

740

00:26:44,549 --> 00:26:42,559

energies about one electron volt

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00:26:46,310 --> 00:26:44,559

all the way to the highest energies that

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00:26:49,430 --> 00:26:46,320

we need about two billion

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00:26:50,870 --> 00:26:49,440

electron volts these these measurements

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00:26:53,430 --> 00:26:50,880

are made by six different

745

00:26:55,830 --> 00:26:53,440

instruments that are delivered by three

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00:26:58,310 --> 00:26:55,840

different investigations it's the ect

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00:26:59,510 --> 00:26:58,320

investigation the rb spice investigation

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00:27:01,909 --> 00:26:59,520

and the rps

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00:27:03,909 --> 00:27:01,919

investigation these instruments measure

750

00:27:05,350 --> 00:27:03,919

not only the radiation particles that

751

00:27:09,029 --> 00:27:05,360

we're very interested in

752

00:27:10,870 --> 00:27:09,039

but it also measures the ionized gases

753

00:27:12,950 --> 00:27:10,880

or plasmas that constitute the

754

00:27:13,990 --> 00:27:12,960

environment within which the radiation

755

00:27:16,630 --> 00:27:14,000

belts

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00:27:17,909 --> 00:27:16,640

reside the other class of instruments

757

00:27:21,590 --> 00:27:17,919

that we have

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00:27:26,149 --> 00:27:21,600

shown on the next slide are the

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magnetic and electric fields experiments

760

00:27:30,230 --> 00:27:28,080

the magnetic and electric fields in the

761

00:27:32,230 --> 00:27:30,240

radiation belts control the behaviors of

762

00:27:35,990 --> 00:27:32,240

the particles it causes the particles to

763

00:27:39,269 --> 00:27:36,000

be energized and to be lost

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00:27:40,710 --> 00:27:39,279

rbsp instruments measure electric and

765

00:27:43,430 --> 00:27:40,720

magnetic fields that are

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00:27:45,350 --> 00:27:43,440

changing very slowly over many hours and

767

00:27:47,190 --> 00:27:45,360

those that are changing very rapidly in

768

00:27:48,070 --> 00:27:47,200

the form of waves that propagate with

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00:27:51,750 --> 00:27:48,080

frequencies

770

00:27:54,149 --> 00:27:51,760

as high as 400 000 cycles

771

00:27:55,110 --> 00:27:54,159

per second and again these electric and

772

00:27:57,430 --> 00:27:55,120

magnetic fields

773

00:27:59,029 --> 00:27:57,440

essentially control the behavior of the

774

00:28:02,230 --> 00:27:59,039

of the particle instrument

775

00:28:04,950 --> 00:28:02,240

and these measurements are made by

776

00:28:06,230 --> 00:28:04,960

four different sensor types that are

777

00:28:08,230 --> 00:28:06,240

delivered by two different

778

00:28:10,310 --> 00:28:08,240

investigations and that is the emphasis

779

00:28:13,510 --> 00:28:10,320

investigation and the efw

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00:28:15,190 --> 00:28:13,520

investigation all of these instruments

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00:28:17,190 --> 00:28:15,200

can only make their measurements by

782

00:28:18,149 --> 00:28:17,200

being integrated on a very capable

783

00:28:22,950 --> 00:28:18,159

spacecraft

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00:28:23,990 --> 00:28:22,960

harsh environments they have to be very

785

00:28:30,549 --> 00:28:24,000

quiet

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00:28:31,269 --> 00:28:30,559

so that the fields and particles uh the

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00:28:33,350 --> 00:28:31,279

fields

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00:28:35,110 --> 00:28:33,360

measurements can be made and i forgot to

789

00:28:35,990 --> 00:28:35,120

show my last movie which i'd like to

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00:28:38,070 --> 00:28:36,000

show now

791

00:28:41,750 --> 00:28:38,080

which shows one of the ways that we keep

792

00:28:43,750 --> 00:28:41,760

these uh electric and magnetic field uh

793

00:28:45,350 --> 00:28:43,760

measurements very quiet by putting them

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00:28:47,110 --> 00:28:45,360

out on boom

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00:28:49,110 --> 00:28:47,120

like structures and this movie for

796

00:28:51,430 --> 00:28:49,120

example shows the deployment

797

00:28:53,510 --> 00:28:51,440

of the magnetometer booms that are

798

00:28:56,149 --> 00:28:53,520

mounted on the end of the

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00:28:58,070 --> 00:28:56,159

of the solar solar panels and we do that

800

00:28:59,909 --> 00:28:58,080

to keep these sensors far away from the

801  
00:29:00,710 --> 00:28:59,919  
spacecraft which can contaminate the

802  
00:29:02,710 --> 00:29:00,720  
measurements

803  
00:29:04,710 --> 00:29:02,720  
the electric field instruments are even

804  
00:29:05,750 --> 00:29:04,720  
more sensitive and they are put on wire

805  
00:29:09,350 --> 00:29:05,760  
booms that extend

806  
00:29:11,029 --> 00:29:09,360  
50 meters um away from the spacecraft so

807  
00:29:12,149 --> 00:29:11,039  
that from tip to tip you're measuring

808  
00:29:14,630 --> 00:29:12,159  
the size of a

809  
00:29:16,549 --> 00:29:14,640  
of a football field so again as i was

810  
00:29:18,310 --> 00:29:16,559  
saying before uh these instruments have

811  
00:29:20,389 --> 00:29:18,320  
to be put on a very

812  
00:29:22,470 --> 00:29:20,399  
uh robust spacecraft they have to be

813  
00:29:24,870 --> 00:29:22,480

very quiet and they have to be capable

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00:29:25,830 --> 00:29:24,880

to keep themselves oriented with respect

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00:29:27,430 --> 00:29:25,840

to this

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00:29:29,269 --> 00:29:27,440

to the space that they're supposed to be

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00:29:32,470 --> 00:29:29,279

oriented and this task fell

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00:29:35,190 --> 00:29:32,480

to rick fitzgerald to my left who is the

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00:29:37,750 --> 00:29:35,200

program manager and his engineering team

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00:29:39,669 --> 00:29:37,760

and i'll let you take it from there okay

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00:29:41,510 --> 00:29:39,679

thank you barry

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00:29:43,510 --> 00:29:41,520

i'm very pleased and happy and proud to

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00:29:47,110 --> 00:29:43,520

be here today representing the entire

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00:29:50,070 --> 00:29:47,120

rbsp team which includes apl

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00:29:50,710 --> 00:29:50,080

and all of our instrument teams that

826  
00:29:53,029 --> 00:29:50,720  
design

827  
00:29:54,070 --> 00:29:53,039  
built tested about to launch and will

828  
00:29:56,230 --> 00:29:54,080  
operate

829  
00:29:57,590 --> 00:29:56,240  
these two satellites for the next two

830  
00:29:59,510 --> 00:29:57,600  
years

831  
00:30:01,430 --> 00:29:59,520  
so you've you've heard in great detail

832  
00:30:02,149 --> 00:30:01,440  
about the difficult environment that

833  
00:30:05,269 --> 00:30:02,159  
we're going to

834  
00:30:07,110 --> 00:30:05,279  
into and so

835  
00:30:08,389 --> 00:30:07,120  
i'm going to talk a little bit about the

836  
00:30:10,630 --> 00:30:08,399  
design aspects

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00:30:12,389 --> 00:30:10,640  
of how do we how do we possibly live in

838  
00:30:14,950 --> 00:30:12,399

that environment so

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00:30:15,830 --> 00:30:14,960

the first slide that i have here uh

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00:30:19,110 --> 00:30:15,840

shows our

841

00:30:19,909 --> 00:30:19,120

electronics that um really we we did two

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00:30:21,590 --> 00:30:19,919

things

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00:30:23,590 --> 00:30:21,600

to be able to live in this radiation

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00:30:27,430 --> 00:30:23,600

environment the first is we picked

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00:30:30,389 --> 00:30:27,440

radiation hardened parts so electronic

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00:30:32,789 --> 00:30:30,399

and electrical parts are very sensitive

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00:30:35,190 --> 00:30:32,799

to these highly charged particles so

848

00:30:38,389 --> 00:30:35,200

you can actually buy some parts that are

849

00:30:40,230 --> 00:30:38,399

tested to higher levels of uh radiation

850

00:30:42,710 --> 00:30:40,240

and uh and so that that's the first

851  
00:30:44,950 --> 00:30:42,720  
place we started the second thing we did

852  
00:30:47,669 --> 00:30:44,960  
was uh to shield all these critical

853  
00:30:47,990 --> 00:30:47,679  
electronics both spacecraft subsystems

854  
00:30:51,350 --> 00:30:48,000  
and

855  
00:30:52,549 --> 00:30:51,360  
science instruments in 350 mils thick

856  
00:30:55,269 --> 00:30:52,559  
aluminum boxes

857  
00:30:55,909 --> 00:30:55,279  
uh so that's approximately a third of an

858  
00:30:58,549 --> 00:30:55,919  
inch thick

859  
00:30:59,350 --> 00:30:58,559  
or some thinly sliced bread as it gives

860  
00:31:02,389 --> 00:30:59,360  
you an idea

861  
00:31:04,149 --> 00:31:02,399  
of the thickness and so essentially the

862  
00:31:06,310 --> 00:31:04,159  
the primary way that we're overcoming

863  
00:31:08,070 --> 00:31:06,320

this difficult environment is to is to

864

00:31:09,590 --> 00:31:08,080

go there in a suit of armor

865

00:31:11,750 --> 00:31:09,600

and and that makes us one of the

866

00:31:13,430 --> 00:31:11,760

toughest missions um

867

00:31:15,509 --> 00:31:13,440

tough in the sense that we can survive

868

00:31:17,350 --> 00:31:15,519

this this environment that nasa's ever

869

00:31:18,710 --> 00:31:17,360

put together

870

00:31:20,470 --> 00:31:18,720

and you can see the text there

871

00:31:22,149 --> 00:31:20,480

installing some of those boxes and what

872

00:31:29,190 --> 00:31:22,159

we call the dog houses so the

873

00:31:34,630 --> 00:31:32,789

so what we want to talk about next is

874

00:31:36,710 --> 00:31:34,640

the mission itself so we've said there's

875

00:31:38,870 --> 00:31:36,720

two satellites and you can see here

876

00:31:40,549 --> 00:31:38,880

the satellites are separating from the

877

00:31:43,430 --> 00:31:40,559

the launch vehicle

878

00:31:46,389 --> 00:31:43,440

that separation will happen over hawaii

879

00:31:50,310 --> 00:31:46,399

approximately 78 minutes after launch

880

00:31:52,070 --> 00:31:50,320

we'll see that separation happen and um

881

00:31:54,149 --> 00:31:52,080

the the satellites are injected into

882

00:31:56,389 --> 00:31:54,159

slightly different orbits and that that

883

00:31:57,909 --> 00:31:56,399

is uh part of the mission design that

884

00:32:00,630 --> 00:31:57,919

barry talked about

885

00:32:02,549 --> 00:32:00,640

where we are able to make these

886

00:32:05,190 --> 00:32:02,559

measurements throughout the structure

887

00:32:06,950 --> 00:32:05,200

of the radiation belts um with them

888

00:32:09,430 --> 00:32:06,960

separated in different ways sometimes

889

00:32:11,430 --> 00:32:09,440

close together sometimes further apart

890

00:32:15,750 --> 00:32:11,440

and the injection of the orbit is

891

00:32:18,789 --> 00:32:15,760

critical to being able to do that

892

00:32:21,750 --> 00:32:18,799

the next thing that i want to talk about

893

00:32:22,310 --> 00:32:21,760

is the deployment itself so so barry

894

00:32:24,230 --> 00:32:22,320

showed you

895

00:32:26,470 --> 00:32:24,240

an animation and you can see it there

896

00:32:27,990 --> 00:32:26,480

where the magnetometer booms are

897

00:32:30,389 --> 00:32:28,000

deployed and you can see these wire

898

00:32:32,549 --> 00:32:30,399

booms coming out at you right there

899

00:32:35,029 --> 00:32:32,559

that's not in real time

900

00:32:36,710 --> 00:32:35,039

so these wire booms actually take a

901  
00:32:38,710 --> 00:32:36,720  
couple of weeks to deploy

902  
00:32:40,789 --> 00:32:38,720  
and they are they're essentially on

903  
00:32:41,750 --> 00:32:40,799  
reels inside the spacecraft kind of like

904  
00:32:45,269 --> 00:32:41,760  
a fishing reel

905  
00:32:46,389 --> 00:32:45,279  
and they get played out over a period of

906  
00:32:48,549 --> 00:32:46,399  
two weeks

907  
00:32:50,149 --> 00:32:48,559  
and and that's all part of our 60-day

908  
00:32:53,590 --> 00:32:50,159  
commissioning timeline

909  
00:32:55,509 --> 00:32:53,600  
so in a very carefully choreographed

910  
00:32:57,350 --> 00:32:55,519  
series of turn-ons of the various

911  
00:32:58,549 --> 00:32:57,360  
instruments and and subsystems on the

912  
00:33:02,310 --> 00:32:58,559  
spacecraft

913  
00:33:04,310 --> 00:33:02,320

um we uh we decide which

914

00:33:06,149 --> 00:33:04,320

instruments with with the science team

915

00:33:08,389 --> 00:33:06,159

will get turned on in which order

916

00:33:11,190 --> 00:33:08,399

and when these deployments will happen

917

00:33:11,750 --> 00:33:11,200

and so um the the animations that you

918

00:33:13,990 --> 00:33:11,760

saw

919

00:33:15,350 --> 00:33:14,000

are um pointing to some of the uh the

920

00:33:16,149 --> 00:33:15,360

fields measurements that are going to be

921

00:33:18,310 --> 00:33:16,159

made

922

00:33:19,830 --> 00:33:18,320

and um and and showing you those

923

00:33:21,990 --> 00:33:19,840

deployments

924

00:33:24,789 --> 00:33:22,000

um i did also want to talk about some of

925

00:33:26,470 --> 00:33:24,799

the integration and test activities

926  
00:33:28,149 --> 00:33:26,480  
that we've had on the program so i have

927  
00:33:30,389 --> 00:33:28,159  
a series of video clips

928  
00:33:31,750 --> 00:33:30,399  
to show some of the key events and talk

929  
00:33:34,870 --> 00:33:31,760  
a little bit about

930  
00:33:36,950 --> 00:33:34,880  
what it is that they um that

931  
00:33:38,710 --> 00:33:36,960  
that we've done with this mission that

932  
00:33:41,430 --> 00:33:38,720  
that are somewhat unique

933  
00:33:43,110 --> 00:33:41,440  
so if we can roll that first video the

934  
00:33:43,750 --> 00:33:43,120  
first thing we have here are the solar

935  
00:33:45,909 --> 00:33:43,760  
panels

936  
00:33:47,669 --> 00:33:45,919  
and there's a deployment test here to

937  
00:33:49,509 --> 00:33:47,679  
make sure the mechanisms work

938  
00:33:51,430 --> 00:33:49,519

in a gene gated environment for the

939

00:33:53,830 --> 00:33:51,440

solar panels to pop open

940

00:33:55,269 --> 00:33:53,840

and then for those booms to deploy the

941

00:33:57,430 --> 00:33:55,279

solar panels i will mention

942

00:33:59,350 --> 00:33:57,440

are specially designed to dissipate

943

00:34:00,710 --> 00:33:59,360

surface charge which is one of the

944

00:34:02,389 --> 00:34:00,720

things that we're concerned about with

945

00:34:05,029 --> 00:34:02,399

this mission so

946

00:34:05,990 --> 00:34:05,039

those were key tests i'm showing here a

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00:34:07,990 --> 00:34:06,000

stack vibration

948

00:34:09,669 --> 00:34:08,000

test so with any any satellite mission

949

00:34:10,950 --> 00:34:09,679

this is one of the toughest environments

950

00:34:12,550 --> 00:34:10,960

to survive and that's the launch

951  
00:34:14,069 --> 00:34:12,560  
environment with the ride that you get

952  
00:34:16,470 --> 00:34:14,079  
from the launch vehicle

953  
00:34:18,149 --> 00:34:16,480  
and so we we test as we fly in a stacked

954  
00:34:20,869 --> 00:34:18,159  
configuration

955  
00:34:23,349 --> 00:34:20,879  
and then we have a magnetic swing test

956  
00:34:25,349 --> 00:34:23,359  
this is critically important because

957  
00:34:27,109 --> 00:34:25,359  
the spacecraft has to be magnetically

958  
00:34:28,790 --> 00:34:27,119  
silent in order to make these sensitive

959  
00:34:30,389 --> 00:34:28,800  
magnetic fields measurements and this

960  
00:34:32,550 --> 00:34:30,399  
test essentially is like walking through

961  
00:34:34,550 --> 00:34:32,560  
a magnetometer at the airport

962  
00:34:36,149 --> 00:34:34,560  
fortunately we're very quiet in that

963  
00:34:39,030 --> 00:34:36,159

sense

964

00:34:41,109 --> 00:34:39,040

the next you will see here is a a test

965

00:34:43,349 --> 00:34:41,119

of our separation mechanism from the

966

00:34:44,869 --> 00:34:43,359

launch vehicle and the clamp band and

967

00:34:46,629 --> 00:34:44,879

we have to make sure obviously that

968

00:34:47,990 --> 00:34:46,639

separates successfully and you can see

969

00:34:49,829 --> 00:34:48,000

there the deployment we did

970

00:34:51,270 --> 00:34:49,839

together with our launch vehicle

971

00:34:54,470 --> 00:34:51,280

provider

972

00:34:58,550 --> 00:34:57,589

we next have a test that would show here

973

00:35:00,310 --> 00:34:58,560

with the electric

974

00:35:01,670 --> 00:35:00,320

fields measurement so there's also some

975

00:35:03,510 --> 00:35:01,680

antennas top and bottom on the

976  
00:35:06,150 --> 00:35:03,520  
spacecraft and this is the first motion

977  
00:35:07,750 --> 00:35:06,160  
test of one of those antennas

978  
00:35:09,190 --> 00:35:07,760  
and then we move to the thermal vacuum

979  
00:35:11,030 --> 00:35:09,200  
test which is a

980  
00:35:12,790 --> 00:35:11,040  
pretty standard in the industry you want

981  
00:35:13,589 --> 00:35:12,800  
to test in the in thermal environment

982  
00:35:16,870 --> 00:35:13,599  
you're going to live in

983  
00:35:17,270 --> 00:35:16,880  
and under vacuum conditions this is all

984  
00:35:21,829 --> 00:35:17,280  
done

985  
00:35:22,710 --> 00:35:21,839  
chambers that we have at apl are

986  
00:35:25,270 --> 00:35:22,720  
somewhat unique

987  
00:35:27,430 --> 00:35:25,280  
in that they open from the bottom and

988  
00:35:30,470 --> 00:35:27,440

the spacecraft are actually deployed

989

00:35:31,910 --> 00:35:30,480

from bottom to top and pushed up into

990

00:35:33,829 --> 00:35:31,920

the second floor

991

00:35:35,829 --> 00:35:33,839

bolted down and then we run the test for

992

00:35:37,589 --> 00:35:35,839

about 30 days

993

00:35:39,670 --> 00:35:37,599

the final test that i'm showing you here

994

00:35:42,790 --> 00:35:39,680

is our

995

00:35:45,430 --> 00:35:42,800

spin test and we do this because the

996

00:35:46,390 --> 00:35:45,440

spacecraft spin at about 5 rpm nominally

997

00:35:47,829 --> 00:35:46,400

on orbit

998

00:35:50,310 --> 00:35:47,839

and we need to make sure they're well

999

00:35:52,310 --> 00:35:50,320

balanced so this test is a lot like

1000

00:35:54,069 --> 00:35:52,320

taking car tires and getting them

1001

00:35:58,230 --> 00:35:54,079

balanced at the garage

1002

00:35:59,670 --> 00:35:58,240

and as you well know you can put some

1003

00:36:01,270 --> 00:35:59,680

various weights of different parts on

1004

00:36:02,550 --> 00:36:01,280

the wheel to make sure that they

1005

00:36:04,710 --> 00:36:02,560

that they're all balanced and we do the

1006

00:36:07,349 --> 00:36:04,720

same thing with the spacecraft

1007

00:36:07,750 --> 00:36:07,359

on orbit um we do have a period where we

1008

00:36:09,349 --> 00:36:07,760

spin

1009

00:36:10,870 --> 00:36:09,359

a little bit faster than nominal in

1010

00:36:12,310 --> 00:36:10,880

order to make those deployments of the

1011

00:36:13,990 --> 00:36:12,320

wire booms

1012

00:36:17,589 --> 00:36:14,000

but once we're in a nominal condition

1013

00:36:19,750 --> 00:36:17,599

we'll spin at about 5 rpm

1014

00:36:21,349 --> 00:36:19,760

the final slide that i want to show you

1015

00:36:22,550 --> 00:36:21,359

is the spacecraft in the stacked

1016

00:36:24,630 --> 00:36:22,560

configuration

1017

00:36:25,910 --> 00:36:24,640

down at the cape so this was just taken

1018

00:36:27,589 --> 00:36:25,920

a few days ago

1019

00:36:28,950 --> 00:36:27,599

inside the fairing you can see there

1020

00:36:30,870 --> 00:36:28,960

we're stacked on top of the launch

1021

00:36:34,310 --> 00:36:30,880

vehicle adapter

1022

00:36:35,430 --> 00:36:34,320

and and so the the team has been working

1023

00:36:37,349 --> 00:36:35,440

very hard over the

1024

00:36:39,510 --> 00:36:37,359

period of about five years to get to

1025

00:36:40,470 --> 00:36:39,520

this point uh we're very proud of the

1026  
00:36:43,670 --> 00:36:40,480  
mission

1027  
00:36:45,109 --> 00:36:43,680  
and um as a runner uh there's a slogan

1028  
00:36:45,990 --> 00:36:45,119  
that you see occasionally written on

1029  
00:36:49,750 --> 00:36:46,000  
t-shirts

1030  
00:36:50,470 --> 00:36:49,760  
which says uh uh my sport is your sports

1031  
00:36:51,829 --> 00:36:50,480  
punishment

1032  
00:36:53,910 --> 00:36:51,839  
and that's how we feel about this

1033  
00:36:55,829 --> 00:36:53,920  
mission so our mission is other missions

1034  
00:36:57,510 --> 00:36:55,839  
punishment nobody really wants to live

1035  
00:37:00,470 --> 00:36:57,520  
in the environment that we're going to

1036  
00:37:01,829 --> 00:37:00,480  
live in for two years and so it's taken

1037  
00:37:03,589 --> 00:37:01,839  
a lot of effort

1038  
00:37:05,990 --> 00:37:03,599

to overcome some of the challenges that

1039

00:37:08,230 --> 00:37:06,000

i just spoke about to get to this point

1040

00:37:09,430 --> 00:37:08,240

and we're very pleased and happy to be

1041

00:37:12,150 --> 00:37:09,440

uh uh

1042

00:37:14,470 --> 00:37:12,160

at this point um just uh less than uh a

1043

00:37:16,790 --> 00:37:14,480

couple of weeks away from launch so

1044

00:37:18,550 --> 00:37:16,800

um with that i'd like to wrap it up and

1045

00:37:19,829 --> 00:37:18,560

uh i want to say a special thank you to

1046

00:37:22,069 --> 00:37:19,839

the team

1047

00:37:25,109 --> 00:37:22,079

that we've assembled this fantastic rbsp

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00:37:26,790 --> 00:37:25,119

team that's pulled this mission together

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00:37:28,630 --> 00:37:26,800

thanks rick and with that we'll start

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00:37:30,710 --> 00:37:28,640

the question and answer session

1051  
00:37:32,790 --> 00:37:30,720  
we have a number of people joining us

1052  
00:37:33,829 --> 00:37:32,800  
today from a variety of locations so we

1053  
00:37:35,829 --> 00:37:33,839  
ask that reporters

1054  
00:37:36,870 --> 00:37:35,839  
limit themselves to one question and one

1055  
00:37:38,870 --> 00:37:36,880  
follow-up

1056  
00:37:41,829 --> 00:37:38,880  
we will go around a second time if time

1057  
00:37:44,150 --> 00:37:41,839  
permits also we'd like to have you

1058  
00:37:45,510 --> 00:37:44,160  
identify yourself your media affiliation

1059  
00:37:47,430 --> 00:37:45,520  
and then direct your question to a

1060  
00:37:49,829 --> 00:37:47,440  
specific panelist if at all possible

1061  
00:37:51,109 --> 00:37:49,839  
to avoid any confusion for those on the

1062  
00:37:52,630 --> 00:37:51,119  
telephone bridge

1063  
00:37:54,710 --> 00:37:52,640

who would like to ask a question push

1064

00:37:57,109 --> 00:37:54,720

the star one keys on your telephone

1065

00:37:57,910 --> 00:37:57,119

to be placed in the queue and once again

1066

00:38:01,349 --> 00:37:57,920

on twitter

1067

00:38:03,510 --> 00:38:01,359

you can send your questions to ask nasa

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00:38:04,550 --> 00:38:03,520

and we do have one question already in

1069

00:38:07,910 --> 00:38:04,560

the queue from the

1070

00:38:09,109 --> 00:38:07,920

twitter twitter spear um

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00:38:11,109 --> 00:38:09,119

this question i'm not sure who it's

1072

00:38:13,430 --> 00:38:11,119

gonna go to but what's the impact of

1073

00:38:16,390 --> 00:38:13,440

on the mission if for whatever reason

1074

00:38:19,750 --> 00:38:16,400

one of the probes doesn't work

1075

00:38:23,589 --> 00:38:19,760

okay i'll take that uh question

1076

00:38:26,069 --> 00:38:23,599

the answer is first of all we anticipate

1077

00:38:26,870 --> 00:38:26,079

that they're both going to work they're

1078

00:38:28,710 --> 00:38:26,880

have the

1079

00:38:30,950 --> 00:38:28,720

as you have just heard from rick they

1080

00:38:32,310 --> 00:38:30,960

have been well designed well tested

1081

00:38:34,069 --> 00:38:32,320

thoroughly tested

1082

00:38:35,430 --> 00:38:34,079

and so our anticipation is that they

1083

00:38:37,910 --> 00:38:35,440

will work however

1084

00:38:38,710 --> 00:38:37,920

if they don't work if one of them

1085

00:38:41,270 --> 00:38:38,720

doesn't work

1086

00:38:42,470 --> 00:38:41,280

then we still have these very

1087

00:38:45,190 --> 00:38:42,480

sophisticated

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00:38:45,670 --> 00:38:45,200

instruments out there that are capable

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00:38:50,230 --> 00:38:45,680

of

1090

00:38:52,310 --> 00:38:50,240

the radiation belts

1091

00:38:54,390 --> 00:38:52,320

and so that we think that we can achieve

1092

00:38:57,589 --> 00:38:54,400

some really stunning science

1093

00:38:59,589 --> 00:38:57,599

even if we only have one spacecraft and

1094

00:39:00,630 --> 00:38:59,599

i think i'll add to that i think we have

1095

00:39:02,390 --> 00:39:00,640

a situation

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00:39:05,030 --> 00:39:02,400

because this is part of living with a

1097

00:39:05,910 --> 00:39:05,040

star we are actually going to be able to

1098

00:39:07,990 --> 00:39:05,920

study

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00:39:10,790 --> 00:39:08,000

sort of the causes and consequences that

1100

00:39:14,710 --> 00:39:10,800

causes solar variability and its impact

1101

00:39:16,150 --> 00:39:14,720

uh even with one spacecraft

1102

00:39:18,630 --> 00:39:16,160

thank you i believe we have someone on

1103

00:39:22,870 --> 00:39:18,640

the radio right on the telephone rather

1104

00:39:27,510 --> 00:39:25,910

um hi this is lisa i'm wondering why

1105

00:39:28,390 --> 00:39:27,520

these questions have gone unanswered for

1106

00:39:32,790 --> 00:39:28,400

so long

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00:39:36,150 --> 00:39:34,710

i didn't hear the question i'm afraid

1108

00:39:38,470 --> 00:39:36,160

the question was how come

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00:39:39,750 --> 00:39:38,480

the uh these questions have gone on and

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00:39:42,630 --> 00:39:39,760

unanswered for so long

1111

00:39:44,790 --> 00:39:42,640

well it i let me take a take a stab at

1112

00:39:48,150 --> 00:39:44,800

that uh it's not for lack of trying

1113

00:39:50,950 --> 00:39:48,160

uh one of the greatest advances uh

1114

00:39:52,150 --> 00:39:50,960

in understanding the new dynamics of the

1115

00:39:54,390 --> 00:39:52,160

radiation belts was the

1116

00:39:56,069 --> 00:39:54,400

was the air force cress mission that

1117

00:40:00,390 --> 00:39:56,079

flew in the early 90s

1118

00:40:02,230 --> 00:40:00,400

and then nasa flew the sampex mission

1119

00:40:04,470 --> 00:40:02,240

which is a low altitude mission but

1120

00:40:05,349 --> 00:40:04,480

could monitor the radiation belt over

1121

00:40:07,990 --> 00:40:05,359

long

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00:40:09,190 --> 00:40:08,000

periods of time but these were single

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00:40:12,069 --> 00:40:09,200

spacecraft

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00:40:14,150 --> 00:40:12,079

and they the fundamental issue of being

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00:40:16,870 --> 00:40:14,160

able to separate spatial

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00:40:18,870 --> 00:40:16,880

variations from temporal variations they

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00:40:20,870 --> 00:40:18,880

just could not uh were not able to do

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00:40:24,630 --> 00:40:20,880

that and that's so fundamental

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00:40:26,230 --> 00:40:24,640

uh that that we really can't resolve

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00:40:28,550 --> 00:40:26,240

the mysteries that are there without

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00:40:30,069 --> 00:40:28,560

that capability i also wanted to point

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00:40:32,069 --> 00:40:30,079

out that there are

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00:40:34,069 --> 00:40:32,079

more recent technologies instrument

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00:40:35,030 --> 00:40:34,079

technologies that really allow us to

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00:40:37,430 --> 00:40:35,040

make

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00:40:39,349 --> 00:40:37,440

much much cleaner measurements in the

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00:40:40,230 --> 00:40:39,359

radiation belt than we've ever been able

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00:40:43,430 --> 00:40:40,240

to do

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00:40:45,190 --> 00:40:43,440

uh before this these penetrating

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00:40:46,870 --> 00:40:45,200

particles get into the ear instruments

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00:40:49,109 --> 00:40:46,880

they contaminate the measurements

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00:40:50,710 --> 00:40:49,119

it's just a very hard thing to do and

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00:40:51,990 --> 00:40:50,720

more recent technologies have

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00:40:55,190 --> 00:40:52,000

allowed us to make much better

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00:40:55,510 --> 00:40:55,200

measurements and if i may add to that i

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00:40:58,069 --> 00:40:55,520

think

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00:40:59,109 --> 00:40:58,079

we are studying the radiation belt for

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00:41:01,829 --> 00:40:59,119

its signs sake

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00:41:04,069 --> 00:41:01,839

intrinsic signs as it applies to the

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00:41:06,309 --> 00:41:04,079

bells and elsewhere in the universe

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00:41:08,790 --> 00:41:06,319

but it's also for its relevance to life

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00:41:11,750 --> 00:41:08,800

and society and i think space weather

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00:41:13,030 --> 00:41:11,760

is a really emerging area where we are

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00:41:15,190 --> 00:41:13,040

beginning to

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00:41:16,390 --> 00:41:15,200

understand the impact of solar

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00:41:19,430 --> 00:41:16,400

variability

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00:41:20,150 --> 00:41:19,440

on our technology uh whether it's in the

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00:41:23,270 --> 00:41:20,160

radiation

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00:41:23,589 --> 00:41:23,280

belts elsewhere and and so recognizing

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00:41:27,109 --> 00:41:23,599

that

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00:41:28,630 --> 00:41:27,119

importance i think we are uh making sure

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00:41:30,230 --> 00:41:28,640

that we have the appropriate

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00:41:34,550 --> 00:41:30,240

observations and measurements

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00:41:37,030 --> 00:41:34,560

to really understand uh these systems

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00:41:38,309 --> 00:41:37,040

and now i'm just sorry one last thing to

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00:41:40,790 --> 00:41:38,319

that which is that

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00:41:43,510 --> 00:41:40,800

we are becoming very dependent on our

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00:41:45,430 --> 00:41:43,520

space assets we have more than 300

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00:41:47,510 --> 00:41:45,440

satellites in geosynchronous

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00:41:49,349 --> 00:41:47,520

orbit i don't know how many we have in

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00:41:51,430 --> 00:41:49,359

low earth orbit we also have the space

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00:41:53,670 --> 00:41:51,440

station up there so

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00:41:54,790 --> 00:41:53,680

these assets are very important we have

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00:41:57,270 --> 00:41:54,800

to understand

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00:41:59,270 --> 00:41:57,280

this space environment and that's what

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00:42:01,589 --> 00:41:59,280

we're setting out to do

1177

00:42:03,109 --> 00:42:01,599

sounds good we're also going back to our

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00:42:04,150 --> 00:42:03,119

telephone bridge once again with clara

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00:42:07,750 --> 00:42:04,160

moskowitz

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00:42:11,190 --> 00:42:10,069

yes hi my question i think it's ramona

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00:42:13,670 --> 00:42:11,200

uh you mentioned

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00:42:14,470 --> 00:42:13,680

that the iss sometimes passes through

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00:42:17,510 --> 00:42:14,480

these belts

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00:42:21,030 --> 00:42:17,520

if they expand down lower um

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00:42:22,870 --> 00:42:21,040

can you say whether the iss has recently

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00:42:24,550 --> 00:42:22,880

made a pass through the belts and just

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00:42:25,910 --> 00:42:24,560

how high how much higher is the

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00:42:28,550 --> 00:42:25,920

radiation dose

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00:42:30,150 --> 00:42:28,560

they experience than the normal iss

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00:42:33,430 --> 00:42:30,160

radiation dose

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00:42:35,510 --> 00:42:33,440

we have been going through a time where

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00:42:37,990 --> 00:42:35,520

the sun has been very quiet

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00:42:39,190 --> 00:42:38,000

actually so most of the time that the

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00:42:41,030 --> 00:42:39,200

space station

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00:42:42,950 --> 00:42:41,040

recently has been a time where we

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00:42:46,069 --> 00:42:42,960

haven't had that much activity

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00:42:47,750 --> 00:42:46,079

and we haven't had any any recent times

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where the space station has

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00:42:52,470 --> 00:42:49,359

has been going through the radiation

1200

00:42:55,589 --> 00:42:52,480

belts the dosage that you might get

1201  
00:42:57,990 --> 00:42:55,599  
on a quick pass-through is is much less

1202  
00:43:01,109 --> 00:42:58,000  
than you would get from a ct scan

1203  
00:43:02,870 --> 00:43:01,119  
so it's really only prolonged over the

1204  
00:43:04,150 --> 00:43:02,880  
course of quite some time

1205  
00:43:07,030 --> 00:43:04,160  
that you're going to get anything

1206  
00:43:11,589 --> 00:43:09,190  
thanks mona we have another twitter

1207  
00:43:12,230 --> 00:43:11,599  
question here how will rbsp improve

1208  
00:43:16,870 --> 00:43:12,240  
space

1209  
00:43:22,470 --> 00:43:20,069  
i mean one of the ways we we generate

1210  
00:43:24,630 --> 00:43:22,480  
predictions is by generating

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00:43:25,510 --> 00:43:24,640  
models simulations and models of the

1212  
00:43:29,670 --> 00:43:25,520  
space

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00:43:33,030 --> 00:43:29,680

preliminary simulations

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00:43:36,069 --> 00:43:33,040

they do they are able to predict

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00:43:36,790 --> 00:43:36,079

space weather to limited degrees what we

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00:43:39,990 --> 00:43:36,800

need to do

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00:43:42,309 --> 00:43:40,000

is to solve the fundamental science of

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00:43:43,030 --> 00:43:42,319

the radiation so that we can improve

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00:43:45,270 --> 00:43:43,040

those uh

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00:43:46,150 --> 00:43:45,280

those basic models many of those models

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00:43:48,069 --> 00:43:46,160

are driven

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00:43:50,150 --> 00:43:48,079

by the interplanetary environment the

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00:43:52,470 --> 00:43:50,160

the solar wind comes at uh

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00:43:53,270 --> 00:43:52,480

at the earth's magnetosphere it has a

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00:43:55,829 --> 00:43:53,280

density

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00:43:56,470 --> 00:43:55,839

it has a velocity it contains a magnetic

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00:43:59,430 --> 00:43:56,480

field

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00:44:01,270 --> 00:43:59,440

and these simulation models do have some

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00:44:02,309 --> 00:44:01,280

preliminary predictions of what the

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00:44:05,030 --> 00:44:02,319

consequences

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00:44:06,470 --> 00:44:05,040

of those inputs are to the space

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00:44:09,030 --> 00:44:06,480

environment around earth

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00:44:10,790 --> 00:44:09,040

we do not those models do not contain

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00:44:11,750 --> 00:44:10,800

enough of the fundamental physics that

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00:44:14,069 --> 00:44:11,760

we need to find

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00:44:15,430 --> 00:44:14,079

out in order for those models to give a

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00:44:18,069 --> 00:44:15,440

high fidelity

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00:44:19,829 --> 00:44:18,079

prediction and by improving the our

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00:44:20,790 --> 00:44:19,839

understanding of the fundamental physics

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00:44:22,870 --> 00:44:20,800

in this region

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00:44:24,950 --> 00:44:22,880

those models will become higher and

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00:44:26,550 --> 00:44:24,960

higher in fidelity and will improve our

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00:44:29,190 --> 00:44:26,560

predictions

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00:44:31,430 --> 00:44:29,200

and and also add that some of the models

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00:44:32,390 --> 00:44:31,440

are empirical models which means that

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00:44:35,910 --> 00:44:32,400

they actually

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00:44:38,069 --> 00:44:35,920

take data that exists in that region and

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00:44:40,230 --> 00:44:38,079

assimilate it into the model

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00:44:41,589 --> 00:44:40,240

and when we once we have the rbsp

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00:44:43,990 --> 00:44:41,599

satellites up there there'll be

1251  
00:44:45,910 --> 00:44:44,000  
additional data that can be assimilated

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00:44:49,430 --> 00:44:45,920  
into the models and as barry said we're

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00:44:51,109 --> 00:44:49,440  
going to have much higher fidelity

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00:44:53,109 --> 00:44:51,119  
we'll go back to the telephone bridge

1255  
00:44:56,710 --> 00:44:53,119  
now with al staller from

1256  
00:45:02,309 --> 00:45:00,069  
house dollar kvmr question for barry

1257  
00:45:03,829 --> 00:45:02,319  
despite the radiation hardening do you

1258  
00:45:06,470 --> 00:45:03,839  
envision there might be a scenario when

1259  
00:45:09,990 --> 00:45:06,480  
you would have to go into safe mode

1260  
00:45:11,030 --> 00:45:10,000  
um one of the um one of the fundamental

1261  
00:45:14,630 --> 00:45:11,040  
requirements

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00:45:14,950 --> 00:45:14,640  
of the radiation belt uh storm probes is

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00:45:17,349 --> 00:45:14,960

it

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00:45:18,710 --> 00:45:17,359

had to be designed to what we call

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00:45:20,550 --> 00:45:18,720

operate through

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00:45:21,750 --> 00:45:20,560

the radiation belt storm probes are

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00:45:23,910 --> 00:45:21,760

designed with an

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00:45:24,950 --> 00:45:23,920

operate through requirement which means

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00:45:27,190 --> 00:45:24,960

that it has to

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00:45:27,990 --> 00:45:27,200

take quality measurements during the

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00:45:31,190 --> 00:45:28,000

worst

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00:45:32,710 --> 00:45:31,200

of the uh the highest intensity

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00:45:34,710 --> 00:45:32,720

radiation belt events

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00:45:35,750 --> 00:45:34,720

we've characterized that worst case

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00:45:39,510 --> 00:45:35,760

environment

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00:45:40,550 --> 00:45:39,520  
were made over the last couple of

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00:45:43,750 --> 00:45:40,560  
decades

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00:45:45,510 --> 00:45:43,760  
and so the the spacecraft and its

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00:45:47,510 --> 00:45:45,520  
interior and all the instrument was

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00:45:50,790 --> 00:45:47,520  
designed with that worst case

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00:45:53,430 --> 00:45:50,800  
radiation environment in mind and so we

1282  
00:45:55,510 --> 00:45:53,440  
absolutely do not anticipate that rbsp

1283  
00:45:59,109 --> 00:45:55,520  
will go into safe mode because of high

1284  
00:46:00,470 --> 00:45:59,119  
radiation once again if you would like

1285  
00:46:02,309 --> 00:46:00,480  
to ask a question on the telephone

1286  
00:46:04,069 --> 00:46:02,319  
bridge push the star one keys on your

1287  
00:46:06,550 --> 00:46:04,079  
telephone to be placed in the queue

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00:46:08,630 --> 00:46:06,560

and you can send your questions to ask

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00:46:10,390 --> 00:46:08,640

nasa on the twitter sphere

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00:46:12,069 --> 00:46:10,400

another question here which i think is

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pretty interesting is there any chance

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00:46:16,230 --> 00:46:14,480

of harnessing the energy in the in the

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00:46:20,230 --> 00:46:16,240

belt since the flow is constant

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00:46:20,240 --> 00:46:24,470

i can dive in there

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00:46:29,349 --> 00:46:26,790

the answer is probably not there's a

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00:46:31,190 --> 00:46:29,359

tremendous amount of energy

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00:46:32,790 --> 00:46:31,200

within the radiation belts but the

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00:46:34,710 --> 00:46:32,800

energy density

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00:46:36,950 --> 00:46:34,720

within the radiation belts that means

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00:46:40,150 --> 00:46:36,960

the energy per cubic meter

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00:46:42,630 --> 00:46:40,160

if you will is in fact very very low and

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00:46:44,710 --> 00:46:42,640

in order to harness an energy source

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00:46:47,030 --> 00:46:44,720

not only do you need a lot of energy but

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00:46:48,630 --> 00:46:47,040

you need a lot of energy density

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00:46:51,190 --> 00:46:48,640

in order for it to be an efficient

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00:46:52,790 --> 00:46:51,200

source of energy so no despite the fact

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00:46:53,829 --> 00:46:52,800

that the radiation belt are very

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00:46:56,550 --> 00:46:53,839

dangerous

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00:46:58,790 --> 00:46:56,560

very high energy in total the energy

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00:47:02,230 --> 00:46:58,800

density is in fact too small to be a

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00:47:03,990 --> 00:47:02,240

practical source of energy

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00:47:05,589 --> 00:47:04,000

all right back to the twitter sphere

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00:47:08,829 --> 00:47:05,599

when do you expect the first science

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00:47:15,910 --> 00:47:12,470

um we have a commissioning phase

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00:47:18,390 --> 00:47:15,920

that's going to last about 60 days

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00:47:20,309 --> 00:47:18,400

and after that we are going to be

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00:47:20,790 --> 00:47:20,319

getting results out very quickly we've

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00:47:23,750 --> 00:47:20,800

actually

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00:47:24,309 --> 00:47:23,760

targeted the american geophysical union

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00:47:26,230 --> 00:47:24,319

meeting

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00:47:27,349 --> 00:47:26,240

which will be in december in san

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00:47:29,430 --> 00:47:27,359

francisco

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and we have a special session there and

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00:47:31,829 --> 00:47:31,040

we're going to show some of our early

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00:47:33,190 --> 00:47:31,839

results

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00:47:35,349 --> 00:47:33,200

we've got to give the scientists a

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00:47:36,870 --> 00:47:35,359

little bit of time to look at the data

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00:47:38,950 --> 00:47:36,880

once we've gone through commissioning

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but but we're expecting that that

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meeting

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00:47:45,190 --> 00:47:41,200

is going to be the first time that we're

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00:47:49,510 --> 00:47:47,349

okay one more question here and this

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involves the educational component

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00:47:52,790 --> 00:47:51,359

how are students participating in this

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00:47:56,630 --> 00:47:52,800

mission

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i can start we actually have

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00:48:00,870 --> 00:47:58,480

like some of our flight controllers our

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00:48:02,549 --> 00:48:00,880

college students from area universities

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00:48:03,510 --> 00:48:02,559

who have been trained over the summer

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and

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an intense period to be able to operate

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00:48:12,470 --> 00:48:08,000

the satellites

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we also have a very robust epo program

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that involves k through 12 and also

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00:48:20,950 --> 00:48:19,440

college students as well and barrier

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00:48:23,589 --> 00:48:20,960

money might have more details to talk

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about i just want to point out that the

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principal investigators of the various

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uh

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investigations all come from major

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universities

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they all have student involvement in the

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fundamental science that they are

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they're doing they had student

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involvement in the construction

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and design of the instruments at some

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always at some

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relatively low level but uh but but

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involvement as well

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and those students again will be

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involved in get pulling the science out

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of the uh

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out of the data this is a our our leads

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are uh major participants in their

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university education programs

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00:49:01,829 --> 00:49:00,319

and and i'll say a final note to that

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00:49:03,990 --> 00:49:01,839

because i've been

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00:49:05,829 --> 00:49:04,000

going around the country several places

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00:49:08,549 --> 00:49:05,839

i've been doing some lectures on

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00:49:10,230 --> 00:49:08,559

upcoming science of rbsp and there are

1371

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always lots of students there the

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00:49:14,150 --> 00:49:12,400

students are very excited and very

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interested sometimes the students make

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up a quarter of the audience

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so i can tell you that there are a lot

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00:49:20,390 --> 00:49:19,680

of students interested and they'll be

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00:49:22,390 --> 00:49:20,400

engaged

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00:49:24,390 --> 00:49:22,400

in the analysis as soon as we get that

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00:49:26,710 --> 00:49:24,400

data flowing

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00:49:28,790 --> 00:49:26,720

i think living with the star program

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00:49:30,549 --> 00:49:28,800

also has a summer school called

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00:49:31,990 --> 00:49:30,559

heliophysics summer school where we

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00:49:34,549 --> 00:49:32,000

actually train

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00:49:35,750 --> 00:49:34,559

the next generation of who we call

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heliophysicists

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who actually look at this broad

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interdisciplinary signs

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not only just radiation built signs but

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how

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00:49:47,109 --> 00:49:45,520

does the sun relate to what goes on in

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the radiation bill

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we get about 40 students each year we

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support undergraduate students post docs

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00:49:56,470 --> 00:49:53,599

so there

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are a number of ways we are trying to

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00:50:01,990 --> 00:49:59,839

educate the next generation

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thank you i believe we have space.com's

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00:50:06,549 --> 00:50:03,040

clara moskowitz

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00:50:08,870 --> 00:50:06,559

on the line again yes thank you

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00:50:09,750 --> 00:50:08,880

um just a quick question and a slightly

1401  
00:50:10,950 --> 00:50:09,760  
longer one

1402  
00:50:13,349 --> 00:50:10,960  
first of all i'm wondering what the

1403  
00:50:15,910 --> 00:50:13,359  
total cost of the mission is

1404  
00:50:17,510 --> 00:50:15,920  
and then secondly i have a question that

1405  
00:50:20,630 --> 00:50:17,520  
maybe is a dumb question but

1406  
00:50:22,309 --> 00:50:20,640  
if you have such um rigorous shielding

1407  
00:50:23,990 --> 00:50:22,319  
on the spacecraft then how are the

1408  
00:50:25,510 --> 00:50:24,000  
instruments going to be able to

1409  
00:50:27,270 --> 00:50:25,520  
measure all this radiation they're being

1410  
00:50:29,030 --> 00:50:27,280  
exposed to

1411  
00:50:31,349 --> 00:50:29,040  
i'll answer the first question to let

1412  
00:50:32,470 --> 00:50:31,359  
rick answer the second question the cost

1413  
00:50:36,069 --> 00:50:32,480

of this mission

1414

00:50:37,349 --> 00:50:36,079

is about 670 million dollars and that

1415

00:50:40,470 --> 00:50:37,359

includes the launch

1416

00:50:40,950 --> 00:50:40,480

vehicle you want me to answer the answer

1417

00:50:42,790 --> 00:50:40,960

sure

1418

00:50:44,390 --> 00:50:42,800

okay that's an interesting question you

1419

00:50:46,069 --> 00:50:44,400

know one of the problems with measuring

1420

00:50:47,430 --> 00:50:46,079

these radiation particles that to

1421

00:50:48,710 --> 00:50:47,440

measure them you actually have to let

1422

00:50:51,430 --> 00:50:48,720

them into the sensor

1423

00:50:52,309 --> 00:50:51,440

and so uh you're uh you can't shield

1424

00:50:54,870 --> 00:50:52,319

everything out

1425

00:50:57,109 --> 00:50:54,880

you do you have a lot of shielding over

1426  
00:50:59,510 --> 00:50:57,119  
most of the instrument you control

1427  
00:51:00,950 --> 00:50:59,520  
the those particles that can ca come

1428  
00:51:01,430 --> 00:51:00,960  
into the instrument there are very there

1429  
00:51:04,470 --> 00:51:01,440  
are

1430  
00:51:04,950 --> 00:51:04,480  
orifices openings that allow it in one

1431  
00:51:07,670 --> 00:51:04,960  
of the

1432  
00:51:09,349 --> 00:51:07,680  
the new technologies that allows us to

1433  
00:51:11,670 --> 00:51:09,359  
make these measurements in a fashion

1434  
00:51:13,910 --> 00:51:11,680  
that we have not been able to do before

1435  
00:51:16,470 --> 00:51:13,920  
is the use of coincident measurements

1436  
00:51:19,510 --> 00:51:16,480  
and what that means is a particle come

1437  
00:51:21,430 --> 00:51:19,520  
it comes in it makes a measurement in

1438  
00:51:23,670 --> 00:51:21,440

it makes a signal in one part of the

1439

00:51:25,589 --> 00:51:23,680

instrument if it goes further into the

1440

00:51:27,030 --> 00:51:25,599

instrument and makes a signal in another

1441

00:51:30,230 --> 00:51:27,040

part of the instrument

1442

00:51:33,510 --> 00:51:30,240

and and the timing between those two uh

1443

00:51:36,870 --> 00:51:33,520

signals is very very short and by using

1444

00:51:37,510 --> 00:51:36,880

very fast circuitry you can discriminate

1445

00:51:39,109 --> 00:51:37,520

between

1446

00:51:41,109 --> 00:51:39,119

those particles that you're trying to

1447

00:51:42,950 --> 00:51:41,119

measure we call it the foreground

1448

00:51:44,549 --> 00:51:42,960

from those particles that penetrate

1449

00:51:47,349 --> 00:51:44,559

through the sides of the boxes

1450

00:51:49,510 --> 00:51:47,359

or come in some other way and so these

1451  
00:51:50,470 --> 00:51:49,520  
it's very sophisticated technology that

1452  
00:51:52,549 --> 00:51:50,480  
allows you to

1453  
00:51:53,990 --> 00:51:52,559  
separate out the good stuff from the bad

1454  
00:51:56,150 --> 00:51:54,000  
stuff

1455  
00:51:57,750 --> 00:51:56,160  
and so that's a very good question and

1456  
00:52:01,030 --> 00:51:57,760  
it's a very hard one

1457  
00:52:01,349 --> 00:52:01,040  
to achieve but but recent technologies

1458  
00:52:04,710 --> 00:52:01,359  
have

1459  
00:52:06,630 --> 00:52:04,720  
allowed us to do that

1460  
00:52:07,990 --> 00:52:06,640  
all right question here you mentioned a

1461  
00:52:09,349 --> 00:52:08,000  
dish being built in south korea in

1462  
00:52:11,589 --> 00:52:09,359  
another country is

1463  
00:52:12,549 --> 00:52:11,599

nasa actually downloading the data here

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00:52:14,069 --> 00:52:12,559

in the u.s

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00:52:16,630 --> 00:52:14,079

or just relying on foreign partners oh

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00:52:19,349 --> 00:52:16,640

absolutely i was talking about the space

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00:52:20,150 --> 00:52:19,359

weather data that's our broadcast that's

1468

00:52:23,670 --> 00:52:20,160

that's out

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00:52:26,630 --> 00:52:23,680

24 7. but absolutely apl

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00:52:27,510 --> 00:52:26,640

is the is is the site that is

1471

00:52:30,390 --> 00:52:27,520

downloading

1472

00:52:32,230 --> 00:52:30,400

the science data there's a recorder on

1473

00:52:35,190 --> 00:52:32,240

board and so

1474

00:52:35,589 --> 00:52:35,200

that data will be downloaded every day

1475

00:52:38,950 --> 00:52:35,599

well

1476  
00:52:39,829 --> 00:52:38,960  
maybe once a day i think uh from that

1477  
00:52:42,230 --> 00:52:39,839  
recorder

1478  
00:52:43,750 --> 00:52:42,240  
and it will be downloaded here in the us

1479  
00:52:45,670 --> 00:52:43,760  
and processed and it will be

1480  
00:52:47,349 --> 00:52:45,680  
sent out to all of the operating center

1481  
00:52:48,710 --> 00:52:47,359  
each of the instruments has their own

1482  
00:52:50,950 --> 00:52:48,720  
operating center

1483  
00:52:53,990 --> 00:52:50,960  
right so the primary ground station is

1484  
00:52:56,630 --> 00:52:54,000  
at apl we have an 18 meter dish at apl

1485  
00:52:57,190 --> 00:52:56,640  
our mission operations center is there

1486  
00:53:01,190 --> 00:52:57,200  
and

1487  
00:53:04,230 --> 00:53:01,200  
half gigabits of data a day

1488  
00:53:04,790 --> 00:53:04,240

so it's it's kind of like uh a dvd movie

1489

00:53:08,150 --> 00:53:04,800

and a half

1490

00:53:09,990 --> 00:53:08,160

every day that we download and and the

1491

00:53:12,870 --> 00:53:10,000

the science data itself

1492

00:53:14,309 --> 00:53:12,880

um is what we call bent pipe transmitted

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00:53:16,230 --> 00:53:14,319

to science operations centers

1494

00:53:19,190 --> 00:53:16,240

distributed across the country

1495

00:53:22,150 --> 00:53:19,200

for the various um science instrument

1496

00:53:26,829 --> 00:53:25,190

thanks uh this question here relates to

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00:53:29,430 --> 00:53:26,839

that uh what will the data actually look

1498

00:53:33,430 --> 00:53:29,440

like

1499

00:53:36,150 --> 00:53:33,440

well i'll i'll start with that one

1500

00:53:36,710 --> 00:53:36,160

it won't be pictures because what what

1501  
00:53:39,670 --> 00:53:36,720  
we'll get

1502  
00:53:41,109 --> 00:53:39,680  
are counts of particles and we will turn

1503  
00:53:43,349 --> 00:53:41,119  
those into something we call

1504  
00:53:45,510 --> 00:53:43,359  
phase-based density which will give us a

1505  
00:53:48,069 --> 00:53:45,520  
a bigger picture of of

1506  
00:53:49,670 --> 00:53:48,079  
what the distribution is around the

1507  
00:53:51,190 --> 00:53:49,680  
environment which we will put into

1508  
00:53:53,030 --> 00:53:51,200  
pictures at some point

1509  
00:53:54,950 --> 00:53:53,040  
and we'll get some squiggly lines that

1510  
00:53:56,390 --> 00:53:54,960  
are that are magnetic field data and

1511  
00:53:58,870 --> 00:53:56,400  
electric field data that

1512  
00:54:01,030 --> 00:53:58,880  
and the squiggleness is what tells us

1513  
00:54:03,589 --> 00:54:01,040

what the characteristics of the wave

1514

00:54:04,390 --> 00:54:03,599

are and so those will be the primary

1515

00:54:06,630 --> 00:54:04,400

data that come

1516

00:54:07,670 --> 00:54:06,640

in but we will take those data and we

1517

00:54:10,790 --> 00:54:07,680

will make them more

1518

00:54:13,109 --> 00:54:10,800

accessible and i mean that's what we use

1519

00:54:14,630 --> 00:54:13,119

to in order to interpret because it's

1520

00:54:16,309 --> 00:54:14,640

actually the interactions between the

1521

00:54:18,790 --> 00:54:16,319

particles and the waves

1522

00:54:20,710 --> 00:54:18,800

which gives us the science i wanted to

1523

00:54:23,750 --> 00:54:20,720

add that in fact we

1524

00:54:23,990 --> 00:54:23,760

that is the low level science products

1525

00:54:26,150 --> 00:54:24,000

but

1526  
00:54:27,109 --> 00:54:26,160  
in fact one can make pictures the movie

1527  
00:54:29,109 --> 00:54:27,119  
that uh

1528  
00:54:31,190 --> 00:54:29,119  
that mona showed and the movie that i

1529  
00:54:33,990 --> 00:54:31,200  
showed were actually real data

1530  
00:54:36,309 --> 00:54:34,000  
they were taken from the sampex mission

1531  
00:54:38,230 --> 00:54:36,319  
they were interpreted and put into a

1532  
00:54:40,390 --> 00:54:38,240  
three-dimensional context

1533  
00:54:42,950 --> 00:54:40,400  
and i am absolutely confident we will be

1534  
00:54:43,670 --> 00:54:42,960  
doing exactly the same thing on the rbsb

1535  
00:54:46,069 --> 00:54:43,680  
mission

1536  
00:54:47,910 --> 00:54:46,079  
once we understand we have to make

1537  
00:54:49,030 --> 00:54:47,920  
certain assumptions in order to turn it

1538  
00:54:51,430 --> 00:54:49,040

into line plots

1539

00:54:53,270 --> 00:54:51,440

into a three-dimensional movie but once

1540

00:54:53,990 --> 00:54:53,280

we understand the physics we can make

1541

00:54:56,309 --> 00:54:54,000

those

1542

00:54:58,309 --> 00:54:56,319

uh though we can put that into the data

1543

00:54:59,270 --> 00:54:58,319

and we can actually display the data in

1544

00:55:00,950 --> 00:54:59,280

that movie

1545

00:55:03,030 --> 00:55:00,960

form and i'm like i said i'm sure we

1546

00:55:03,829 --> 00:55:03,040

will be doing that yeah because that's

1547

00:55:06,230 --> 00:55:03,839

actually very

1548

00:55:07,510 --> 00:55:06,240

useful for the scientists as well as for

1549

00:55:10,069 --> 00:55:07,520

the public because

1550

00:55:10,549 --> 00:55:10,079

pictures tell stories very well and you

1551

00:55:12,230 --> 00:55:10,559

can see

1552

00:55:13,910 --> 00:55:12,240

as you were watching those movies you

1553

00:55:15,990 --> 00:55:13,920

got a really good sense of what was

1554

00:55:18,309 --> 00:55:16,000

happening in the radiation belts

1555

00:55:20,150 --> 00:55:18,319

so we will use that and and barry is

1556

00:55:21,270 --> 00:55:20,160

right we will we will achieve these

1557

00:55:25,510 --> 00:55:21,280

kinds of movies

1558

00:55:26,950 --> 00:55:25,520

at some point but it won't be immediate

1559

00:55:31,109 --> 00:55:26,960

thanks we're going back to the telephone

1560

00:55:35,109 --> 00:55:33,589

hey i had a follow-up question they're

1561

00:55:37,670 --> 00:55:35,119

following up on clara's question

1562

00:55:38,870 --> 00:55:37,680

um rick you were talking about um

1563

00:55:40,950 --> 00:55:38,880

shielding the

1564

00:55:42,390 --> 00:55:40,960

the space the instruments from the

1565

00:55:43,990 --> 00:55:42,400

background particles the particles you

1566

00:55:45,430 --> 00:55:44,000

don't want and then letting in certain

1567

00:55:47,349 --> 00:55:45,440

particles but if they're all the same

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00:55:49,589 --> 00:55:47,359

particles in the radiation belt

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00:55:50,789 --> 00:55:49,599

how do you decide which ones you want as

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00:55:52,549 --> 00:55:50,799

background and which ones you want to

1571

00:55:54,870 --> 00:55:52,559

let in

1572

00:55:56,630 --> 00:55:54,880

that's actually a better one for barry i

1573

00:55:58,230 --> 00:55:56,640

can give a simplistic answer but barry

1574

00:55:59,589 --> 00:55:58,240

can give a very detailed answer do you

1575

00:56:02,630 --> 00:55:59,599

want to field that one barry

1576  
00:56:04,549 --> 00:56:02,640  
well as i said in a previous answer you

1577  
00:56:07,270 --> 00:56:04,559  
do shield most of the instrument very

1578  
00:56:09,910 --> 00:56:07,280  
very robustly but you do have to have

1579  
00:56:11,030 --> 00:56:09,920  
an aperture that allows some particles

1580  
00:56:12,950 --> 00:56:11,040  
to come in

1581  
00:56:14,549 --> 00:56:12,960  
uh the particles come through that

1582  
00:56:16,549 --> 00:56:14,559  
aperture and they're more or less coming

1583  
00:56:17,430 --> 00:56:16,559  
all from the same from the same

1584  
00:56:19,829 --> 00:56:17,440  
direction

1585  
00:56:21,510 --> 00:56:19,839  
and they will hit a uh they will hit

1586  
00:56:24,710 --> 00:56:21,520  
some kind of detector

1587  
00:56:26,710 --> 00:56:24,720  
but that detector can also be hit by

1588  
00:56:27,589 --> 00:56:26,720

particles coming from other directions

1589

00:56:29,670 --> 00:56:27,599

and that's when this

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00:56:31,190 --> 00:56:29,680

where this coincident circuitry

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00:56:33,030 --> 00:56:31,200

coincidence measurement because that

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00:56:35,510 --> 00:56:33,040

particle coming in a straight line

1593

00:56:36,789 --> 00:56:35,520

will hit one detector and then proceed

1594

00:56:39,270 --> 00:56:36,799

into the

1595

00:56:40,549 --> 00:56:39,280

volume of the of the sensor and hit

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00:56:43,349 --> 00:56:40,559

another detector

1597

00:56:45,910 --> 00:56:43,359

and by demanding that when i get hit by

1598

00:56:46,789 --> 00:56:45,920

one detector i also get hit on the other

1599

00:56:49,349 --> 00:56:46,799

detector

1600

00:56:49,910 --> 00:56:49,359

i can tell what direction that particle

1601  
00:56:51,910 --> 00:56:49,920  
came from

1602  
00:56:53,190 --> 00:56:51,920  
i can tell that it came through the

1603  
00:56:54,950 --> 00:56:53,200  
proper aperture

1604  
00:56:56,829 --> 00:56:54,960  
and that it did not come through some

1605  
00:56:58,950 --> 00:56:56,839  
other direction so it's a very

1606  
00:57:01,910 --> 00:56:58,960  
sophisticated set of detectors

1607  
00:57:03,670 --> 00:57:01,920  
inside the inside the box that allows

1608  
00:57:05,349 --> 00:57:03,680  
you to discriminate from those particles

1609  
00:57:06,870 --> 00:57:05,359  
coming from the wrong direction

1610  
00:57:09,270 --> 00:57:06,880  
from those particles coming from the

1611  
00:57:10,470 --> 00:57:09,280  
right direction but maybe maybe to add

1612  
00:57:12,549 --> 00:57:10,480  
to that barry

1613  
00:57:13,670 --> 00:57:12,559

the question is we are actually going to

1614

00:57:15,990 --> 00:57:13,680

be sampling

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00:57:17,990 --> 00:57:16,000

from lots of different directions

1616

00:57:20,549 --> 00:57:18,000

because we really do want to know

1617

00:57:21,910 --> 00:57:20,559

which direction in general or the

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00:57:24,069 --> 00:57:21,920

particles are coming from

1619

00:57:25,030 --> 00:57:24,079

and there are times when they come from

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00:57:27,349 --> 00:57:25,040

one direction

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00:57:29,109 --> 00:57:27,359

primarily and our instrument will be

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00:57:30,710 --> 00:57:29,119

able to tell us that because we'll be

1623

00:57:33,670 --> 00:57:30,720

sampling from a larger

1624

00:57:33,990 --> 00:57:33,680

set of directions but we will see that

1625

00:57:35,910 --> 00:57:34,000

oh

1626  
00:57:37,349 --> 00:57:35,920  
they're all coming from this direction

1627  
00:57:39,030 --> 00:57:37,359  
and we'll continue with that

1628  
00:57:40,870 --> 00:57:39,040  
and that's going to be in in three

1629  
00:57:42,150 --> 00:57:40,880  
dimensions so that we will really be

1630  
00:57:43,750 --> 00:57:42,160  
able to tell

1631  
00:57:45,430 --> 00:57:43,760  
where these particles are coming from

1632  
00:57:46,950 --> 00:57:45,440  
let me add that one of the important

1633  
00:57:48,950 --> 00:57:46,960  
aspect that this is a spinning

1634  
00:57:50,309 --> 00:57:48,960  
spacecraft so sometimes the detector

1635  
00:57:51,670 --> 00:57:50,319  
looks in one direction and then it's

1636  
00:57:54,150 --> 00:57:51,680  
spinning around so

1637  
00:57:55,670 --> 00:57:54,160  
at different times in the spin it is

1638  
00:57:56,309 --> 00:57:55,680

looking in different directions and

1639

00:57:57,829 --> 00:57:56,319

that's how

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00:57:59,750 --> 00:57:57,839

that's one of the more important ways

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00:58:01,589 --> 00:57:59,760

that we get the directionality

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00:58:03,109 --> 00:58:01,599

of the particles that are coming uh

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00:58:04,870 --> 00:58:03,119

coming to the spacecraft

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00:58:06,829 --> 00:58:04,880

and one final point and this is the

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00:58:08,150 --> 00:58:06,839

simplistic part um that i could

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00:58:10,150 --> 00:58:08,160

summarize uh

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00:58:11,990 --> 00:58:10,160

the detecting part of the instruments is

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00:58:13,349 --> 00:58:12,000

specifically made to withstand

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00:58:14,870 --> 00:58:13,359

that that's what they're there for to

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00:58:15,910 --> 00:58:14,880

measure these these high-energy

1651  
00:58:17,510 --> 00:58:15,920  
particles

1652  
00:58:19,109 --> 00:58:17,520  
uh the other parts of the instrument are

1653  
00:58:20,549 --> 00:58:19,119  
the electronics that support these

1654  
00:58:22,309 --> 00:58:20,559  
detector circuits

1655  
00:58:24,549 --> 00:58:22,319  
and and those are the ones we want to

1656  
00:58:25,109 --> 00:58:24,559  
protect so the design of the instrument

1657  
00:58:27,510 --> 00:58:25,119  
itself

1658  
00:58:29,510 --> 00:58:27,520  
is made to to detect what we want to and

1659  
00:58:32,470 --> 00:58:29,520  
screen out uh the things that we don't

1660  
00:58:33,829 --> 00:58:32,480  
want to harm the instrument

1661  
00:58:36,630 --> 00:58:33,839  
thank you unfortunately we're going to

1662  
00:58:37,990 --> 00:58:36,640  
run out of time here but we'd like to

1663  
00:58:39,670 --> 00:58:38,000

say thanks to our panelists for an

1664

00:58:41,349 --> 00:58:39,680

outstanding job today for more

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00:58:43,030 --> 00:58:41,359

information about this exciting mission

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00:58:46,230 --> 00:58:43,040

when it launches two weeks from now

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00:58:49,030 --> 00:58:46,240

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00:58:51,109 --> 00:58:49,040

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00:58:53,829 --> 00:58:51,119

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