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00:00:10,520 --> 00:00:08,600  
good afternoon everyone and thank you

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00:00:12,500 --> 00:00:10,530  
for joining us on today's NASA Google+

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00:00:14,450 --> 00:00:12,510  
hangout we're very excited to celebrate

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00:00:17,150 --> 00:00:14,460  
a very important and special occasion

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00:00:18,440 --> 00:00:17,160  
it's the 15th anniversary or birthday so

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00:00:21,650 --> 00:00:18,450  
to speak of the Chandra x-ray

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00:00:24,890 --> 00:00:21,660  
Observatory almost exactly 15 years ago

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00:00:26,660 --> 00:00:24,900  
on July 23rd 1999 the space shuttle

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00:00:29,540 --> 00:00:26,670  
Columbia took off from Kennedy Space

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00:00:33,080 --> 00:00:29,550  
Flight Center just after midnight at the

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00:00:34,819 --> 00:00:33,090  
helm of the mission known as STS 93 was

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00:00:38,240 --> 00:00:34,829  
Eileen Collins the first woman ever to

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00:00:39,889 --> 00:00:38,250

lead a NASA mission into space STS 93

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00:00:42,139 --> 00:00:39,899

was also historic for what was in

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00:00:44,299 --> 00:00:42,149

Columbia's payload Bay the Chandra x-ray

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00:00:47,180 --> 00:00:44,309

Observatory the Chandra x-ray

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00:00:50,090 --> 00:00:47,190

Observatory is NASA's crown jewel for

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00:00:52,430 --> 00:00:50,100

x-ray astronomy net Chandra is also one

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00:00:54,200 --> 00:00:52,440

of NASA's Great observatories along with

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00:00:56,240 --> 00:00:54,210

the Hubble Space Telescope spitzer space

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00:00:59,330 --> 00:00:56,250

telescope and coming to gamma ray

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00:01:01,430 --> 00:00:59,340

Observatory the Chandra x-ray

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00:01:03,650 --> 00:01:01,440

observatory has exquisite x-ray

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00:01:06,230 --> 00:01:03,660

resolution and sensitivity which allows

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00:01:08,330 --> 00:01:06,240

it to see objects such as the debris

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00:01:10,550 --> 00:01:08,340

from exploded stars matter falling into

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00:01:14,240 --> 00:01:10,560

black holes and galaxy clusters that are

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00:01:15,950 --> 00:01:14,250

filled with hot gas we are very

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00:01:18,289 --> 00:01:15,960

fortunate to have a distinguished panel

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00:01:20,510 --> 00:01:18,299

of guests today to explain and explore

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00:01:22,399 --> 00:01:20,520

Chander's 15 years in space and in

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00:01:24,590 --> 00:01:22,409

science in fact these are some of the

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00:01:26,210 --> 00:01:24,600

people who conceived of built and

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00:01:28,190 --> 00:01:26,220

developed and tested Chandra on the

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00:01:30,800 --> 00:01:28,200

ground we also have guests who are

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00:01:33,020 --> 00:01:30,810

actively using Chandra to better explore

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00:01:35,480 --> 00:01:33,030

our universe today and continues to make

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00:01:37,039 --> 00:01:35,490

the scientific discoveries before I

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00:01:38,660 --> 00:01:37,049

introduce our panelists though I do want

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00:01:40,820 --> 00:01:38,670

to bring up a graphic the woman

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00:01:42,469 --> 00:01:40,830

displayed two websites that have a

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00:01:44,330 --> 00:01:42,479

wealth of information that you can

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00:01:46,249 --> 00:01:44,340

explore during today's Google+ Hangout

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00:01:47,390 --> 00:01:46,259

if I can have those two graphics with

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00:01:50,450 --> 00:01:47,400

those two URLs

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00:01:55,700 --> 00:01:50,460

there's the NASA dr. of size Chandra and

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00:01:57,410 --> 00:01:55,710

also Chandra decidd you slash 15 and

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00:01:59,990 --> 00:01:57,420

also if you are interested in asking a

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00:02:02,899 --> 00:02:00,000

question today you may use the ask NASA

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00:02:05,990 --> 00:02:02,909

hashtag or leave a comment on the Google

51  
00:02:08,899 --> 00:02:06,000  
events Google+ events page now let's

52  
00:02:11,119 --> 00:02:08,909  
Mary speakers Harvey Tannenbaum is a

53  
00:02:12,769 --> 00:02:11,129  
senior astrophysicist at the Smithsonian

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00:02:14,000 --> 00:02:12,779  
Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge

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00:02:15,410 --> 00:02:14,010  
Massachusetts and

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00:02:18,530 --> 00:02:15,420  
so the former director of the Chandra

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00:02:20,600 --> 00:02:18,540  
x-ray Center Stephen Odell is the deputy

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00:02:21,830 --> 00:02:20,610  
project scientist for Chandra at the

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00:02:25,160 --> 00:02:21,840  
Marshall Space Flight Center in

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00:02:27,259 --> 00:02:25,170  
Huntsville Alabama julie guava check

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00:02:29,420 --> 00:02:27,269  
llorando is an assistant professor of

62  
00:02:31,759 --> 00:02:29,430  
physics at the University of Montreal in

63  
00:02:33,710 --> 00:02:31,769

Canada and Scott Wilk is an

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00:02:36,500 --> 00:02:33,720

astrophysicist also at the Smithsonian

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00:02:37,729 --> 00:02:36,510

Astrophysical Observatory uh without any

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00:02:38,600 --> 00:02:37,739

further ado let me turn it over to

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00:02:41,750 --> 00:02:38,610

Harvey to get us started

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00:02:43,699 --> 00:02:41,760

Harvey thanks Megan it's really great to

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00:02:45,289 --> 00:02:43,709

be here today and have a chance to talk

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00:02:48,920 --> 00:02:45,299

about Chandra which of course is very

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00:02:53,599 --> 00:02:48,930

very special to me from 1991 until this

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00:02:55,520 --> 00:02:53,609

past April I was the director of the

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00:02:58,369 --> 00:02:55,530

Chandra x-ray Center here in Cambridge

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00:03:01,039 --> 00:02:58,379

and prior to that I had led the team of

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00:03:03,619 --> 00:03:01,049

Sao scientists and engineers who worked

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00:03:05,569 --> 00:03:03,629

with Marshall Space Flight Center to

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00:03:07,940 --> 00:03:05,579

oversee this mission from its inception

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00:03:10,399 --> 00:03:07,950

nearly 40 years ago so there's a real

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00:03:13,069 --> 00:03:10,409

long history there we have this first

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00:03:15,800 --> 00:03:13,079

animation this is a picture showing that

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00:03:17,349 --> 00:03:15,810

Chandra in fact is a space mission we

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00:03:20,030 --> 00:03:17,359

have to fly above the Earth's atmosphere

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00:03:23,180 --> 00:03:20,040

in order to be able to detect x-rays

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00:03:25,280 --> 00:03:23,190

from stars and galaxies when we get up

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00:03:27,080 --> 00:03:25,290

above the atmosphere to image an x-ray

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00:03:29,809 --> 00:03:27,090

source we need a very special kind of

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00:03:33,680 --> 00:03:29,819

telescope we need to be able to image

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00:03:36,530 --> 00:03:33,690

x-rays and to do that we take the inside

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00:03:38,839 --> 00:03:36,540

walls of cylindrical shaped mirrors we

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00:03:41,569 --> 00:03:38,849

bounce or scatter the x-rays reflect the

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00:03:44,240 --> 00:03:41,579

x-rays from those inside walls and after

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00:03:46,369 --> 00:03:44,250

two reflections we get them a very nice

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00:03:49,039 --> 00:03:46,379

image about 30 feet down the road in the

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00:03:51,890 --> 00:03:49,049

case of Chandra the mirrors are so

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00:03:54,140 --> 00:03:51,900

precisely shaped and and smoothly

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00:03:56,210 --> 00:03:54,150

polished for Chandra that the x-ray

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00:03:59,059 --> 00:03:56,220

images that we obtain are 10 times

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00:04:01,759 --> 00:03:59,069

better than any previous x-ray telescope

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00:04:03,680 --> 00:04:01,769

was able to get now as I mentioned Qian

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00:04:05,780 --> 00:04:03,690

was flying about a thousand miles

101  
00:04:08,270 --> 00:04:05,790  
thousands of miles above the earth so

102  
00:04:09,559 --> 00:04:08,280  
sort of things not really practical the

103  
00:04:12,050 --> 00:04:09,569  
original hardware though is really

104  
00:04:14,360 --> 00:04:12,060  
working amazingly well 15 years after

105  
00:04:15,949 --> 00:04:14,370  
launch and our engineering team Norfolk

106  
00:04:18,110 --> 00:04:15,959  
Grumman has recently completed an

107  
00:04:20,120 --> 00:04:18,120  
analysis that suggests that at least

108  
00:04:22,580 --> 00:04:20,130  
another decade in orbit and perhaps even

109  
00:04:24,469 --> 00:04:22,590  
longer is feasible so we're looking

110  
00:04:26,510 --> 00:04:24,479  
forward to lots more beautiful images

111  
00:04:27,450 --> 00:04:26,520  
and sparkling science results from

112  
00:04:30,120 --> 00:04:27,460  
Chandra

113  
00:04:32,189 --> 00:04:30,130

one of the questions we were asked often

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00:04:34,920 --> 00:04:32,199

before a launch was what do we expect to

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00:04:36,890 --> 00:04:34,930

do scientifically with Chandra we often

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00:04:40,740 --> 00:04:36,900

gave a fairly short answer we'd say

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00:04:43,439 --> 00:04:40,750

black holes dark matter exploding stars

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00:04:45,029 --> 00:04:43,449

and colliding galaxies and a flippant

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00:04:48,570 --> 00:04:45,039

sort of way we were highlighting the

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00:04:50,820 --> 00:04:48,580

dark side and the cosmic violence in the

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00:04:52,890 --> 00:04:50,830

universe and Chandra has come through in

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00:04:54,900 --> 00:04:52,900

those areas and lots and lots of ones

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00:04:58,830 --> 00:04:54,910

that we perhaps didn't even anticipate

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00:05:00,360 --> 00:04:58,840

at the time before launch one of the

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00:05:02,820 --> 00:05:00,370

areas that's really important for

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00:05:07,170 --> 00:05:02,830

Chandra is exploding stars or supernovae

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00:05:10,110 --> 00:05:07,180

and this second graphic shows a release

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00:05:13,890 --> 00:05:10,120

that just came out in the last day or so

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00:05:16,499 --> 00:05:13,900

of four supernova remnants the reason

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00:05:18,990 --> 00:05:16,509

they're really fantastic to study in

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00:05:21,120 --> 00:05:19,000

x-rays is after the explosion

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00:05:23,219 --> 00:05:21,130

what Chandra is able to see is a blast

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00:05:26,249 --> 00:05:23,229

wave of material firing out into space

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00:05:28,980 --> 00:05:26,259

it's able to see superheated clouds of

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00:05:30,870 --> 00:05:28,990

debris and ejecta things that are either

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00:05:33,719 --> 00:05:30,880

from the star or swept up by the

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00:05:35,310 --> 00:05:33,729

aftermath of the explosion and also the

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00:05:36,990 --> 00:05:35,320

rotating neutron star in the middle

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00:05:39,149 --> 00:05:37,000

which can generate tremendous amount of

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00:05:41,730 --> 00:05:39,159

energy so there's a lot of science on

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00:05:43,860 --> 00:05:41,740

supernova remnants three of these four

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00:05:46,290 --> 00:05:43,870

in this image are rather young we're

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00:05:48,719 --> 00:05:46,300

seeing them between 500 and 1,000 years

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00:05:51,779 --> 00:05:48,729

after the explosion but the one in the

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00:05:54,270 --> 00:05:51,789

upper center of the image is actually

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00:05:57,149 --> 00:05:54,280

about a factor of 10 old or several

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00:05:59,879 --> 00:05:57,159

thousand years after the explosion now

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00:06:01,770 --> 00:05:59,889

it's one of only three in our Milky Way

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00:06:04,230 --> 00:06:01,780

galaxy that's known to have a large

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00:06:06,450 --> 00:06:04,240

amount of oxygen in the supernova

151  
00:06:08,070 --> 00:06:06,460  
remnant and of course oxygen is very

152  
00:06:10,170 --> 00:06:08,080  
important understanding where it comes

153  
00:06:12,570 --> 00:06:10,180  
from and how its dispersed is very

154  
00:06:16,620 --> 00:06:12,580  
important for tracing at least life as

155  
00:06:18,749 --> 00:06:16,630  
we know it here on earth besides taking

156  
00:06:22,680 --> 00:06:18,759  
pictures Chandra is always also very

157  
00:06:24,600 --> 00:06:22,690  
good at imaging and specific energies at

158  
00:06:27,360 --> 00:06:24,610  
measuring the energy of the x-rays that

159  
00:06:29,460 --> 00:06:27,370  
it's taking the pictures for and from

160  
00:06:31,529 --> 00:06:29,470  
the x-ray energy we can actually map the

161  
00:06:36,620 --> 00:06:31,539  
different elements so in this particular

162  
00:06:40,660 --> 00:06:36,630  
image of G 292 oxygen lines x-rays are

163  
00:06:43,420 --> 00:06:40,670

highlighted in yellow and orange green

164

00:06:45,940 --> 00:06:43,430

response to silicon no green coarse

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00:06:48,220 --> 00:06:45,950

plaster magnesium and blue corresponds

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00:06:49,720 --> 00:06:48,230

to silicon sulfur so you can see how the

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00:06:52,120 --> 00:06:49,730

different elements are distributed

168

00:06:55,600 --> 00:06:52,130

across the remnant and certainly it

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00:06:57,520 --> 00:06:55,610

looks different in different lines if we

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00:07:00,160 --> 00:06:57,530

look to the upper right of this image

171

00:07:03,040 --> 00:07:00,170

you see the remnant of the supernova

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00:07:06,460 --> 00:07:03,050

explosion detected by Tycho Brahe the

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00:07:08,320 --> 00:07:06,470

famous astronomer in 1572 besides

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00:07:09,190 --> 00:07:08,330

studying all the debris Chandra has

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00:07:12,310 --> 00:07:09,200

actually made a very interesting

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00:07:14,800 --> 00:07:12,320

discovery seeing a strike light pattern

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00:07:17,350 --> 00:07:14,810

off to one edge which is an indication

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00:07:19,630 --> 00:07:17,360

that protons are being accelerated to

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00:07:22,540 --> 00:07:19,640

very high energies in those regions and

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00:07:25,120 --> 00:07:22,550

that may be the explanation or at least

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00:07:26,970 --> 00:07:25,130

one of the major sources of mysterious

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00:07:29,410 --> 00:07:26,980

cosmic rays showing where there

183

00:07:32,800 --> 00:07:29,420

accelerated and how they acquire their

184

00:07:36,040 --> 00:07:32,810

energy so again chandra probing yet what

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00:07:39,090 --> 00:07:36,050

we call extreme physics now what about

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00:07:42,970 --> 00:07:39,100

dark matter if we go to the next graphic

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00:07:45,970 --> 00:07:42,980

this is a composite image of the famous

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00:07:47,380 --> 00:07:45,980

bullet cluster it gets a sick name of

189

00:07:49,510 --> 00:07:47,390

the bullet cluster if you look at the

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00:07:51,730 --> 00:07:49,520

x-rays and paint which come from Chandra

191

00:07:53,590 --> 00:07:51,740

you can see what looks like a bullet off

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00:07:57,940 --> 00:07:53,600

to the right side of the x-ray part of

193

00:08:00,700 --> 00:07:57,950

the image now this is a composite and

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00:08:02,590 --> 00:08:00,710

data from optical telescopes the light

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00:08:04,480 --> 00:08:02,600

that comes from stars and galaxies has

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00:08:07,180 --> 00:08:04,490

seen by Hubble and by ground-based

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00:08:09,880 --> 00:08:07,190

telescope is shown in white and yellow

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00:08:12,490 --> 00:08:09,890

and further we use what's called

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00:08:14,890 --> 00:08:12,500

gravitational lensing we actually are

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00:08:17,800 --> 00:08:14,900

able to use the distortion that's

201  
00:08:20,260 --> 00:08:17,810  
introduced in the images even further

202  
00:08:22,390 --> 00:08:20,270  
away galaxies galaxies that are seen

203  
00:08:24,370 --> 00:08:22,400  
behind the cluster when we look through

204  
00:08:27,010 --> 00:08:24,380  
the intervening material in the cluster

205  
00:08:29,140 --> 00:08:27,020  
the gravity from the cluster material

206  
00:08:31,720 --> 00:08:29,150  
distorts the shape of those background

207  
00:08:34,150 --> 00:08:31,730  
galaxies and by studying that we can

208  
00:08:35,950 --> 00:08:34,160  
actually map the gravity field and the

209  
00:08:38,740 --> 00:08:35,960  
matter that's generating the gravity in

210  
00:08:40,630 --> 00:08:38,750  
the cluster and that's shown in blue and

211  
00:08:42,490 --> 00:08:40,640  
what you should see in this image is

212  
00:08:44,680 --> 00:08:42,500  
that the blue most of the gravity is

213  
00:08:47,530 --> 00:08:44,690

coming from material which is offset

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00:08:49,810 --> 00:08:47,540

which is spatially located different

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00:08:52,630 --> 00:08:49,820

from the pink which is the ordinary

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00:08:53,600 --> 00:08:52,640

matter of the hot gas that generates the

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00:08:56,000 --> 00:08:53,610

x-rays

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00:08:58,550 --> 00:08:56,010

and so with Chandra and with this

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00:09:01,280 --> 00:08:58,560

lensing data we actually are seeing this

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00:09:03,680 --> 00:09:01,290

effect where the bullet slammed through

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00:09:05,810 --> 00:09:03,690

the central part of the main cluster

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00:09:09,350 --> 00:09:05,820

perhaps a hundred million years ago more

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00:09:11,690 --> 00:09:09,360

or less and it caused the gas to slow

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00:09:13,490 --> 00:09:11,700

down and the dark matter kept on going

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00:09:16,340 --> 00:09:13,500

at the speed at which it was moving and

226  
00:09:18,440 --> 00:09:16,350  
so what we see by this separation by the

227  
00:09:21,199 --> 00:09:18,450  
blue being truly distinct from the pink

228  
00:09:23,509 --> 00:09:21,209  
is that we can't explain away or dismiss

229  
00:09:25,759 --> 00:09:23,519  
the possibility of dark matter by

230  
00:09:28,730 --> 00:09:25,769  
somehow trying to modify the laws of

231  
00:09:31,730 --> 00:09:28,740  
gravity as they would correspond to the

232  
00:09:34,490 --> 00:09:31,740  
ordinary the pink material the hot gas a

233  
00:09:36,230 --> 00:09:34,500  
dark matter is real and in this image we

234  
00:09:38,870 --> 00:09:36,240  
can see how its distinct and separate

235  
00:09:39,860 --> 00:09:38,880  
from the ordinary matter and with that

236  
00:09:45,949 --> 00:09:39,870  
I'm going to turn it over to Steve

237  
00:09:48,740 --> 00:09:45,959  
O'Dell ok Thank You Harvey as Harvey

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00:09:51,019 --> 00:09:48,750

mentioned Sao and MSFC have collaborated

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00:09:56,990 --> 00:09:51,029

for nearly 40 years on what has become

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00:10:00,110 --> 00:09:57,000

the Chandra x-ray Observatory I came to

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00:10:02,600 --> 00:10:00,120

MSFC in 1987 to work what was then

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00:10:07,160 --> 00:10:02,610

called the advanced x-ray astrophysics

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00:10:09,769 --> 00:10:07,170

facility or ax F Martin Weiskopf the

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00:10:14,090 --> 00:10:09,779

project scientists arrived MSFC about a

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00:10:16,910 --> 00:10:14,100

decade earlier in 1977 about one year

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00:10:19,490 --> 00:10:16,920

after riccardo giacconi and harvey had

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00:10:22,630 --> 00:10:19,500

convinced nasa to initiate a study that

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00:10:25,519 --> 00:10:22,640

eventually led to the Chandra mission

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00:10:29,360 --> 00:10:25,529

besides serving as NASA's managing

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00:10:32,060 --> 00:10:29,370

center for the Chandra mission MSFC

251  
00:10:34,430 --> 00:10:32,070  
provided facilities for and coordinated

252  
00:10:37,880 --> 00:10:34,440  
the calibration on the ground of the

253  
00:10:41,540 --> 00:10:37,890  
Chandra x-ray Observatory system the

254  
00:10:43,970 --> 00:10:41,550  
servitor II system includes the

255  
00:10:46,610 --> 00:10:43,980  
high-resolution Mir assembly - focal

256  
00:10:49,880 --> 00:10:46,620  
plane detectors and to grading arrays

257  
00:10:54,170 --> 00:10:49,890  
which allow for precise determination of

258  
00:10:57,380 --> 00:10:54,180  
the energy of x-ray photons the first

259  
00:11:00,439 --> 00:10:57,390  
photo shows an aerial view of the x-ray

260  
00:11:02,870 --> 00:11:00,449  
calibration facility or XR CF where

261  
00:11:05,000 --> 00:11:02,880  
scientists and engineers from Sao MSFC

262  
00:11:06,880 --> 00:11:05,010  
the science instrument teams and

263  
00:11:09,110 --> 00:11:06,890

industry partners

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00:11:12,670 --> 00:11:09,120

calibrated the Chander observing system

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00:11:16,280 --> 00:11:12,680

this calibration was a 24/7 operation

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00:11:19,610 --> 00:11:16,290

over nearly six months starting in 1996

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00:11:22,190 --> 00:11:19,620

December x-rays from the source building

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00:11:24,590 --> 00:11:22,200

in the upper left travel a half a

269

00:11:27,140 --> 00:11:24,600

kilometre or 1/3 of a mile within an

270

00:11:29,170 --> 00:11:27,150

evacuated tube to a large vacuum chamber

271

00:11:32,990 --> 00:11:29,180

inside the building on the lower right

272

00:11:36,920 --> 00:11:33,000

which houses the instrument chamber the

273

00:11:39,620 --> 00:11:36,930

next photo shows the X RCS large vacuum

274

00:11:41,060 --> 00:11:39,630

chamber with the Chandra high-resolution

275

00:11:42,350 --> 00:11:41,070

mirror assembly installed near the

276

00:11:44,950 --> 00:11:42,360

source end of the chamber during

277

00:11:48,590 --> 00:11:44,960

preparations for the ground calibration

278

00:11:50,120 --> 00:11:48,600

this chamber is large enough to hold any

279

00:11:52,640 --> 00:11:50,130

payload that could be carried by the

280

00:11:54,770 --> 00:11:52,650

Space Shuttle in fact Chandra was I

281

00:11:57,680 --> 00:11:54,780

believe the longest payload ever carried

282

00:12:01,340 --> 00:11:57,690

by the space shuttle and it was carried

283

00:12:04,370 --> 00:12:01,350

by the space shuttle Columbia the SRC F

284

00:12:06,170 --> 00:12:04,380

has been used for testing x-ray and also

285

00:12:08,570 --> 00:12:06,180

visible light optical systems for

286

00:12:10,730 --> 00:12:08,580

several projects most recently for the

287

00:12:16,490 --> 00:12:10,740

cold mirrors of the James Webb Space

288

00:12:18,320 --> 00:12:16,500

Telescope to be launched in 2018 one of

289

00:12:22,720 --> 00:12:18,330

the most studied celestial objects in

290

00:12:24,740 --> 00:12:22,730

every spectral band is the Crab Nebula

291

00:12:27,860 --> 00:12:24,750

this is the remnant of a supernova

292

00:12:31,460 --> 00:12:27,870

explosion that was observed in 1054 by

293

00:12:34,250 --> 00:12:31,470

chinese astronomers in this composite

294

00:12:36,260 --> 00:12:34,260

image of the Crab Nebula red and yellow

295

00:12:38,990 --> 00:12:36,270

indicate visible emission observed by

296

00:12:42,050 --> 00:12:39,000

the Hubble Space Telescope purple

297

00:12:45,320 --> 00:12:42,060

indicates infrared emission observed by

298

00:12:48,200 --> 00:12:45,330

the Spitzer Space Telescope and the blue

299

00:12:50,110 --> 00:12:48,210

is x-ray emission observed by the

300

00:12:52,670 --> 00:12:50,120

Chandra x-ray Observatory

301  
00:12:54,950 --> 00:12:52,680  
now many supernova remnants are powered

302  
00:12:56,540 --> 00:12:54,960  
by the original explosion the Crab

303  
00:12:59,390 --> 00:12:56,550  
Nebula is powered primarily by the

304  
00:13:02,300 --> 00:12:59,400  
Pulsar a rapidly spinning highly

305  
00:13:04,970 --> 00:13:02,310  
magnetized neutron star this neutron

306  
00:13:07,730 --> 00:13:04,980  
star is the collapsed core of the pre

307  
00:13:10,040 --> 00:13:07,740  
supernova star and has a density similar

308  
00:13:13,330 --> 00:13:10,050  
to that of an atomic nucleus about a

309  
00:13:16,280 --> 00:13:13,340  
hundred trillion times denser than water

310  
00:13:18,890 --> 00:13:16,290  
the x-ray image in blue most clearly

311  
00:13:20,720 --> 00:13:18,900  
shows the pulsar wind nebula these

312  
00:13:22,910 --> 00:13:20,730  
x-rays are emitted by highly relevant

313  
00:13:25,730 --> 00:13:22,920

electrons spiraling in the magnetic

314

00:13:28,220 --> 00:13:25,740

field the pulsar wind nebula emits this

315

00:13:30,889 --> 00:13:28,230

so-called synchrotron radiation across

316

00:13:34,370 --> 00:13:30,899

the electromagnetic spectrum from radio

317

00:13:37,790 --> 00:13:34,380

to infrared and visible to x-ray and

318

00:13:39,710 --> 00:13:37,800

gamma ray however as electrons emitting

319

00:13:42,439 --> 00:13:39,720

the x-rays and gamma rays lose energy

320

00:13:44,870 --> 00:13:42,449

more quickly the nebula is more compact

321

00:13:49,370 --> 00:13:44,880

at the higher energies which is why the

322

00:13:53,180 --> 00:13:49,380

blue does not fill the full nebula the

323

00:13:56,600 --> 00:13:53,190

next image is that of the x-ray emission

324

00:13:59,360 --> 00:13:56,610

alone and we see the complex structure

325

00:14:01,340 --> 00:13:59,370

of the pulsar wind nebula and I should

326

00:14:03,050 --> 00:14:01,350

emphasize that an x-ray is only Chandra

327

00:14:06,560 --> 00:14:03,060

can observe this structure because of

328

00:14:09,259 --> 00:14:06,570

its excellent resolution its ability to

329

00:14:13,210 --> 00:14:09,269

see objects that are closely spaced

330

00:14:15,800 --> 00:14:13,220

together the rapidly rotating pulsar

331

00:14:18,650 --> 00:14:15,810

which is represented by the white spot

332

00:14:20,629 --> 00:14:18,660

in the centre drives a relativistic wind

333

00:14:22,750 --> 00:14:20,639

into the surrounding nebula material

334

00:14:25,850 --> 00:14:22,760

creating a so-called termination shock

335

00:14:27,530 --> 00:14:25,860

which is the inner ring which feeds

336

00:14:29,720 --> 00:14:27,540

synchrotron emitting electrons to the

337

00:14:32,569 --> 00:14:29,730

surrounding torus and the remainder of

338

00:14:35,480 --> 00:14:32,579

the nebula adding to the complexity of

339

00:14:39,769 --> 00:14:35,490

the pulsar wind nebula is the jet or the

340

00:14:42,740 --> 00:14:39,779

tail toward the lower left the final

341

00:14:45,379 --> 00:14:42,750

graphic is an x-ray movie of the crab

342

00:14:47,240 --> 00:14:45,389

pulsar wind nebula comprised the Chandra

343

00:14:50,750 --> 00:14:47,250

images obtained over a seven-month

344

00:14:52,790 --> 00:14:50,760

period this movie illustrates that the

345

00:14:55,509 --> 00:14:52,800

structure of the pulsar wind nebula is

346

00:14:57,980 --> 00:14:55,519

not only complex but quite dynamic

347

00:15:00,410 --> 00:14:57,990

Chandra images exhibit significant

348

00:15:01,819 --> 00:15:00,420

changes near the inner ring and I can

349

00:15:04,550 --> 00:15:01,829

see think you can see the material

350

00:15:07,309 --> 00:15:04,560

moving outward on timescales of weeks

351  
00:15:11,120 --> 00:15:07,319  
and in the Taurus and jet on timescales

352  
00:15:12,710 --> 00:15:11,130  
of months to years the x-ray studies of

353  
00:15:14,840 --> 00:15:12,720  
the crab benefit not only from

354  
00:15:17,059 --> 00:15:14,850  
Chandler's exceptional imaging but also

355  
00:15:21,079 --> 00:15:17,069  
from the longevity of the mission as we

356  
00:15:22,579 --> 00:15:21,089  
are now in our 15th year next Julie will

357  
00:15:26,629 --> 00:15:22,589  
tell you a little about Chandra studies

358  
00:15:29,600 --> 00:15:26,639  
of supermassive black holes Julie thank

359  
00:15:32,150 --> 00:15:29,610  
you very much so I started using Chandra

360  
00:15:33,990 --> 00:15:32,160  
back in 2009 I when I moved to the

361  
00:15:37,050 --> 00:15:34,000  
University of Cambridge for my peach

362  
00:15:40,140 --> 00:15:37,060  
and since then Chandra has really played

363  
00:15:41,760 --> 00:15:40,150

an important part in my research which

364

00:15:44,100 --> 00:15:41,770

has been to study supermassive black

365

00:15:46,500 --> 00:15:44,110

holes so the question you can ask is how

366

00:15:49,920 --> 00:15:46,510

do we actually use Chandra to study

367

00:15:51,870 --> 00:15:49,930

supermassive black holes and to actually

368

00:15:55,770 --> 00:15:51,880

if you think about it black holes as the

369

00:15:57,330 --> 00:15:55,780

name indicates our optics for which

370

00:16:00,440 --> 00:15:57,340

gravity is so strong that nothing can

371

00:16:03,630 --> 00:16:00,450

escape not even light so how can we use

372

00:16:06,060 --> 00:16:03,640

x-rays and hence Chandra to study these

373

00:16:08,180 --> 00:16:06,070

objects to show you this I'm gonna use

374

00:16:10,980 --> 00:16:08,190

the next animation which will be shown

375

00:16:13,320 --> 00:16:10,990

should be something right now so this

376

00:16:14,640 --> 00:16:13,330

animation illustrates the galaxy and

377

00:16:16,860 --> 00:16:14,650

what we're doing here is we're actually

378

00:16:19,200 --> 00:16:16,870

zooming in towards the central parts of

379

00:16:20,940 --> 00:16:19,210

this galaxy and we're zooming in is so

380

00:16:22,460 --> 00:16:20,950

much that we're gonna focus on a tiny

381

00:16:24,960 --> 00:16:22,470

region that's about a billion times

382

00:16:27,480 --> 00:16:24,970

smaller than the size of the galaxy so

383

00:16:29,880 --> 00:16:27,490

really tiny and what do we find we find

384

00:16:31,860 --> 00:16:29,890

a supermassive black hole so we think

385

00:16:34,290 --> 00:16:31,870

that all galaxies at least all the

386

00:16:37,500 --> 00:16:34,300

massive galaxies harbors one of these

387

00:16:40,280 --> 00:16:37,510

monsters at its center and so well it's

388

00:16:42,420 --> 00:16:40,290

interesting in this picture here is

389

00:16:44,700 --> 00:16:42,430

where what we're witnessing is the

390

00:16:46,620 --> 00:16:44,710

presence of an active supermassive black

391

00:16:49,020 --> 00:16:46,630

hole in the sense that it's a black hole

392

00:16:51,360 --> 00:16:49,030

pulling in matter and slowly consuming

393

00:16:53,600 --> 00:16:51,370

it and when this happens what's

394

00:16:56,460 --> 00:16:53,610

interesting is that the matter gets

395

00:16:58,590 --> 00:16:56,470

heated up to very high temperatures due

396

00:17:01,020 --> 00:16:58,600

to friction and I'm talking about about

397

00:17:03,270 --> 00:17:01,030

10 million degrees Fahrenheit so very

398

00:17:05,610 --> 00:17:03,280

very hot and one matter is this hot it's

399

00:17:07,590 --> 00:17:05,620

gonna emit a lot of x-rays so this is

400

00:17:10,110 --> 00:17:07,600

how we use x-rays to study black holes

401  
00:17:12,390 --> 00:17:10,120  
we use them to study the gas very near

402  
00:17:15,329 --> 00:17:12,400  
the black holes and this informs on

403  
00:17:17,460 --> 00:17:15,339  
properties of the black holes now what's

404  
00:17:19,530 --> 00:17:17,470  
also really interesting and that's shown

405  
00:17:22,380 --> 00:17:19,540  
in this animation if we zoom out a

406  
00:17:25,980 --> 00:17:22,390  
little bit more so what we see is a

407  
00:17:28,380 --> 00:17:25,990  
presence of two Jets so these Jets here

408  
00:17:31,290 --> 00:17:28,390  
are made of very energetic particles and

409  
00:17:33,060 --> 00:17:31,300  
we often detect them through their radio

410  
00:17:35,160 --> 00:17:33,070  
mission and what's interesting is that

411  
00:17:37,080 --> 00:17:35,170  
these Jets can be powerful I mean very

412  
00:17:39,720 --> 00:17:37,090  
very powerful and I'm gonna prove this

413  
00:17:42,780 --> 00:17:39,730

to you in the next image so the next

414

00:17:45,600 --> 00:17:42,790

image what we're gonna see is an image

415

00:17:48,090 --> 00:17:45,610

of two galaxies here so the galaxies are

416

00:17:50,279 --> 00:17:48,100

traced by the pink colors

417

00:17:51,840 --> 00:17:50,289

in this image so please note that the

418

00:17:54,270 --> 00:17:51,850

color scaling here is different than the

419

00:17:54,720 --> 00:17:54,280

ones previously used pink means galaxies

420

00:17:59,220 --> 00:17:54,730

here

421

00:18:01,140 --> 00:17:59,230

means the radio emission and this is

422

00:18:03,419 --> 00:18:01,150

tracing the jet of very energetic

423

00:18:05,730 --> 00:18:03,429

particles so what's happening in this

424

00:18:08,490 --> 00:18:05,740

image is that one of the galaxies the

425

00:18:10,529 --> 00:18:08,500

one towards the lower left part of the

426

00:18:13,049 --> 00:18:10,539

image harbor is an active supermassive

427

00:18:15,360 --> 00:18:13,059

black hole this black hole is generating

428

00:18:18,270 --> 00:18:15,370

the jet that we see in the blue colors

429

00:18:21,840 --> 00:18:18,280

and the shed is so powerful that can not

430

00:18:24,450 --> 00:18:21,850

only extend beyond the host galaxy but

431

00:18:26,730 --> 00:18:24,460

it extends all the way out and crashes

432

00:18:29,640 --> 00:18:26,740

into the second galaxy so the second

433

00:18:32,159 --> 00:18:29,650

pink blob and so this is just how

434

00:18:35,220 --> 00:18:32,169

powerful the black hole can be this is

435

00:18:37,680 --> 00:18:35,230

what they can do and in the context of

436

00:18:40,380 --> 00:18:37,690

powerful black holes there's actually a

437

00:18:42,570 --> 00:18:40,390

very interesting and maybe one of the

438

00:18:45,210 --> 00:18:42,580

most unexpected discoveries Chandra ever

439

00:18:47,520 --> 00:18:45,220

made and this relates to galaxy clusters

440

00:18:52,020 --> 00:18:47,530

so in the next image what I'm going to

441

00:18:53,880 --> 00:18:52,030

show you is an optical image of MSO 735

442

00:18:57,180 --> 00:18:53,890

which is a very famous cluster of

443

00:18:59,490 --> 00:18:57,190

galaxies so clusters contain hundreds of

444

00:19:01,980 --> 00:18:59,500

thousands of galaxies and this is shown

445

00:19:03,840 --> 00:19:01,990

here in the yellow lights which traces

446

00:19:06,299 --> 00:19:03,850

the optical emission so these are all

447

00:19:08,370 --> 00:19:06,309

the galaxies but what's actually even

448

00:19:11,010 --> 00:19:08,380

more interesting is if you look at the

449

00:19:13,860 --> 00:19:11,020

same image but this time if you overlay

450

00:19:15,810 --> 00:19:13,870

the x-ray and the radio emission so this

451  
00:19:19,230 --> 00:19:15,820  
is gonna be the next image which will

452  
00:19:22,200 --> 00:19:19,240  
appear very shortly yes thank you so

453  
00:19:23,850 --> 00:19:22,210  
what we're seeing here is in blue we're

454  
00:19:26,010 --> 00:19:23,860  
seeing the x-ray emission from the

455  
00:19:27,750 --> 00:19:26,020  
cluster and in the pinkish colors we're

456  
00:19:29,970 --> 00:19:27,760  
seeing the radio so again note the

457  
00:19:31,649 --> 00:19:29,980  
different color scale in there and

458  
00:19:33,539 --> 00:19:31,659  
what's really what's really interesting

459  
00:19:35,399 --> 00:19:33,549  
is this image tells us two things first

460  
00:19:37,799 --> 00:19:35,409  
of all clusters are very x-ray bright

461  
00:19:39,630 --> 00:19:37,809  
sources and this is due to the hot intra

462  
00:19:41,399 --> 00:19:39,640  
cluster gas that lies between the

463  
00:19:43,529 --> 00:19:41,409

galaxies that's what we're seeing in

464

00:19:45,810 --> 00:19:43,539

blue but what it's also seeing is this

465

00:19:48,029 --> 00:19:45,820

funny-looking radio jet in the pink

466

00:19:49,380 --> 00:19:48,039

colors what's happening is that the

467

00:19:51,960 --> 00:19:49,390

center of galaxies of the cluster

468

00:19:54,270 --> 00:19:51,970

harbours a very active supermassive

469

00:19:56,399 --> 00:19:54,280

black hole this black hole is generating

470

00:19:58,860 --> 00:19:56,409

these Jets and the jets are so powerful

471

00:20:02,070 --> 00:19:58,870

that they can literally push away the

472

00:20:04,139 --> 00:20:02,080

hot extra gas creating beautiful

473

00:20:05,730 --> 00:20:04,149

cavities in the x-ray image and they're

474

00:20:07,830 --> 00:20:05,740

filling these cavities with the radio

475

00:20:10,680 --> 00:20:07,840

meeting particles so this is what we're

476  
00:20:12,149 --> 00:20:10,690  
seeing now to show you another very nice

477  
00:20:14,759 --> 00:20:12,159  
example of this we're going to look at

478  
00:20:18,060 --> 00:20:14,769  
the next image which is a famous Perseus

479  
00:20:20,159 --> 00:20:18,070  
cluster so this cluster very famous you

480  
00:20:23,220 --> 00:20:20,169  
see again in the blue colors using the

481  
00:20:26,490 --> 00:20:23,230  
x-ray gas x-ray emitting gas and the

482  
00:20:29,100 --> 00:20:26,500  
pinkish blobs are the radio emission so

483  
00:20:31,560 --> 00:20:29,110  
again we're witnessing a cluster which

484  
00:20:32,759 --> 00:20:31,570  
has a central galaxy with an active

485  
00:20:34,950 --> 00:20:32,769  
supermassive black hole that's

486  
00:20:36,840 --> 00:20:34,960  
generating Jets and this is what you see

487  
00:20:39,539 --> 00:20:36,850  
what the pink blobs now if we looked at

488  
00:20:42,210 --> 00:20:39,549

only the x-ray image so this would be

489

00:20:44,279 --> 00:20:42,220

the next image you'll see very clearly

490

00:20:47,279 --> 00:20:44,289

the cavities I was talking about so

491

00:20:49,409 --> 00:20:47,289

those are the the two of the two central

492

00:20:51,960 --> 00:20:49,419

cavity that you see around the point

493

00:20:54,570 --> 00:20:51,970

source and so these are being created by

494

00:20:56,399 --> 00:20:54,580

the jet so the jet is pushing away the

495

00:20:58,740 --> 00:20:56,409

hot x-ray emitting gas creating new

496

00:21:01,740 --> 00:20:58,750

cavities also note the cavity that's in

497

00:21:03,539 --> 00:21:01,750

the top right portion of the image so

498

00:21:05,820 --> 00:21:03,549

this is an older cavity which has

499

00:21:09,029 --> 00:21:05,830

reasonably enlight enchantra's legacy

500

00:21:10,560 --> 00:21:09,039

has really been to discover many of

501

00:21:13,560 --> 00:21:10,570

these cavities and many clusters of

502

00:21:15,330 --> 00:21:13,570

galaxies and this has really impacted

503

00:21:17,519 --> 00:21:15,340

our understanding of black holes because

504

00:21:18,930 --> 00:21:17,529

it shows that black holes have a very

505

00:21:21,180 --> 00:21:18,940

important impact on our surrounding

506

00:21:23,100 --> 00:21:21,190

meeting and many systems and that if you

507

00:21:25,289 --> 00:21:23,110

really want to understand galaxies and

508

00:21:27,419 --> 00:21:25,299

clusters you must first understand black

509

00:21:31,980 --> 00:21:27,429

holes so I'm going to leave it here and

510

00:21:32,190 --> 00:21:31,990

I'm gonna pass the mic to to Scott so go

511

00:21:35,490 --> 00:21:32,200

ahead

512

00:21:37,649 --> 00:21:35,500

alright Thank You Julie I have been part

513

00:21:40,590 --> 00:21:37,659

of the genre of science operations team

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00:21:42,289 --> 00:21:40,600

for about 18 years my group is

515

00:21:44,450 --> 00:21:42,299

responsible for the day-to-day

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00:21:47,460 --> 00:21:44,460

operations of the scientific instruments

517

00:21:49,830 --> 00:21:47,470

and my specific roles are pretty varied

518

00:21:51,480 --> 00:21:49,840

in addition to monitoring the scientific

519

00:21:53,759 --> 00:21:51,490

instruments I spend a lot of time

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00:21:56,009 --> 00:21:53,769

helping observers to understand what

521

00:21:58,110 --> 00:21:56,019

Chandra can do and how to get the most

522

00:21:59,789 --> 00:21:58,120

out of their observation and I help

523

00:22:02,399 --> 00:21:59,799

organize the group of scientists from

524

00:22:04,529 --> 00:22:02,409

all over the world who evaluate proposed

525

00:22:07,590 --> 00:22:04,539

science and decide what actually gets

526

00:22:10,560 --> 00:22:07,600

done by genre firstly my scientific

527

00:22:12,090 --> 00:22:10,570

focus is on star and planet formation so

528

00:22:14,549 --> 00:22:12,100

while the previous speakers have talked

529

00:22:15,720 --> 00:22:14,559

about x-rays in terms of very extreme

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00:22:18,690 --> 00:22:15,730

phenomena why

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00:22:21,000 --> 00:22:18,700

at Kohl's pulsars supernovae and

532

00:22:23,040 --> 00:22:21,010

colliding galaxies and in those images

533

00:22:24,890 --> 00:22:23,050

we've been seeing some of the hottest

534

00:22:29,040 --> 00:22:24,900

objects in the universe and really

535

00:22:31,260 --> 00:22:29,050

fantastic results I concentrate on much

536

00:22:33,360 --> 00:22:31,270

colder objects and one of the most

537

00:22:34,920 --> 00:22:33,370

surprising results regards some of the

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00:22:39,150 --> 00:22:34,930

coldest objects in the solar system

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00:22:41,730 --> 00:22:39,160

namely comets the figure is an image of

540

00:22:44,940 --> 00:22:41,740

the comet ICKA Zhang which passed the

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00:22:46,950 --> 00:22:44,950

earth in 2002 what we think is happening

542

00:22:49,080 --> 00:22:46,960

is that highly charged particles from

543

00:22:51,570 --> 00:22:49,090

the Sun which is off to the right about

544

00:22:53,520 --> 00:22:51,580

a hundred million miles away and stream

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00:22:55,170 --> 00:22:53,530

out in all directions and some pass

546

00:22:57,660 --> 00:22:55,180

through the atmosphere of the comet

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00:22:59,550 --> 00:22:57,670

which is called the coma this is

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00:23:01,590 --> 00:22:59,560

essentially full of water molecules and

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00:23:03,510 --> 00:23:01,600

the positively charged particles from

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00:23:05,780 --> 00:23:03,520

the Sun are highly attracted to the

551  
00:23:08,660 --> 00:23:05,790  
electric electrons in the neutral water

552  
00:23:11,430 --> 00:23:08,670  
they transfer you might say steal

553  
00:23:12,810 --> 00:23:11,440  
electrons from the water as they pass

554  
00:23:15,330 --> 00:23:12,820  
through the comet's coma

555  
00:23:17,430 --> 00:23:15,340  
the stolen electrons move towards the

556  
00:23:20,250 --> 00:23:17,440  
center of the new particle and as they

557  
00:23:22,140 --> 00:23:20,260  
do this they release an x-ray of a very

558  
00:23:25,050 --> 00:23:22,150  
particular energy which we can measure

559  
00:23:27,060 --> 00:23:25,060  
and in doing this we identify the exact

560  
00:23:30,270 --> 00:23:27,070  
particle from the Sun that stole the

561  
00:23:31,950 --> 00:23:30,280  
electron from the comet and the shape in

562  
00:23:34,020 --> 00:23:31,960  
this image is caused by the absorption

563  
00:23:36,570 --> 00:23:34,030

pattern of those particles from the Sun

564

00:23:38,610 --> 00:23:36,580

passing through the comet and that tells

565

00:23:41,220 --> 00:23:38,620

us both about the Sun and about the

566

00:23:43,110 --> 00:23:41,230

comet in addition to comets

567

00:23:45,450 --> 00:23:43,120

almost all the planets in the solar

568

00:23:48,270 --> 00:23:45,460

system from Saturn on in have been

569

00:23:50,970 --> 00:23:48,280

detected by genre along with a few moons

570

00:23:53,370 --> 00:23:50,980

and each one has a different story to

571

00:23:55,110 --> 00:23:53,380

tell about what physics is going on in

572

00:23:59,280 --> 00:23:55,120

between the Sun and the atmosphere of

573

00:24:00,900 --> 00:23:59,290

the Moon or planet and while learning

574

00:24:03,090 --> 00:24:00,910

about the Sun this way and how the

575

00:24:04,940 --> 00:24:03,100

planets interact has been very exciting

576

00:24:06,990 --> 00:24:04,950

I think one of the most tantalizing

577

00:24:08,850 --> 00:24:07,000

discoveries has come from something that

578

00:24:11,550 --> 00:24:08,860

we didn't know existed when we started

579

00:24:14,820 --> 00:24:11,560

building genre planets around other

580

00:24:16,800 --> 00:24:14,830

stars called exoplanets just like

581

00:24:18,420 --> 00:24:16,810

planets that have been discovered when

582

00:24:19,020 --> 00:24:18,430

they block optical light from other

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00:24:22,080 --> 00:24:19,030

stars

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00:24:26,520 --> 00:24:22,090

we've found that exoplanets can also

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00:24:29,010 --> 00:24:26,530

block x-ray light from other stars what

586

00:24:30,990 --> 00:24:29,020

the slide is showing is both theta

587

00:24:32,700 --> 00:24:31,000

an artist conception of what the light

588

00:24:36,150 --> 00:24:32,710

changes and these other stars are

589

00:24:39,540 --> 00:24:36,160

telling us what we see is that as the

590

00:24:41,280 --> 00:24:39,550

star gets fainter well what we see is

591

00:24:44,160 --> 00:24:41,290

the star gets fainter when the planet is

592

00:24:46,710 --> 00:24:44,170

in front of it the big surprise is that

593

00:24:49,530 --> 00:24:46,720

the Eclipse which is called a transit is

594

00:24:52,530 --> 00:24:49,540

deeper and wider when viewed in x-rays

595

00:24:54,690 --> 00:24:52,540

than an optical light and what this

596

00:24:57,060 --> 00:24:54,700

means simply put is that the diameter of

597

00:24:58,680 --> 00:24:57,070

the planet x-ray wavelengths is bigger

598

00:25:01,350 --> 00:24:58,690

than the diameter of the planet at

599

00:25:03,360 --> 00:25:01,360

optical wavelengths and what that means

600

00:25:06,390 --> 00:25:03,370

is above the visible atmosphere is a

601  
00:25:09,210 --> 00:25:06,400  
very large very thin atmosphere pop

602  
00:25:11,310 --> 00:25:09,220  
again the size of the visible planet and

603  
00:25:13,920 --> 00:25:11,320  
what we think is going on is that the

604  
00:25:16,140 --> 00:25:13,930  
atmosphere at these altitudes is being

605  
00:25:18,360 --> 00:25:16,150  
boiled off into space by the host star

606  
00:25:21,120 --> 00:25:18,370  
which is only a few million miles away

607  
00:25:23,310 --> 00:25:21,130  
and right now there are observations

608  
00:25:25,920 --> 00:25:23,320  
being performed to improve the quality

609  
00:25:28,770 --> 00:25:25,930  
of this data and confirm this hypothesis

610  
00:25:30,720 --> 00:25:28,780  
and now I'm going to send it back to

611  
00:25:32,750 --> 00:25:30,730  
Megan who has been getting questions

612  
00:25:35,490 --> 00:25:32,760  
from all the various social media

613  
00:25:37,560 --> 00:25:35,500

thank you Scott and thank you too Harvey

614

00:25:39,960 --> 00:25:37,570

Julie and Steve for your excellent

615

00:25:41,970 --> 00:25:39,970

presentations but just to recap before

616

00:25:43,800 --> 00:25:41,980

we go to questions and answers what this

617

00:25:46,380 --> 00:25:43,810

Google+ hang us all about we are here

618

00:25:49,080 --> 00:25:46,390

celebrating the 15th anniversary of the

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00:25:50,670 --> 00:25:49,090

Chandra x-ray Observatory one of NASA's

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00:25:53,190 --> 00:25:50,680

Great observatories which is currently

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00:25:56,520 --> 00:25:53,200

in space and taking fantastic images and

622

00:25:58,650 --> 00:25:56,530

other other data from x-ray sources

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00:26:00,180 --> 00:25:58,660

across the universe and if you are

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00:26:02,160 --> 00:26:00,190

watching and you want to ask a question

625

00:26:04,620 --> 00:26:02,170

of our panelists today you can use the

626

00:26:07,800 --> 00:26:04,630

ask NASA hashtag or you can leave a

627

00:26:10,500 --> 00:26:07,810

comment on the Google+ events page that

628

00:26:12,240 --> 00:26:10,510

I believe a circle would through NASA so

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00:26:14,310 --> 00:26:12,250

Queens if you're interested and you have

630

00:26:15,990 --> 00:26:14,320

an re-center question please do so but

631

00:26:18,840 --> 00:26:16,000

we do have several questions already

632

00:26:21,480 --> 00:26:18,850

including we'll start with one for

633

00:26:24,260 --> 00:26:21,490

Harvey which it says Harvey what

634

00:26:26,520 --> 00:26:24,270

observation during the whole project of

635

00:26:30,810 --> 00:26:26,530

Chander's lifetime would you consider

636

00:26:33,090 --> 00:26:30,820

the most revolutionary that's not really

637

00:26:36,320 --> 00:26:33,100

a fair question to us

638

00:26:38,370 --> 00:26:36,330

many many many of the observations

639

00:26:40,080 --> 00:26:38,380

revolutionized our thinking and our

640

00:26:42,840 --> 00:26:40,090

understanding of the systems we were

641

00:26:44,990 --> 00:26:42,850

looking at so as a case of each

642

00:26:49,380 --> 00:26:45,000

individual probably has his or her

643

00:26:51,590 --> 00:26:49,390

favorite area to me in some ways the

644

00:26:53,940 --> 00:26:51,600

most significant was the first formal

645

00:26:56,279 --> 00:26:53,950

image that we took the official first

646

00:26:59,880 --> 00:26:56,289

light image which was a short exposure

647

00:27:01,650 --> 00:26:59,890

of supernova remnant cafe and we saw

648

00:27:05,130 --> 00:27:01,660

this little dot building up in the

649

00:27:07,020 --> 00:27:05,140

center in real time on the screen it was

650

00:27:08,640 --> 00:27:07,030

a discovery and what was supposed to

651  
00:27:11,039 --> 00:27:08,650  
just be a beautiful picture was the

652  
00:27:13,289 --> 00:27:11,049  
discovery of the central object the

653  
00:27:15,870 --> 00:27:13,299  
neutron star presumably which formed at

654  
00:27:18,149 --> 00:27:15,880  
the time of the supernova explosion I

655  
00:27:19,740 --> 00:27:18,159  
think it was indicative to me and to

656  
00:27:21,840 --> 00:27:19,750  
those of us perhaps in the room at the

657  
00:27:24,419 --> 00:27:21,850  
time that Chandra was really going to

658  
00:27:26,370 --> 00:27:24,429  
push you know factors of ten or a

659  
00:27:28,740 --> 00:27:26,380  
hundred beyond what previous x-ray

660  
00:27:31,890 --> 00:27:28,750  
telescopes have been able to do so in

661  
00:27:34,830 --> 00:27:31,900  
some ways the setting of the tone for

662  
00:27:38,159 --> 00:27:34,840  
the revolution comes from that first

663  
00:27:40,700 --> 00:27:38,169

light image a very excellent diplomatic

664

00:27:43,500 --> 00:27:40,710

answer I think that was it was great

665

00:27:46,860 --> 00:27:43,510

another question came in and I'll shoot

666

00:27:48,750 --> 00:27:46,870

this to Julie after 15 years of studying

667

00:27:52,799 --> 00:27:48,760

x-ray images of our universe are there

668

00:27:53,850 --> 00:27:52,809

any new areas or things to image it's an

669

00:27:56,310 --> 00:27:53,860

interesting question

670

00:27:59,730 --> 00:27:56,320

so I think that they're always be ruined

671

00:28:01,980 --> 00:27:59,740

for unexpected discoveries for objects

672

00:28:03,419 --> 00:28:01,990

that we didn't know about and we just

673

00:28:06,120 --> 00:28:03,429

take a picture and then we find

674

00:28:07,890 --> 00:28:06,130

something unexpected but I think a lot

675

00:28:10,549 --> 00:28:07,900

of the science in the next couple of

676  
00:28:13,020 --> 00:28:10,559  
years will come from very deep images of

677  
00:28:14,909 --> 00:28:13,030  
objects that we've already taken

678  
00:28:16,620 --> 00:28:14,919  
pictures of so for example the pursues

679  
00:28:17,159 --> 00:28:16,630  
cluster if we look at it very very

680  
00:28:19,710 --> 00:28:17,169  
deeply

681  
00:28:21,480 --> 00:28:19,720  
we've never reached that kind of quality

682  
00:28:24,720 --> 00:28:21,490  
before so we don't know what we're going

683  
00:28:27,110 --> 00:28:24,730  
to see so I think that's maybe where

684  
00:28:29,909 --> 00:28:27,120  
we're headed it's just going deeper and

685  
00:28:31,620 --> 00:28:29,919  
just getting the best that we can and

686  
00:28:37,260 --> 00:28:31,630  
finding something maybe completely

687  
00:28:38,850 --> 00:28:37,270  
unexpected so thank you and I have a

688  
00:28:40,799 --> 00:28:38,860

question here which I'll give to Steve

689

00:28:43,020 --> 00:28:40,809

which is what was the biggest surprise

690

00:28:47,340 --> 00:28:43,030

of any during the building and testing

691

00:28:58,480 --> 00:28:54,690

biggest surprise okay I guess one thing

692

00:29:01,270 --> 00:28:58,490

that disturbed us briefly was the we had

693

00:29:03,990 --> 00:29:01,280

difficulties with opening the door of

694

00:29:06,820 --> 00:29:04,000

one of our detectors called the Asus and

695

00:29:10,090 --> 00:29:06,830

that ultimate was resolved but it was

696

00:29:11,710 --> 00:29:10,100

quite worrisome prior to launch and so

697

00:29:15,130 --> 00:29:11,720

we were all relieved on I believe as

698

00:29:16,870 --> 00:29:15,140

long as 12 of 1999 when the Asus store

699

00:29:19,860 --> 00:29:16,880

opened and we started to get the first

700

00:29:23,560 --> 00:29:19,870

x-ray photons on the CCDs

701  
00:29:25,660 --> 00:29:23,570  
so you didn't know between July 23rd and

702  
00:29:29,560 --> 00:29:25,670  
when it opened on the 12th that it would

703  
00:29:32,080 --> 00:29:29,570  
open right well we thought it would

704  
00:29:33,520 --> 00:29:32,090  
opened it had been tested but we were

705  
00:29:36,910 --> 00:29:33,530  
definitely really aged when it actually

706  
00:29:40,990 --> 00:29:36,920  
did open I think we all are thank you

707  
00:29:42,190 --> 00:29:41,000  
very much yes I have a question here

708  
00:29:44,560 --> 00:29:42,200  
what exoplanets so I'm going to give

709  
00:29:47,500 --> 00:29:44,570  
that one to you Scott and that says

710  
00:29:50,350 --> 00:29:47,510  
basically it's it's people in this

711  
00:29:52,600 --> 00:29:50,360  
current generation we will be able to

712  
00:29:54,370 --> 00:29:52,610  
see or learn about exoplanets that we

713  
00:29:56,290 --> 00:29:54,380

might be able to travel to say within

714

00:29:58,300 --> 00:29:56,300

you know it would only take 10 years to

715

00:30:00,250 --> 00:29:58,310

reach or there okay I think the question

716

00:30:03,100 --> 00:30:00,260

is are there a group of exoplanets

717

00:30:05,380 --> 00:30:03,110

within 10 light years theoretically that

718

00:30:06,880 --> 00:30:05,390

we could reach a faster travel speed of

719

00:30:08,320 --> 00:30:06,890

light that we're learning about now I

720

00:30:09,370 --> 00:30:08,330

can where are the closest exoplanets

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00:30:11,140 --> 00:30:09,380

we're learning about or are they all

722

00:30:14,020 --> 00:30:11,150

really far away and there's no chance of

723

00:30:16,870 --> 00:30:14,030

us ever in fact a lot of them are really

724

00:30:21,280 --> 00:30:16,880

really close I don't have a map inside

725

00:30:23,230 --> 00:30:21,290

my head but for Chandra's purposes we

726

00:30:24,670 --> 00:30:23,240

like them close because if they're close

727

00:30:27,040 --> 00:30:24,680

they're right and that's true for all

728

00:30:28,870 --> 00:30:27,050

telescopes so Hubble has looked at a lot

729

00:30:31,780 --> 00:30:28,880

of these the spitzer space telescope

730

00:30:34,270 --> 00:30:31,790

looks a lot of a lot of these the one

731

00:30:36,310 --> 00:30:34,280

that i happen to show i think is a

732

00:30:39,760 --> 00:30:36,320

little under a little over 30 light

733

00:30:41,440 --> 00:30:39,770

years away so it's a little further than

734

00:30:44,380 --> 00:30:41,450

you could get to in 10 years but it's

735

00:30:46,750 --> 00:30:44,390

not it's not far away relative for the

736

00:30:48,310 --> 00:30:46,760

pulsars that we saw pictures of the

737

00:30:51,010 --> 00:30:48,320

black holes that we saw pictures of

738

00:30:53,200 --> 00:30:51,020

earlier these are really in our backyard

739

00:30:55,720 --> 00:30:53,210

and I think the closest one if I

740

00:30:57,820 --> 00:30:55,730

remember correctly is about 15 or 12

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00:30:59,980 --> 00:30:57,830

light years away that some of them are

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00:31:03,850 --> 00:30:59,990

quite quite close because you

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00:31:05,650 --> 00:31:03,860

want to look at bright objects too to

744

00:31:07,419 --> 00:31:05,660

see the plan go in front of it so we

745

00:31:10,810 --> 00:31:07,429

actually we look in our nearby

746

00:31:13,210 --> 00:31:10,820

neighborhood great thank you

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00:31:14,799 --> 00:31:13,220

I am a question it just came in that

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00:31:17,020 --> 00:31:14,809

really could go to anyone and so feel

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00:31:19,690 --> 00:31:17,030

free for any or all of you to jump in

750

00:31:23,140 --> 00:31:19,700

what course in college should I take to

751

00:31:25,150 --> 00:31:23,150

work in work for NASA or at NASA the

752

00:31:27,549 --> 00:31:25,160

course in college I take what range I

753

00:31:29,410 --> 00:31:27,559

undergo to fit for a job at NASA so that

754

00:31:30,760 --> 00:31:29,420

mean we all know that there's a lot of

755

00:31:34,210 --> 00:31:30,770

different kinds of jobs at NASA but

756

00:31:36,040 --> 00:31:34,220

maybe and you could talk about something

757

00:31:37,299 --> 00:31:36,050

that you know a course or direction that

758

00:31:39,730 --> 00:31:37,309

you might have taken for your particular

759

00:31:41,140 --> 00:31:39,740

job what would you recommend to someone

760

00:31:46,360 --> 00:31:41,150

who want to follow in your footsteps

761

00:31:49,150 --> 00:31:46,370

so to speak no sir with Harvey so I

762

00:31:51,790 --> 00:31:49,160

think physics is very important if you

763

00:31:53,710 --> 00:31:51,800

want to do the science the astronomy and

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00:31:56,799 --> 00:31:53,720

physics often go hand to hand different

765

00:31:59,290 --> 00:31:56,809

universities and and things have evolved

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00:32:01,600 --> 00:31:59,300

since I was a student and so probably

767

00:32:05,040 --> 00:32:01,610

astronomy or physics are great choices

768

00:32:06,730 --> 00:32:05,050

if you want to do science there's

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00:32:08,049 --> 00:32:06,740

certainly from an engineering

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00:32:10,840 --> 00:32:08,059

perspective there's probably more

771

00:32:13,060 --> 00:32:10,850

opportunities to do engineering work the

772

00:32:15,730 --> 00:32:13,070

technical software work there's a

773

00:32:17,169 --> 00:32:15,740

management if you really want to make a

774

00:32:18,760 --> 00:32:17,179

difference figure out how to go to

775

00:32:20,980 --> 00:32:18,770

Congress and become one of the

776

00:32:22,870 --> 00:32:20,990

influential people that passes the laws

777

00:32:26,710 --> 00:32:22,880

that provides the funding so we can keep

778

00:32:28,270 --> 00:32:26,720

doing these projects try to throw the

779

00:32:29,620 --> 00:32:28,280

next generation of politicians I like it

780

00:32:32,049 --> 00:32:29,630

all right Julie what were you gonna say

781

00:32:34,120 --> 00:32:32,059

sorry I was just going to say definitely

782

00:32:36,070 --> 00:32:34,130

take at least one astronomy course just

783

00:32:38,799 --> 00:32:36,080

to make sure this is what you want to do

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00:32:41,169 --> 00:32:38,809

the rest of your life if you'd like that

785

00:32:44,470 --> 00:32:41,179

course you're gonna like the career so

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00:32:49,450 --> 00:32:44,480

when I strong to me class at least Steve

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00:32:51,940 --> 00:32:49,460

what do you say I tell my kids do

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00:32:53,680 --> 00:32:51,950

whatever you want do something you're

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00:32:55,750 --> 00:32:53,690

good at something you enjoy and so if

790

00:32:57,549 --> 00:32:55,760

you can make a living here and there are

791

00:33:00,549 --> 00:32:57,559

lots of jobs within NASA that span the

792

00:33:03,430 --> 00:33:00,559

engineering science and management and

793

00:33:06,720 --> 00:33:03,440

very other various other fields so it

794

00:33:12,940 --> 00:33:06,730

depends on what the person is interested

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00:33:13,320 --> 00:33:12,950

Scott yeah I mean self I was just going

796

00:33:16,350 --> 00:33:13,330

to say

797

00:33:18,450 --> 00:33:16,360

I myself like Harvey got my degree in

798

00:33:20,220 --> 00:33:18,460

physics and I think in terms of

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00:33:24,270 --> 00:33:20,230

astrophysics physics and astronomy are

800

00:33:25,770 --> 00:33:24,280

pretty much essential I was I was

801

00:33:29,420 --> 00:33:25,780

basically going to say the same thing I

802

00:33:32,520 --> 00:33:29,430

got my degree in physics I got my PhD in

803

00:33:34,710 --> 00:33:32,530

astrophysics but really take the physics

804

00:33:37,410 --> 00:33:34,720

degree and from in undergraduate then

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00:33:41,310 --> 00:33:37,420

from there you can see what does suits

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00:33:43,590 --> 00:33:41,320

you or you know you can do in it if you

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00:33:45,270 --> 00:33:43,600

want to work for NASA per se then it's

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00:33:47,550 --> 00:33:45,280

probably more of an engineering thing a

809

00:33:51,230 --> 00:33:47,560

couple of us on this most of us here

810

00:33:53,430 --> 00:33:51,240

don't actually work for NASA it's the

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00:33:55,890 --> 00:33:53,440

the people who don't work for NASA

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00:33:58,620 --> 00:33:55,900

you'll write the proposals and give the

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00:34:00,660 --> 00:33:58,630

science direction and then NASA provides

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00:34:02,190 --> 00:34:00,670

the huge engineering infrastructure

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00:34:05,100 --> 00:34:02,200

without which none of it can actually

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00:34:06,660 --> 00:34:05,110

happen so it's a little bit goes back to

817

00:34:08,870 --> 00:34:06,670

what the question is working for NASA

818

00:34:11,700 --> 00:34:08,880

are working on space missions in general

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00:34:14,070 --> 00:34:11,710

so I think just to add to what everybody

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00:34:17,310 --> 00:34:14,080

said we are all doing astrophysics with

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00:34:20,270 --> 00:34:17,320

Chandra NASA does a lot of science in

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00:34:24,659 --> 00:34:20,280

other areas besides astrophysics so

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00:34:26,130 --> 00:34:24,669

geology planets earth science studying

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00:34:31,290 --> 00:34:26,140

the oceans in the atmosphere of the

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00:34:35,730 --> 00:34:31,300

earth the study of the Sun and the solar

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00:34:38,700 --> 00:34:35,740

wind so there's a wide variety of

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00:34:41,370 --> 00:34:38,710

science that I think physics is still a

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00:34:43,200 --> 00:34:41,380

good background but rather than the

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00:34:46,350 --> 00:34:43,210

Astronomy side it's possible that

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00:34:48,510 --> 00:34:46,360

geology or oceanography atmospheric

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00:34:52,080 --> 00:34:48,520

sciences they all are things that NASA

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00:34:53,520 --> 00:34:52,090

is very engaged and involved and so it's

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00:34:55,050 --> 00:34:53,530

a little bit broader than just the

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00:34:58,440 --> 00:34:55,060

astronomy and astrophysics we were

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00:35:00,540 --> 00:34:58,450

talking about great thank you everyone I

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00:35:02,460 --> 00:35:00,550

have one question I came in that I

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00:35:06,270 --> 00:35:02,470

showed I know the answer to and I don't

838

00:35:08,070 --> 00:35:06,280

know it too but I'll throw it out there

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00:35:09,990 --> 00:35:08,080

and see if we have any takers

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00:35:11,670 --> 00:35:10,000

has there been any images from Chandra

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00:35:18,330 --> 00:35:11,680

that completely defied the laws of

842

00:35:22,650 --> 00:35:18,340

physics no okay easy answer High

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00:35:26,730 --> 00:35:22,660

Definition yeah that's a double check

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00:35:29,430 --> 00:35:26,740

and this was specifically for Harvey

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00:35:32,510 --> 00:35:29,440

you can also add to it what is the next

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00:35:35,820 --> 00:35:32,520

step for x-ray astronomy after Chandra

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00:35:38,370 --> 00:35:35,830

so the next step for x-ray after Chandra

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00:35:40,980 --> 00:35:38,380

so the immediate step is to keep Chandra

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00:35:43,050 --> 00:35:40,990

in good shape good health and keep it

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00:35:45,240 --> 00:35:43,060

working and I mentioned in my remarks

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00:35:47,400 --> 00:35:45,250

starting out that the projection is at

852

00:35:49,859 --> 00:35:47,410

least for another decade and that's in

853

00:35:51,720 --> 00:35:49,869

part because there are no telescopes on

854

00:35:53,910 --> 00:35:51,730

the drawing boards in the US or any

855

00:35:56,130 --> 00:35:53,920

place else in the world and have the

856

00:35:59,430 --> 00:35:56,140

imaging capability that Chandra brings

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00:36:01,140 --> 00:35:59,440

our colleagues in Europe are working or

858

00:36:03,720 --> 00:36:01,150

just at the early stages of working on a

859

00:36:07,109 --> 00:36:03,730

project called Athena which will have a

860

00:36:09,660 --> 00:36:07,119

large collecting area but will not make

861

00:36:12,329 --> 00:36:09,670

pictures or have the full sensitivity of

862

00:36:14,130 --> 00:36:12,339

Chandra in the u.s. we've been studying

863

00:36:16,200 --> 00:36:14,140

yet Marshall at Goddard Space Flight

864

00:36:18,780 --> 00:36:16,210

Center that here at the Smithsonian a

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00:36:21,270 --> 00:36:18,790

few other places how to make mirrors

866

00:36:24,089 --> 00:36:21,280

that are just as good as Chandra but for

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00:36:26,880 --> 00:36:24,099

the same masses chamber perhaps 30 or 50

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00:36:28,770 --> 00:36:26,890

or even 100 times the collecting area so

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00:36:30,810 --> 00:36:28,780

we're envisioning something just as good

870

00:36:33,690 --> 00:36:30,820

in terms of the image quality as Chandra

871

00:36:36,780 --> 00:36:33,700

but able to see by collecting more

872

00:36:39,329 --> 00:36:36,790

x-rays by being bigger see things that

873

00:36:41,070 --> 00:36:39,339

are either fainter or further away are

874

00:36:42,810 --> 00:36:41,080

the things that Julie was talking about

875

00:36:46,130 --> 00:36:42,820

where we would need longer and longer

876  
00:36:48,570 --> 00:36:46,140  
exposures the deepest Chandra exposure

877  
00:36:51,750 --> 00:36:48,580  
and what's called the Chandra Deep Field

878  
00:36:53,940 --> 00:36:51,760  
south is four million seconds worth of

879  
00:36:56,280 --> 00:36:53,950  
exposure time and it took us between two

880  
00:36:57,780 --> 00:36:56,290  
and three months to accumulate that with

881  
00:37:01,140 --> 00:36:57,790  
this new mission that we've just begun

882  
00:37:03,900 --> 00:37:01,150  
to study called smart X which stands for

883  
00:37:06,450 --> 00:37:03,910  
square meter arc second telescope for

884  
00:37:08,490 --> 00:37:06,460  
x-rays we could do that thing that took

885  
00:37:10,710 --> 00:37:08,500  
us two and a half months say we could do

886  
00:37:12,720 --> 00:37:10,720  
that in a single day so you can imagine

887  
00:37:14,940 --> 00:37:12,730  
we could do a lot more pieces of the sky

888  
00:37:17,130 --> 00:37:14,950

we could do more objects we could go

889

00:37:19,050 --> 00:37:17,140

fainter we could do better so all of us

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00:37:22,200 --> 00:37:19,060

are working on the technology and the

891

00:37:24,570 --> 00:37:22,210

science case for such a mission if all

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00:37:29,010 --> 00:37:24,580

went very well we could conceivably

893

00:37:31,320 --> 00:37:29,020

compete for the top slot in the next

894

00:37:33,750 --> 00:37:31,330

decade there's usually review done every

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00:37:36,300 --> 00:37:33,760

10 years that tries to say what the next

896

00:37:38,370 --> 00:37:36,310

mission ought to be so the next x-ray

897

00:37:40,510 --> 00:37:38,380

mission that I think is a true successor

898

00:37:43,090 --> 00:37:40,520

to Chandra is something along

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00:37:46,420 --> 00:37:43,100

lines of smart X conceivably could fly

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00:37:47,860 --> 00:37:46,430

by the 2030 timeframe which is a good

901  
00:37:50,500 --> 00:37:47,870  
reason to keep Chandler going for

902  
00:37:52,600 --> 00:37:50,510  
another 10 or 15 years right right and

903  
00:37:54,310 --> 00:37:52,610  
along those Lots there's a there was a

904  
00:37:57,400 --> 00:37:54,320  
follow-up question or a real a question

905  
00:37:59,530 --> 00:37:57,410  
I should say and so is the real next

906  
00:38:01,120 --> 00:37:59,540  
what's the main next major advancement

907  
00:38:02,950 --> 00:38:01,130  
is that the mirror isn't something else

908  
00:38:04,030 --> 00:38:02,960  
that the next generation of x-ray

909  
00:38:06,400 --> 00:38:04,040  
telescope

910  
00:38:08,140 --> 00:38:06,410  
the biggest hurdle I should say is that

911  
00:38:10,390 --> 00:38:08,150  
the mirror is it other things it

912  
00:38:13,090 --> 00:38:10,400  
detectors to make a mirror that's a very

913  
00:38:16,090 --> 00:38:13,100

lightweight and high-performing mirror

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00:38:17,920 --> 00:38:16,100

so the chandra mirrors are the pieces of

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00:38:20,620 --> 00:38:17,930

glass that comprised those mirrors were

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00:38:23,440 --> 00:38:20,630

nearly one inch thick and so when you

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00:38:25,390 --> 00:38:23,450

put several of them together you come up

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00:38:27,550 --> 00:38:25,400

to a few thousand kilograms which was

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00:38:29,740 --> 00:38:27,560

the amount of mass available to watch

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00:38:32,620 --> 00:38:29,750

from those mirrors the mirrors that were

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00:38:37,540 --> 00:38:32,630

looking at now the thickness of the

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00:38:40,300 --> 00:38:37,550

glass is measured in fractions of a

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00:38:42,310 --> 00:38:40,310

millimeter so you know something closer

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00:38:47,440 --> 00:38:42,320

to a hundredth of an inch or 50 of them

925

00:38:49,720 --> 00:38:47,450

an inch and to make the flimsy pieces of

926  
00:38:52,120 --> 00:38:49,730  
glass or whatever material you choose to

927  
00:38:54,340 --> 00:38:52,130  
use to make them actually perform with

928  
00:38:55,480 --> 00:38:54,350  
high precision is both a science and an

929  
00:38:57,220 --> 00:38:55,490  
engineering challenge

930  
00:39:00,820 --> 00:38:57,230  
there are definitely advances in the

931  
00:39:02,560 --> 00:39:00,830  
detectors to have detectors with very

932  
00:39:05,860 --> 00:39:02,570  
high performance over the full energy

933  
00:39:09,160 --> 00:39:05,870  
band to get both high quality spectrum

934  
00:39:14,080 --> 00:39:09,170  
and good imaging so there are numbers of

935  
00:39:16,360 --> 00:39:14,090  
different technology research projects

936  
00:39:18,220 --> 00:39:16,370  
on the detectors as well but I think the

937  
00:39:21,250 --> 00:39:18,230  
single most challenging is to make this

938  
00:39:23,170 --> 00:39:21,260

next generation of x-ray mirrors which

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00:39:27,370 --> 00:39:23,180

is really going to be a technical

940

00:39:29,350 --> 00:39:27,380

breakthrough right yeah you said a great

941

00:39:31,060 --> 00:39:29,360

reason to get another 15 years at a

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00:39:33,310 --> 00:39:31,070

Chandra because there's so much we can

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00:39:34,870 --> 00:39:33,320

do I mean this next question is about

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00:39:37,900 --> 00:39:34,880

stellar-mass black holes and I'm gonna

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00:39:40,000 --> 00:39:37,910

throw to you Julie but it basically is

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00:39:41,860 --> 00:39:40,010

asking how many stellar-mass black holes

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00:39:42,940 --> 00:39:41,870

have we found with Chandra but before

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00:39:44,500 --> 00:39:42,950

you answer that maybe you could just

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00:39:47,410 --> 00:39:44,510

explain how there are different sizes of

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00:39:49,270 --> 00:39:47,420

black holes that we know about yeah so I

951  
00:39:52,060 --> 00:39:49,280  
was talking mostly about supermassive

952  
00:39:54,040 --> 00:39:52,070  
black holes so the really big ones that

953  
00:39:56,080 --> 00:39:54,050  
a massive at least a million times the

954  
00:39:58,810 --> 00:39:56,090  
mass of our Sun so very big massive

955  
00:40:01,240 --> 00:39:58,820  
black holes but they're actually very

956  
00:40:03,190 --> 00:40:01,250  
different kind of black holes which we

957  
00:40:05,110 --> 00:40:03,200  
call the stellar-mass black holes so

958  
00:40:07,900 --> 00:40:05,120  
these are a couple times the mass of our

959  
00:40:11,830 --> 00:40:07,910  
Sun up to let's say 20 times the mass of

960  
00:40:16,270 --> 00:40:11,840  
our Sun and we know so far of maybe 30

961  
00:40:18,010 --> 00:40:16,280  
systems in our Milky Way and some of

962  
00:40:20,650 --> 00:40:18,020  
which have been found through their

963  
00:40:23,620 --> 00:40:20,660

x-ray emission so the way it works for

964

00:40:25,450 --> 00:40:23,630

those small black holes we think that

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00:40:26,920 --> 00:40:25,460

they come from we know that they come

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00:40:29,050 --> 00:40:26,930

from the deck of stars

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00:40:30,940 --> 00:40:29,060

this is very massive stars and what

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00:40:34,120 --> 00:40:30,950

happened to that sometimes these stars

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00:40:36,190 --> 00:40:34,130

are gonna be in binary systems so

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00:40:38,140 --> 00:40:36,200

there's gonna be this star that just

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00:40:39,850 --> 00:40:38,150

blew up in supernovae created a black

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00:40:42,640 --> 00:40:39,860

hole and then you have another star

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00:40:45,670 --> 00:40:42,650

that's orbiting around it and sometimes

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00:40:47,770 --> 00:40:45,680

these two can get so close that's the

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00:40:50,800 --> 00:40:47,780

gravity of the black hole distorts the

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00:40:52,660 --> 00:40:50,810

second of the star and the matter of

977

00:40:55,690 --> 00:40:52,670

this star slowly get secreted onto the

978

00:40:57,130 --> 00:40:55,700

black hole and in the same case as what

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00:40:59,650 --> 00:40:57,140

we saw with supermassive black holes

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00:40:59,980 --> 00:40:59,660

when a black hole starts accreting

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00:41:03,580 --> 00:40:59,990

matter

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00:41:05,940 --> 00:41:03,590

very high temperatures and it's going to

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00:41:08,470 --> 00:41:05,950

be a lot of x-rays so we can find these

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00:41:12,040 --> 00:41:08,480

stellar-mass black holes in these binary

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00:41:16,570 --> 00:41:12,050

systems either x-ray emission and so we

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00:41:19,030 --> 00:41:16,580

know of about 30 maybe 40 so far still

987

00:41:21,250 --> 00:41:19,040

some to be confirmed but there's a lot

988

00:41:22,600 --> 00:41:21,260

of progress there the great thing about

989

00:41:25,240 --> 00:41:22,610

these systems is that they're much

990

00:41:28,210 --> 00:41:25,250

smaller so they evolve much more quickly

991

00:41:31,900 --> 00:41:28,220

and so we can see them changing in our

992

00:41:34,720 --> 00:41:31,910

lifetime so that's very interesting but

993

00:41:36,670 --> 00:41:34,730

yes I think I hope that answers the

994

00:41:38,500 --> 00:41:36,680

question no I think that did thank you

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00:41:40,210 --> 00:41:38,510

very much and then I just want to

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00:41:42,340 --> 00:41:40,220

mention there is an elusive maybe middle

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00:41:44,500 --> 00:41:42,350

category of black holes is still being

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00:41:45,310 --> 00:41:44,510

discussed but not proven called well

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00:41:46,690 --> 00:41:45,320

mister arm is called them

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00:41:49,390 --> 00:41:46,700

intermediate-mass black holes but that's

1001  
00:41:52,360 --> 00:41:49,400  
a another story for another day another

1002  
00:41:54,460 --> 00:41:52,370  
question came in and I'll throw this to

1003  
00:41:56,740 --> 00:41:54,470  
Steve is there anything about the

1004  
00:42:04,090 --> 00:41:56,750  
telescope you've changed or improve if

1005  
00:42:05,620 --> 00:42:04,100  
you cook well obviously uh forget

1006  
00:42:07,210 --> 00:42:05,630  
even better resolution that would be

1007  
00:42:09,370 --> 00:42:07,220  
wonderful

1008  
00:42:11,740 --> 00:42:09,380  
the main thing however as Harvey

1009  
00:42:14,320 --> 00:42:11,750  
mentioned is the the wait that since the

1010  
00:42:17,320 --> 00:42:14,330  
mirrors are an inch thick it's very

1011  
00:42:19,570 --> 00:42:17,330  
difficult to go to higher mass or higher

1012  
00:42:20,830 --> 00:42:19,580  
a collecting area without going to

1013  
00:42:24,280 --> 00:42:20,840

thinner mirrors and that's the big

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00:42:26,680 --> 00:42:24,290

challenge that as Harvey said Goddard

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00:42:30,790 --> 00:42:26,690

Marshall and Sao and a few other places

1016

00:42:32,650 --> 00:42:30,800

are working on now and I think making

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00:42:34,120 --> 00:42:32,660

them lighter would be the best thing and

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00:42:35,800 --> 00:42:34,130

could you just quickly explain why you

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00:42:37,600 --> 00:42:35,810

want lighter is it because because we

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00:42:40,150 --> 00:42:37,610

have to lift it into the air and into

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00:42:42,310 --> 00:42:40,160

the space and so it's yeah it's right

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00:42:45,010 --> 00:42:42,320

with we have to be able to launch it on

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00:42:46,840 --> 00:42:45,020

a rocket and get it into orbit to get

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00:42:49,930 --> 00:42:46,850

above the Earth's atmosphere to do x-ray

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00:42:52,720 --> 00:42:49,940

astronomy and so with lift capabilities

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00:42:57,490 --> 00:42:52,730

of various rockets it's necessary to

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00:42:59,560 --> 00:42:57,500

keep the total mass below some limit and

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00:43:01,060 --> 00:42:59,570

that means trying to get more if we want

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00:43:02,880 --> 00:43:01,070

to increase the area of Chandra by a

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00:43:05,200 --> 00:43:02,890

factor of 30 we pretty much have to

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00:43:07,030 --> 00:43:05,210

decrease the thickness by about a factor

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00:43:09,370 --> 00:43:07,040

of 30 of the mirrors and when mirrors

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00:43:10,870 --> 00:43:09,380

get that then they're quite flimsy so

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00:43:12,870 --> 00:43:10,880

how does one hold them and that's one of

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00:43:16,810 --> 00:43:12,880

the issues that we're addressing

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00:43:19,210 --> 00:43:16,820

collectively thank you I have a question

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00:43:21,850 --> 00:43:19,220

here that I know if you can answer it

1038

00:43:23,530 --> 00:43:21,860

which is if you know it which I think

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00:43:30,640 --> 00:43:23,540

you do where did the name Chandra come

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00:43:34,930 --> 00:43:30,650

from there was a contest that was run

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00:43:38,440 --> 00:43:34,940

and advertised worldwide that I think we

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00:43:41,530 --> 00:43:38,450

had over 6,000 entries with different

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00:43:44,470 --> 00:43:41,540

possible names suggested the people were

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00:43:46,240 --> 00:43:44,480

asked to write a paragraph explaining

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00:43:52,330 --> 00:43:46,250

why the name they were suggesting might

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00:43:54,250 --> 00:43:52,340

be a good name and wrote rankin for

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00:43:57,070 --> 00:43:54,260

example was suggested because it was the

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00:43:58,690 --> 00:43:57,080

person who discovered x-rays but the

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00:44:00,790 --> 00:43:58,700

Germans had already flown a satellite

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00:44:03,340 --> 00:44:00,800

satellite called the roentgen satellite

1051  
00:44:05,230 --> 00:44:03,350  
rosette so even though that name may

1052  
00:44:07,710 --> 00:44:05,240  
have been the one suggested the most in

1053  
00:44:10,900 --> 00:44:07,720  
the contest it was essentially not

1054  
00:44:13,330 --> 00:44:10,910  
eligible as a winner

1055  
00:44:15,430 --> 00:44:13,340  
the name Chandra was suggested by at

1056  
00:44:16,660 --> 00:44:15,440  
least a couple hundred of the 6,000

1057  
00:44:19,769 --> 00:44:16,670  
entries and we and

1058  
00:44:24,210 --> 00:44:19,779  
having to use the essays as tiebreakers

1059  
00:44:30,130 --> 00:44:24,220  
but Chandrasekhar was a very eminent

1060  
00:44:36,670 --> 00:44:30,140  
Indian born American astrophysicist who

1061  
00:44:38,740 --> 00:44:36,680  
as a I guess predock or going into his

1062  
00:44:41,819 --> 00:44:38,750  
doctoral studies did calculations

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00:44:45,519 --> 00:44:41,829

including special relativity and quantum

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00:44:48,430 --> 00:44:45,529

mechanics and basically calculated that

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00:44:50,160 --> 00:44:48,440

a white dwarf star could have a maximum

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00:44:53,200 --> 00:44:50,170

mass which is the so called

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00:44:55,599 --> 00:44:53,210

Chandrasekhar limit if you got beyond

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00:44:57,640 --> 00:44:55,609

that you get into the realm of four star

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00:44:59,890 --> 00:44:57,650

collapses and what collapses is more

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00:45:02,890 --> 00:44:59,900

than about one and a half times the mass

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00:45:05,710 --> 00:45:02,900

of our Sun we now know you make neutron

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00:45:07,990 --> 00:45:05,720

stars and black holes so the kinds of

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00:45:10,150 --> 00:45:08,000

things that are pretty bright x-ray

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00:45:12,430 --> 00:45:10,160

sources the things that we're interested

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00:45:14,470 --> 00:45:12,440

in studying were things that came out

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00:45:18,569 --> 00:45:14,480

well they didn't come out but there were

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00:45:21,339 --> 00:45:18,579

things that Chan was calculations

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00:45:23,380 --> 00:45:21,349

eventually led to us beginning to think

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00:45:26,829 --> 00:45:23,390

about those kinds of objects and and

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00:45:29,160 --> 00:45:26,839

other scientists as well Chandra was his

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00:45:32,710 --> 00:45:29,170

nickname for for Chandra Sekhar

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00:45:34,690 --> 00:45:32,720

apparently in the Sanskrit language it

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00:45:37,539 --> 00:45:34,700

also means luminous and his used to

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00:45:40,390 --> 00:45:37,549

often describe the moon so it has a an

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00:45:42,160 --> 00:45:40,400

astronomical connotation as well the

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00:45:43,029 --> 00:45:42,170

contest was actually won by a high

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00:45:44,589 --> 00:45:43,039

school student

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00:45:46,660 --> 00:45:44,599

there were two winners selected one was

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00:45:49,329 --> 00:45:46,670

a high school student the other was a

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00:45:51,190 --> 00:45:49,339

teacher and their prize for winning

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00:45:53,140 --> 00:45:51,200

besides becoming famous of course for

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00:45:57,940 --> 00:45:53,150

Navy Chandra was they got to come to the

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00:46:01,329 --> 00:45:57,950

launch very exciting I think it's been a

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00:46:03,999 --> 00:46:01,339

great name I've got a question here that

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00:46:08,710 --> 00:46:04,009

again I will I'll see who wants to

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00:46:12,640 --> 00:46:08,720

answer it um is I'm sorry

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00:46:15,880 --> 00:46:12,650

got a company I think that this person

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00:46:18,970 --> 00:46:15,890

is referring to the recent advances that

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00:46:20,380 --> 00:46:18,980

were made with a bicep results it

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00:46:23,319 --> 00:46:20,390

basically says based on the images

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00:46:24,700 --> 00:46:23,329

Chandra has gathered does it have any

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00:46:25,749 --> 00:46:24,710

impact on the theories for the beginning

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00:46:29,109 --> 00:46:25,759

of the universe I think they're asking

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00:46:30,880 --> 00:46:29,119

is there anything to do with contain or

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00:46:33,549 --> 00:46:30,890

contributing to the theory of

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00:46:41,920 --> 00:46:33,559

you know the waste results or is that a

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00:46:44,470 --> 00:46:41,930

totally separate realm any takers so in

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00:46:46,809 --> 00:46:44,480

terms of inflation I'm not sure but in

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00:46:49,630 --> 00:46:46,819

terms of our universe and how our

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00:46:52,210 --> 00:46:49,640

universe is accelerating and expanding

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00:46:55,029 --> 00:46:52,220

it can do this and you can do this with

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00:46:57,490 --> 00:46:55,039

clusters of galaxies and it does this by

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00:47:00,809 --> 00:46:57,500

essentially finding clusters that are

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00:47:03,130 --> 00:47:00,819

very very far and the number of clusters

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00:47:05,920 --> 00:47:03,140

the masses they have will depend

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00:47:07,690 --> 00:47:05,930

directly on how the universe has

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00:47:09,789 --> 00:47:07,700

expanded and accelerated and so you can

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00:47:12,130 --> 00:47:09,799

get constraints using that so it's not

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00:47:14,799 --> 00:47:12,140

really inflation but it's still you're

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00:47:16,539 --> 00:47:14,809

getting the bigger picture from doing

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00:47:18,160 --> 00:47:16,549

that and so again clusters are very

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00:47:20,500 --> 00:47:18,170

bright in the x-ray and this is white

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00:47:21,309 --> 00:47:20,510

and right it's very useful for that and

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00:47:22,420 --> 00:47:21,319

that actually brings up a good point

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00:47:23,770 --> 00:47:22,430

that we haven't I don't think we've

1126  
00:47:26,079 --> 00:47:23,780  
touched on yet which is that Chandra is

1127  
00:47:28,390 --> 00:47:26,089  
really very important in the discussion

1128  
00:47:30,910 --> 00:47:28,400  
about dark energy and investigating what

1129  
00:47:33,309 --> 00:47:30,920  
dark energy you know how it behaves and

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00:47:35,529 --> 00:47:33,319  
how it's affected the universe over you

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00:47:36,700 --> 00:47:35,539  
know the course of the universe so yeah

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00:47:38,289 --> 00:47:36,710  
that's a very important talk with them

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00:47:40,539 --> 00:47:38,299  
I'm glad actually you mentioned that

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00:47:42,250 --> 00:47:40,549  
because it's something traders is

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00:47:45,220 --> 00:47:42,260  
critical in doing and we haven't talked

1136  
00:47:52,660 --> 00:47:45,230  
about that yet otherwise when to Scott

1137  
00:47:57,670 --> 00:47:52,670  
and that is go it's basically a question

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00:47:59,349 --> 00:47:57,680

of how does Chandra affect people in

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00:48:02,289 --> 00:47:59,359

their day to day life is there some

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00:48:04,900 --> 00:48:02,299

technology that impacts them based on

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00:48:06,880 --> 00:48:04,910

Chandra or is there some piece of

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00:48:09,220 --> 00:48:06,890

knowledge that you know it doesn't

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00:48:10,809 --> 00:48:09,230

probably you know impact on a day to day

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00:48:14,049 --> 00:48:10,819

decision but this sort of what's the

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00:48:16,240 --> 00:48:14,059

sort of takeaway for the average person

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00:48:18,640 --> 00:48:16,250

who may or may not be necessarily

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00:48:20,319 --> 00:48:18,650

interested in the finer details of

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00:48:22,359 --> 00:48:20,329

astrophysics what's their takeaway

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00:48:24,339 --> 00:48:22,369

message that people can think about

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00:48:26,680 --> 00:48:24,349

when we think of Chandra well I think

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00:48:29,410 --> 00:48:26,690

the takeaway and this is this is a

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00:48:31,059 --> 00:48:29,420

personal take I think everyone else on

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00:48:36,339 --> 00:48:31,069

the panel all the different version of

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00:48:38,069 --> 00:48:36,349

it but we we now have a reality of black

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00:48:41,890 --> 00:48:38,079

holes there were sort of science fiction

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00:48:44,020 --> 00:48:41,900

concepts in the 60s and 70s we have a

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00:48:47,530 --> 00:48:44,030

visit we we can see

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00:48:48,940 --> 00:48:47,540

what supernova remnants really look like

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00:48:51,580 --> 00:48:48,950

really how they act

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00:48:53,230 --> 00:48:51,590

my favorite single image from genre and

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00:48:55,060 --> 00:48:53,240

I know this was a question earlier it

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00:48:58,750 --> 00:48:55,070

wasn't me it was the one that Steve

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00:49:00,580 --> 00:48:58,760

showed of the crab and the reason was

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00:49:03,220 --> 00:49:00,590

when I looked at that picture the first

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00:49:06,520 --> 00:49:03,230

time when it was taken I said that's a

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00:49:08,530 --> 00:49:06,530

drawing right I mean you see the the

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00:49:10,660 --> 00:49:08,540

swirling the stuff that's swirling

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00:49:13,180 --> 00:49:10,670

around the pulsar and the Jets shooting

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00:49:21,190 --> 00:49:13,190

out and the skimming and the the Rings

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and it's not somebody's imagination what

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00:49:29,890 --> 00:49:24,020

genre has given us is that's reality

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00:49:32,620 --> 00:49:29,900

that's really what's out there and no we

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00:49:36,190 --> 00:49:32,630

can't go to a black hole and we can't go

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00:49:38,820 --> 00:49:36,200

to a pulsar and we can't even go to the

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00:49:41,740 --> 00:49:38,830

nearest exoplanet but's

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00:49:44,410 --> 00:49:41,750

satellites like genre can take us there

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and show us exactly what it looks like

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it looks like we're steering staring out

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00:49:51,100 --> 00:49:49,490

a port of the Starship Enterprise but no

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00:49:53,470 --> 00:49:51,110

that's really what we're seeing from

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00:49:56,650 --> 00:49:53,480

Earth because we have this spectacular

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00:49:58,990 --> 00:49:56,660

telescope and we'll brought more broadly

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00:50:02,800 --> 00:49:59,000

speaking NASA's fleet of spectacular

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00:50:05,620 --> 00:50:02,810

telescopes and they show us that this is

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00:50:08,350 --> 00:50:05,630

the universe we live in and we're just a

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00:50:11,890 --> 00:50:08,360

small part of it but we can take in all

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00:50:13,870 --> 00:50:11,900

of it so that's like I said personal

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00:50:15,790 --> 00:50:13,880

tape I could ask more questions and I

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00:50:18,790 --> 00:50:15,800

think that's a beautiful way to wrap up

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00:50:20,620 --> 00:50:18,800

this Google+ hangout I do want to take a

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00:50:23,260 --> 00:50:20,630

moment to thank all of the panelists who

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came here today and went their expertise

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00:50:27,220 --> 00:50:25,790

and experience to describe the very

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exciting things that chanters been doing

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for the past 15 years

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I want to thank NASA social media for

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helping set this event up and if there

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any further questions I'm sure you can

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00:50:39,130 --> 00:50:36,650

still continue to ask the essence we

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00:50:41,160 --> 00:50:39,140

have an ask NASA hashtag and we will do

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00:50:43,120 --> 00:50:41,170

our best to answer them as they come in

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00:50:45,340 --> 00:50:43,130

there any wise comments and they would

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00:50:49,330 --> 00:50:45,350

like to make or otherwise and just sign

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00:50:51,370 --> 00:50:49,340

up for today we're good

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00:50:53,050 --> 00:50:51,380

all right everyone well thank you so