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00:00:11,589 --> 00:00:09,910
welcome

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00:00:13,589 --> 00:00:11,599
to nasa headquarters my name is dwayne

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00:00:14,910 --> 00:00:13,599
brown with the office of communications

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00:00:17,990 --> 00:00:14,920
here at

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00:00:20,470 --> 00:00:18,000
nasa this is part two

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00:00:23,590 --> 00:00:20,480
of the new horizons story

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00:00:25,189 --> 00:00:23,600
connection with the voyager 2 story

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00:00:26,790 --> 00:00:25,199
in panel one

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00:00:28,870 --> 00:00:26,800
you heard about

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00:00:31,029 --> 00:00:28,880
the mission to distant pluto and the

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00:00:33,510 --> 00:00:31,039
connection with the voyager 2

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00:00:35,270 --> 00:00:33,520
now we hear the behind the scenes

13
00:00:40,310 --> 00:00:35,280

stories

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00:00:42,950 --> 00:00:40,320

and also bring the present

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00:00:44,470 --> 00:00:42,960

the past and the future together

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00:00:46,310 --> 00:00:44,480

we'll take questions

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00:00:47,830 --> 00:00:46,320

from our phone lines and from social

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00:00:50,389 --> 00:00:47,840

media

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00:00:52,389 --> 00:00:50,399

and get those questions in at hashtag

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00:00:53,670 --> 00:00:52,399

ask nasa there's a lot of buzz about

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00:00:56,069 --> 00:00:53,680

this mission

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

and for the students out there

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00:01:00,630 --> 00:00:57,680

these stories

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00:01:02,069 --> 00:01:00,640

will certainly inspire you because one

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00:01:04,149 --> 00:01:02,079

day you could

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00:01:05,189 --> 00:01:04,159

really be a part and you are a part

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00:01:07,990 --> 00:01:05,199

right now

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00:01:10,070 --> 00:01:08,000

of the pluto story

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00:01:11,429 --> 00:01:10,080

all of this information

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00:01:14,510 --> 00:01:11,439

and more

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00:01:19,109 --> 00:01:14,520

can be available at the website at

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00:01:20,710 --> 00:01:19,119

www.nasa.gov slash new horizons

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00:01:23,030 --> 00:01:20,720

i enjoy

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00:01:25,030 --> 00:01:23,040

this type of panel because i don't have

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00:01:26,710 --> 00:01:25,040

to drive the bus i can be a

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00:01:28,149 --> 00:01:26,720

passenger

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00:01:30,310 --> 00:01:28,159

so what i'm going to do here is

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00:01:31,590 --> 00:01:30,320

introduce the facilitator for this panel

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00:01:33,749 --> 00:01:31,600

discussion

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00:01:35,590 --> 00:01:33,759

and i'm going to be very short with his

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00:01:38,149 --> 00:01:35,600

introduction because his

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00:01:41,270 --> 00:01:38,159

resume is just too extraordinary and too

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00:01:43,109 --> 00:01:41,280

long and would take up too much time so

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00:01:46,630 --> 00:01:43,119

without further ado i'm going to toss it

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00:01:48,710 --> 00:01:46,640

to david greenspoon who is a senior

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00:01:50,469 --> 00:01:48,720

scientist at the planetary science

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00:01:52,310 --> 00:01:50,479

institute and was also the bloomberg

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00:01:55,910 --> 00:01:52,320

nasa library of congress chair in

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00:01:56,950 --> 00:01:55,920

astrobiology in 2012 through 2013. so

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00:01:58,870 --> 00:01:56,960

david

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00:02:01,030 --> 00:01:58,880

you're driving

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00:02:02,550 --> 00:02:01,040

all right thank you very much duane and

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00:02:04,389 --> 00:02:02,560

thank you all so much for coming out

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00:02:05,830 --> 00:02:04,399

this afternoon

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00:02:08,150 --> 00:02:05,840

i'd like to say hello to everybody

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00:02:10,790 --> 00:02:08,160

watching on nasa tv and a special big

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00:02:12,550 --> 00:02:10,800

hello to anybody watching live from the

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00:02:14,630 --> 00:02:12,560

burning man festival which is going on

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00:02:16,150 --> 00:02:14,640

right now

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00:02:17,910 --> 00:02:16,160

and you know i'm sure you're have all

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00:02:19,830 --> 00:02:17,920

having a great time out there in black

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00:02:20,949 --> 00:02:19,840

rock city i hope you are but i got to

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00:02:24,070 --> 00:02:20,959

tell you

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00:02:26,070 --> 00:02:24,080

that being a young scientist at the jet

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00:02:28,470 --> 00:02:26,080

propulsion laboratory

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00:02:30,229 --> 00:02:28,480

during a voyager encounter with one of

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00:02:31,830 --> 00:02:30,239

the planets of the outer solar system

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00:02:34,630 --> 00:02:31,840

now that was a party

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00:02:35,509 --> 00:02:34,640

and a mind-blowing experience and one

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00:02:37,830 --> 00:02:35,519

that

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00:02:40,470 --> 00:02:37,840

just is unforgettable and has stuck with

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00:02:42,229 --> 00:02:40,480

and and changed all of us who who had

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00:02:44,390 --> 00:02:42,239

the fortune the good fortune of being

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00:02:46,710 --> 00:02:44,400

part of that all of the panelists here

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00:02:48,710 --> 00:02:46,720

this afternoon with me we all got to

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00:02:50,550 --> 00:02:48,720

know each other as young scientists

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00:02:52,869 --> 00:02:50,560

during the time that voyager was

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00:02:54,470 --> 00:02:52,879

traveling through the outer solar system

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00:02:55,990 --> 00:02:54,480

and

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00:02:57,990 --> 00:02:56,000

we are here to share a little bit of

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00:03:00,070 --> 00:02:58,000

what that experience was like and how

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00:03:02,149 --> 00:03:00,080

that experience has informed us both

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00:03:04,790 --> 00:03:02,159

scientifically and personally as we

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00:03:06,949 --> 00:03:04,800

approach the new horizons encounter with

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00:03:08,309 --> 00:03:06,959

pluto next year

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00:03:09,990 --> 00:03:08,319

now the thing about the outer solar

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00:03:12,550 --> 00:03:10,000

system is that the missions take a long

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00:03:14,630 --> 00:03:12,560

time just all planetary missions take a

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00:03:16,630 --> 00:03:14,640

long time the planning the execution the

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00:03:17,990 --> 00:03:16,640

data analysis afterwards but with the

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outer solar system you have a lot of

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travel time so these are

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00:03:24,630 --> 00:03:22,159

you know just just the travel time to

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get out there it takes years to get out

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to the uh the distant planets and so

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00:03:31,990 --> 00:03:30,720

these are long-term missions and

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00:03:36,229 --> 00:03:32,000

you

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00:03:38,149 --> 00:03:36,239

progresses during these missions and

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especially with something like voyager

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where there were several encounters

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00:03:44,470 --> 00:03:42,319
separated by many years encounters that

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00:03:46,710 --> 00:03:44,480
were brief frenzies of activity and

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00:03:49,350 --> 00:03:46,720
excitement separated by the the more

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00:03:51,910 --> 00:03:49,360
quiet distant years while while the the

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00:03:53,910 --> 00:03:51,920
spacecraft was navigating the the

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00:03:56,789 --> 00:03:53,920
isolation of space getting ready for the

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00:03:58,710 --> 00:03:56,799
next encounter and we all i think had

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00:04:00,630 --> 00:03:58,720
this feeling of of sort of traveling

109
00:04:02,309 --> 00:04:00,640
through our lives as voyager traveled

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00:04:04,229 --> 00:04:02,319
through the outer solar system

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00:04:07,350 --> 00:04:04,239
personally for me voyager was launched

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00:04:10,390 --> 00:04:07,360
in 1977 the year i graduated high school

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00:04:12,390 --> 00:04:10,400

and in 1979 i was an undergraduate

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00:04:14,550 --> 00:04:12,400

research assistant for the voyager

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00:04:17,749 --> 00:04:14,560

encounter the i think the coolest summer

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00:04:20,310 --> 00:04:17,759

job anybody ever had at jpl working with

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00:04:21,430 --> 00:04:20,320

the imaging team during the the jupiter

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00:04:22,950 --> 00:04:21,440

encounter

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00:04:24,469 --> 00:04:22,960

of voyager

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00:04:31,110 --> 00:04:24,479

by

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00:04:34,310 --> 00:04:31,120

which we're really here to talk about i

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00:04:36,469 --> 00:04:34,320

was there as a postdoc so

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00:04:38,310 --> 00:04:36,479

these encounters were of course they

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00:04:41,270 --> 00:04:38,320

were scientific bonanzas but they were

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00:04:43,110 --> 00:04:41,280

also gatherings of people who had gotten

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00:04:45,430 --> 00:04:43,120
to know each other over the years and so

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00:04:47,670 --> 00:04:45,440
they also took on the feeling of family

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00:04:50,230 --> 00:04:47,680
reunions and you know some people

129
00:04:52,629 --> 00:04:50,240
weren't with us any longer by by neptune

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00:04:53,430 --> 00:04:52,639
who had been with us at

131
00:04:55,510 --> 00:04:53,440
uh

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00:04:58,230 --> 00:04:55,520
at jupiter there was a personal aspect

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00:05:01,110 --> 00:04:58,240
relationships formed marriages people

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00:05:03,670 --> 00:05:01,120
had babies and so there was this really

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00:05:06,150 --> 00:05:03,680
growing sense of of a family gathering

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00:05:08,310 --> 00:05:06,160
at each of these encounters in addition

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00:05:11,270 --> 00:05:08,320
to the scientific excitement of the

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00:05:13,029 --> 00:05:11,280

encounter so i'm going to set the stage

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00:05:15,430 --> 00:05:13,039

here by showing you a few um

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00:05:16,790 --> 00:05:15,440

semi-embarrassing snapshots of

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00:05:18,550 --> 00:05:16,800

of all of us

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00:05:20,390 --> 00:05:18,560

at that time the time of voyager and

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00:05:21,670 --> 00:05:20,400

then i want to introduce my wonderful

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00:05:24,629 --> 00:05:21,680

panelists here and we'll hear their

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00:05:26,390 --> 00:05:24,639

perspectives both on voyager and on new

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00:05:28,710 --> 00:05:26,400

horizons and that will sort of time

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00:05:30,790 --> 00:05:28,720

travel through the intervening 25 years

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00:05:31,510 --> 00:05:30,800

so this first picture

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00:05:35,510 --> 00:05:31,520

is

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summer 1979 the voyager imaging team

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when i as i mentioned i was an

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00:05:41,909 --> 00:05:39,840

undergraduate assistant and i'm

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00:05:44,469 --> 00:05:41,919

in the back there the fourth from the

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00:05:47,110 --> 00:05:44,479

right in the back row

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00:05:48,469 --> 00:05:47,120

and as you can see i had not yet i was

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00:05:50,710 --> 00:05:48,479

learning a lot about science but i had

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00:05:52,629 --> 00:05:50,720

not yet understood the concept of hair

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00:05:54,790 --> 00:05:52,639

cutting and barbers at that time hey

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00:05:57,430 --> 00:05:54,800

look it was the 70s you know what can i

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00:05:58,870 --> 00:05:57,440

say and but i was there as a as a

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00:06:01,430 --> 00:05:58,880

research assistant undergraduate

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00:06:03,909 --> 00:06:01,440

research assistant hired by carl sagan

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00:06:05,350 --> 00:06:03,919

and um mentored by all of these other

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00:06:07,510 --> 00:06:05,360

wonderful scientists you can see i'm

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00:06:09,830 --> 00:06:07,520

standing there next to um chris squires

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00:06:12,070 --> 00:06:09,840

who i'm sorry steve squires who uh chris

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00:06:14,790 --> 00:06:12,080

breyer is a bass player steve squires um

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00:06:16,550 --> 00:06:14,800

from uh who is of of mars rover fame and

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00:06:18,550 --> 00:06:16,560

and and all these other faces are sort

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00:06:21,510 --> 00:06:18,560

of our uh you know we're like gods to us

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00:06:22,710 --> 00:06:21,520

these these famous scientists then and

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00:06:25,350 --> 00:06:22,720

um

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00:06:27,430 --> 00:06:25,360

moving right along the uh the next

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picture i believe is a snapshot from the

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neptune encounter as you can see i've

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gotten a little bit more handle on my

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00:06:38,150 --> 00:06:35,600

styling and um i'm there with dr dr nick

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schneider who is now a professor of um

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planetary science at the university of

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00:06:43,510 --> 00:06:41,840

colorado and dr john spencer who's one

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of the panelists you'll meet here in a

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00:06:48,390 --> 00:06:46,080

minute this afternoon and we're pointing

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00:06:50,950 --> 00:06:48,400

at neptune as voyager as at neptune and

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00:06:52,950 --> 00:06:50,960

we were all grad school buddies who were

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00:06:54,550 --> 00:06:52,960

just amazed to find ourselves in the

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company of these senior scientists

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getting to work on voyager at neptune

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the next picture shows

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jeff moore who's another of our

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panelists and john spencer and myself

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with a few of the other scientists doing

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what we did a lot of during those

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encounters which is staring in wonder at

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a screen when the new pictures from

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00:07:16,950 --> 00:07:15,199

in this case i believe it was triton

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00:07:19,189 --> 00:07:16,960

were coming down for the first time and

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we were laying our eyes on these

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new bodies these new

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00:07:25,830 --> 00:07:23,840

places these worlds that previous to

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00:07:28,390 --> 00:07:25,840

that had just been these dots

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00:07:30,070 --> 00:07:28,400
and um telescopic

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00:07:31,749 --> 00:07:30,080
blurry

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00:07:34,390 --> 00:07:31,759
bodies that we would wonder about and we

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00:07:36,390 --> 00:07:34,400
were for the first time able to go ah so

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00:07:38,469 --> 00:07:36,400
that's what that is we're really really

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00:07:42,629 --> 00:07:38,479
just moments of of discovery that we'll

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00:07:43,909 --> 00:07:42,639
never forget the next slide shows you

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00:07:45,589 --> 00:07:43,919
one thing you have to realize is that

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00:07:47,909 --> 00:07:45,599
celestial dynamics does not work on

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00:07:49,350 --> 00:07:47,919
human time it works on solar system time

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00:07:51,110 --> 00:07:49,360
so there were many nights when we were

212
00:07:52,950 --> 00:07:51,120
up all night getting the data down and

213
00:07:54,629 --> 00:07:52,960

things got a little bit giddy and here

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00:07:56,070 --> 00:07:54,639

we are um at the end i think of one of

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00:07:58,070 --> 00:07:56,080

those long nights in a conference room

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by the way in the foreground is dr paul

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00:08:02,869 --> 00:08:00,720

shank who's one of the people who's

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00:08:05,110 --> 00:08:02,879

done these amazing movies that you've

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all seen including one i think that we

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00:08:09,909 --> 00:08:07,199

just saw in the last hour of putting

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together the images of of triton and

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other bodies into a beautiful movie

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sequences to help facilitate our

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imagination the next slide

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shows you the first of our panelists i

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want to introduce this afternoon as you

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can see we all had a little bit more

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hair back then

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00:08:31,110 --> 00:08:27,759

and dr john spencer

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here to my far right is um an institute

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00:08:34,310 --> 00:08:33,039

scientist at the southwest research

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00:08:37,509 --> 00:08:34,320

institute

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and at voyager neptune during the time

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of this picture he was a postdoc

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a a young pursuit postdoc and you know i

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00:08:47,829 --> 00:08:45,440

asked him i asked everybody to tell me

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00:08:49,350 --> 00:08:47,839

what they remember about voyager neptune

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and i won't tell you most of what they

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said because you're going to hear about

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it this afternoon but john wrote to me i

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mostly remember a lot of gazing

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awestruck at tv screens

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and we certainly did a lot of that but

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uh you know john's selling himself short

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he helped at that time with some of the

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initial geological mapping of triton

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and he participated in a lot of the

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general science discussions about what

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it all meant and started thinking a lot

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about volatile migration by which we

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00:09:18,470 --> 00:09:16,160
mean what happens to the gases and the

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solid surfaces the ices how they move

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around on a cold planet like that and

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00:09:25,190 --> 00:09:22,800
from those discussions

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00:09:27,190 --> 00:09:25,200
john developed models of triton which

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are still considered the important

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models that everybody uses and which are

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also very applicable to pluto and i

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00:09:35,990 --> 00:09:34,160
think that work that he did at um at

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00:09:37,670 --> 00:09:36,000
neptune and triton led directly to the

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work that he's now doing on the new

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00:09:42,389 --> 00:09:40,640
horizons team john is an expert on the

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00:09:44,070 --> 00:09:42,399

moons of the outer planets he's worked

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on a lot of spacecraft teams i won't

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00:09:48,550 --> 00:09:46,480

tell you all of it now but uh in

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00:09:50,470 --> 00:09:48,560

particular he's currently working on the

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cassini saturn orbiter mapping the

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temperatures of saturn's moons and john

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discovered the thermal anomaly at the

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south pole of enceladus which was the

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key to discovering the ice eruptions on

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saturn's moon's enceladus

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and he's made a lot of other cool

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00:10:05,030 --> 00:10:02,880

discoveries which you'll just have to

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00:10:07,750 --> 00:10:05,040

wait to hear about on new horizons he'll

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00:10:09,750 --> 00:10:07,760

be coordinating the search for flyby

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00:10:12,470 --> 00:10:09,760

targets beyond pluto or he is

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00:10:15,750 --> 00:10:12,480

coordinating that search the uh hope

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that new that new horizons after pluto

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00:10:20,150 --> 00:10:18,160

can visit more bodies in the kuiper belt

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00:10:21,910 --> 00:10:20,160

depends of course on finding those

282

00:10:24,470 --> 00:10:21,920

bodies and john has been leading the

283

00:10:27,190 --> 00:10:24,480

charge and we're confident that he will

284

00:10:28,069 --> 00:10:27,200

find us a good place to go after pluto

285

00:10:29,430 --> 00:10:28,079

um

286

00:10:30,710 --> 00:10:29,440

there's more to say about john but i

287

00:10:32,069 --> 00:10:30,720

want to move on and introduce the rest

288

00:10:34,310 --> 00:10:32,079

of the panelists so you can hear what

289

00:10:37,509 --> 00:10:34,320

they have to say so sitting next to me

290

00:10:40,150 --> 00:10:37,519

here is um another fine scientist and my

291

00:10:42,470 --> 00:10:40,160

good old friend dr jeff moore jeff is a

292

00:10:43,990 --> 00:10:42,480

research scientist at the nasa ames

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00:10:46,310 --> 00:10:44,000

research center

294

00:10:48,630 --> 00:10:46,320

and uh in this next picture you can see

295

00:10:50,710 --> 00:10:48,640

him during the voyager

296

00:10:53,430 --> 00:10:50,720

neptune and triton encounter along with

297

00:10:56,069 --> 00:10:53,440

john and myself he's jeff is the one on

298

00:10:58,470 --> 00:10:56,079

the left there and um this is he was

299

00:11:00,790 --> 00:10:58,480

actually in his last year at gra in grad

300

00:11:03,829 --> 00:11:00,800

school at asu arizona state

301
00:11:05,990 --> 00:11:03,839
and he managed to uh get invited to um

302
00:11:07,670 --> 00:11:06,000
the uh to participate in the neptune

303
00:11:09,829 --> 00:11:07,680
encounter and actually jeff and i drove

304
00:11:11,590 --> 00:11:09,839
down together from san francisco on

305
00:11:13,190 --> 00:11:11,600
highway one and i remember us as young

306
00:11:14,949 --> 00:11:13,200
nerdy scientists sort of calculating our

307
00:11:16,310 --> 00:11:14,959
velocity and when we would reach

308
00:11:17,990 --> 00:11:16,320
pasadena and calculating the

309
00:11:19,590 --> 00:11:18,000
spacecraft's velocity and make sure that

310
00:11:22,150 --> 00:11:19,600
we get there before the spacecraft got

311
00:11:24,069 --> 00:11:22,160
to neptune and everything anyways we did

312
00:11:25,829 --> 00:11:24,079
and we had a great time there jeff also

313
00:11:27,509 --> 00:11:25,839

participated in a lot of the real-time

314

00:11:30,949 --> 00:11:27,519

first discussions of what formed the

315

00:11:32,870 --> 00:11:30,959

landscapes of triton um and and a lot of

316

00:11:35,030 --> 00:11:32,880

that excitement of closest approach to

317

00:11:36,710 --> 00:11:35,040

triton and he began a discussion there

318

00:11:38,389 --> 00:11:36,720

among among other things with john

319

00:11:40,389 --> 00:11:38,399

spencer that led to the two of them

320

00:11:41,670 --> 00:11:40,399

writing a paper on the migration of

321

00:11:44,069 --> 00:11:41,680

volatiles

322

00:11:46,949 --> 00:11:44,079

on triton which uh a hypothesis that

323

00:11:48,870 --> 00:11:46,959

they called giannis moyu maybe we'll let

324

00:11:51,430 --> 00:11:48,880

jeff tell us more about that and again

325

00:11:53,750 --> 00:11:51,440

this work led directly to his work now

326
00:11:56,150 --> 00:11:53,760
on the new horizons team where he is the

327
00:11:58,389 --> 00:11:56,160
imaging node leader and i'm sure he can

328
00:12:00,069 --> 00:11:58,399
tell you more about what that entails on

329
00:12:02,470 --> 00:12:00,079
new horizons

330
00:12:05,750 --> 00:12:02,480
sitting next to me on my other side is

331
00:12:07,750 --> 00:12:05,760
dr bonnie baratti bonnie is a principal

332
00:12:10,230 --> 00:12:07,760
scientist at the jet propulsion

333
00:12:12,310 --> 00:12:10,240
laboratory where all this excitement

334
00:12:14,550 --> 00:12:12,320
first went down

335
00:12:17,190 --> 00:12:14,560
and here is a picture in the middle you

336
00:12:21,350 --> 00:12:17,200
can see bonnie as a postdoc

337
00:12:22,629 --> 00:12:21,360
during the time of voyager neptune and

338
00:12:25,030 --> 00:12:22,639

there she was working on the

339

00:12:28,150 --> 00:12:25,040

photopolarimeter team

340

00:12:31,190 --> 00:12:28,160

and again that work helped establish her

341

00:12:33,509 --> 00:12:31,200

and in her career where in the interim

342

00:12:36,150 --> 00:12:33,519

time she's had leadership positions on

343

00:12:38,870 --> 00:12:36,160

many nasa missions and many nasa

344

00:12:41,590 --> 00:12:38,880

advisory panels bonnie's the author of

345

00:12:43,350 --> 00:12:41,600

over 200 scientific papers and she was

346

00:12:45,990 --> 00:12:43,360

awarded a national exceptional

347

00:12:47,430 --> 00:12:46,000

achievement medal i could go on but uh

348

00:12:49,030 --> 00:12:47,440

oh and she has an asteroid named after

349

00:12:50,629 --> 00:12:49,040

her but um

350

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

and currently she leads the planning

351

00:12:56,069 --> 00:12:52,320

effort for icy moons on the cassini

352

00:12:58,870 --> 00:12:56,079

mission but on the new horizons mission

353

00:13:01,350 --> 00:12:58,880

to pluto bonnie is um well she's a

354

00:13:03,590 --> 00:13:01,360

member of the geo geology of geophysics

355

00:13:04,550 --> 00:13:03,600

and imaging team but in particular she's

356

00:13:09,670 --> 00:13:04,560

the

357

00:13:12,629 --> 00:13:09,680

photometry means it's what we

358

00:13:15,190 --> 00:13:12,639

use to understand the nature of surfaces

359

00:13:15,829 --> 00:13:15,200

by the way they scatter light and that

360

00:13:19,829 --> 00:13:15,839

is

361

00:13:22,550 --> 00:13:19,839

so many places in the solar system and

362

00:13:23,750 --> 00:13:22,560

now she's going to get to do it at pluto

363

00:13:25,190 --> 00:13:23,760

finally

364

00:13:27,430 --> 00:13:25,200

on the far left

365

00:13:29,990 --> 00:13:27,440

we have fran bagenow franz a professor

366

00:13:32,389 --> 00:13:30,000

of astrophysical and planetary sciences

367

00:13:34,629 --> 00:13:32,399

at the university of colorado in boulder

368

00:13:37,509 --> 00:13:34,639

and

369

00:13:39,750 --> 00:13:37,519

at the time of new horizons

370

00:13:42,389 --> 00:13:39,760

at neptune triton here you can see a

371

00:13:45,509 --> 00:13:42,399

picture of fresh-faced friend at new

372

00:13:48,389 --> 00:13:45,519

horizons and um she did you void you i'm

373

00:13:49,829 --> 00:13:48,399

sorry we'll get to new horizons so many

374

00:13:51,670 --> 00:13:49,839

missions so little time

375

00:13:54,150 --> 00:13:51,680

at the time thank you at the time of

376

00:13:56,470 --> 00:13:54,160

voyager at neptune triton

377

00:13:57,990 --> 00:13:56,480

she had just started as a new faculty

378

00:13:59,269 --> 00:13:58,000

member at the university of colorado in

379

00:14:01,350 --> 00:13:59,279

fact she told me she was teaching her

380

00:14:04,710 --> 00:14:01,360

first class then

381

00:14:06,949 --> 00:14:04,720

um and she was working for voyager on

382

00:14:09,030 --> 00:14:06,959

plasma science that is looking at how

383

00:14:11,110 --> 00:14:09,040

the gas coming from the atmospheres of

384

00:14:13,509 --> 00:14:11,120

the satellites interacts with neptune's

385

00:14:16,230 --> 00:14:13,519

magnetic field and in fact on new

386

00:14:18,470 --> 00:14:16,240

horizons she will be leading the plasma

387

00:14:20,550 --> 00:14:18,480

and particles group and looking at the

388

00:14:23,670 --> 00:14:20,560

how how the solar wind interacts with

389

00:14:26,629 --> 00:14:23,680

pluto's escaping atmosphere so that's

390

00:14:28,069 --> 00:14:26,639

who they all are as scientists and now i

391

00:14:29,509 --> 00:14:28,079

like to uh

392

00:14:32,550 --> 00:14:29,519

have you get to know them as people a

393

00:14:35,189 --> 00:14:32,560

little bit as well so um

394

00:14:36,470 --> 00:14:35,199

i'm going to start off with um

395

00:14:37,990 --> 00:14:36,480

a question

396

00:14:40,310 --> 00:14:38,000

relating

397

00:14:41,910 --> 00:14:40,320

the experience of

398

00:14:43,670 --> 00:14:41,920

voyager with

399

00:14:46,550 --> 00:14:43,680

what we sort of expect for the

400

00:14:48,150 --> 00:14:46,560

experience of new horizons now

401
00:14:49,990 --> 00:14:48,160
in nasa with with all these different

402
00:14:53,269 --> 00:14:50,000
kinds of planetary missions that we've

403
00:14:54,949 --> 00:14:53,279
all been involved in since voyager

404
00:14:57,430 --> 00:14:54,959
uh there are a lot of different kinds of

405
00:15:00,629 --> 00:14:57,440
missions we do we do orbiters we do

406
00:15:02,949 --> 00:15:00,639
rovers we do entry probes but

407
00:15:05,430 --> 00:15:02,959
there's a particular

408
00:15:08,310 --> 00:15:05,440
experience to a flyby mission

409
00:15:10,069 --> 00:15:08,320
new horizons will be a flyby the first

410
00:15:12,790 --> 00:15:10,079
encounter with a new planet and it all

411
00:15:15,269 --> 00:15:12,800
happens pretty quickly you you can't

412
00:15:17,269 --> 00:15:15,279
stop you have like like uh in the wizard

413
00:15:18,629 --> 00:15:17,279

of oz as the wizard said dorothy i don't

414

00:15:20,550 --> 00:15:18,639

know how to stop it i've got to keep

415

00:15:21,750 --> 00:15:20,560

going so you only get

416

00:15:23,030 --> 00:15:21,760

or or

417

00:15:24,629 --> 00:15:23,040

sorry is

418

00:15:27,189 --> 00:15:24,639

as a great rapper once said you only get

419

00:15:29,269 --> 00:15:27,199

one shot so um so we have to do this

420

00:15:31,829 --> 00:15:29,279

this right and it all happens really

421

00:15:33,670 --> 00:15:31,839

quickly and what i want to ask you guys

422

00:15:36,230 --> 00:15:33,680

having been through it with voyager

423

00:15:37,350 --> 00:15:36,240

having been through repeated fly-bys

424

00:15:39,590 --> 00:15:37,360

um

425

00:15:41,829 --> 00:15:39,600

can you describe that experience what is

426

00:15:43,990 --> 00:15:41,839

it about a fly-by that's different from

427

00:15:46,870 --> 00:15:44,000

another kind of mission they expect not

428

00:15:49,110 --> 00:15:46,880

just scientifically but emotionally and

429

00:15:50,550 --> 00:15:49,120

and and how how does that how does it

430

00:15:52,069 --> 00:15:50,560

different tell us something about your

431

00:15:54,310 --> 00:15:52,079

experience with voyager and how that

432

00:15:55,829 --> 00:15:54,320

maybe prepares you for what we're

433

00:15:58,470 --> 00:15:55,839

expecting at new horizons john you want

434

00:16:00,470 --> 00:15:58,480

to start off um sure well as you say

435

00:16:01,749 --> 00:16:00,480

flybys are very intense

436

00:16:04,069 --> 00:16:01,759

um

437

00:16:05,509 --> 00:16:04,079

particularly when as often with flybys

438

00:16:07,110 --> 00:16:05,519

it's the first time you've been to that

439

00:16:08,389 --> 00:16:07,120

place and

440

00:16:10,550 --> 00:16:08,399

um

441

00:16:12,550 --> 00:16:10,560

you don't know what to expect you're

442

00:16:14,389 --> 00:16:12,560

trying to imagine but you can't possibly

443

00:16:17,189 --> 00:16:14,399

imagine what you're going to see and

444

00:16:20,230 --> 00:16:17,199

then it all happens so fast

445

00:16:23,749 --> 00:16:20,240

and you're just blown away and you're so

446

00:16:24,710 --> 00:16:23,759

dizzy for a long time afterwards um

447

00:16:29,829 --> 00:16:24,720

i

448

00:16:30,710 --> 00:16:29,839

neptune flyby

449

00:16:31,990 --> 00:16:30,720

being

450

00:16:33,590 --> 00:16:32,000

up at three o'clock in the morning and

451
00:16:34,949 --> 00:16:33,600
the pictures were coming down and every

452
00:16:38,389 --> 00:16:34,959
picture was just

453
00:16:40,550 --> 00:16:38,399
utterly unbelievable the level of detail

454
00:16:42,230 --> 00:16:40,560
we're seeing on on triton this world

455
00:16:45,110 --> 00:16:42,240
that we've had in our heads as just a

456
00:16:46,470 --> 00:16:45,120
point of light for a decade or more

457
00:16:49,509 --> 00:16:46,480
depending how long we've been thinking

458
00:16:52,710 --> 00:16:49,519
about it and

459
00:16:54,389 --> 00:16:52,720
suddenly it's this world and it's got

460
00:16:56,069 --> 00:16:54,399
an atmosphere you and we discovered the

461
00:16:57,829 --> 00:16:56,079
atmosphere that night just you could see

462
00:17:00,310 --> 00:16:57,839
these layers of haze off the

463
00:17:03,350 --> 00:17:00,320

off the edge of the disk we

464

00:17:05,029 --> 00:17:03,360

saw this completely bizarre um

465

00:17:06,789 --> 00:17:05,039

surface and i

466

00:17:07,990 --> 00:17:06,799

remember thinking this is like mars this

467

00:17:10,230 --> 00:17:08,000

is a world as

468

00:17:13,829 --> 00:17:10,240

complex as mars that we've been studying

469

00:17:15,990 --> 00:17:13,839

for decades and have gradually got into

470

00:17:17,510 --> 00:17:16,000

our head over this series of missions

471

00:17:18,949 --> 00:17:17,520

and we just get this one glimpse at it

472

00:17:19,909 --> 00:17:18,959

and it's gone

473

00:17:21,590 --> 00:17:19,919

and

474

00:17:23,429 --> 00:17:21,600

we're just going to spend the rest of

475

00:17:26,549 --> 00:17:23,439

our lives figuring out what that all

476

00:17:28,230 --> 00:17:26,559

means in that that one glimpse and

477

00:17:31,510 --> 00:17:28,240

um

478

00:17:35,350 --> 00:17:33,510

remember being

479

00:17:37,590 --> 00:17:35,360

uh

480

00:17:39,110 --> 00:17:37,600

yeah we were up all night and we crawled

481

00:17:40,549 --> 00:17:39,120

under a desk or something to get a

482

00:17:42,390 --> 00:17:40,559

couple of hours sleep and then going

483

00:17:43,350 --> 00:17:42,400

with you to a coffee shop in the morning

484

00:17:45,350 --> 00:17:43,360

and just

485

00:17:47,029 --> 00:17:45,360

so staring bleary-eyed at each other

486

00:17:48,789 --> 00:17:47,039

going oh wow

487

00:17:54,230 --> 00:17:48,799

that was intense

488

00:17:57,990 --> 00:17:55,669

that it's

489

00:18:00,070 --> 00:17:58,000

it's a once in a lifetime thing

490

00:18:01,430 --> 00:18:00,080

it's a once in the human lifetime thing

491

00:18:02,710 --> 00:18:01,440

that you get to do that for the first

492

00:18:04,549 --> 00:18:02,720

time and we're going to get to do that

493

00:18:06,230 --> 00:18:04,559

again at pluto and it's

494

00:18:07,750 --> 00:18:06,240

uh it's really been the first time since

495

00:18:09,830 --> 00:18:07,760

then we've had that kind of intense

496

00:18:13,029 --> 00:18:09,840

experience you know i'm going to beg to

497

00:18:14,470 --> 00:18:13,039

differ with you because i think that the

498

00:18:17,029 --> 00:18:14,480

people out there are going to have this

499

00:18:18,470 --> 00:18:17,039

experience again and again

500

00:18:20,470 --> 00:18:18,480

when we

501
00:18:21,190 --> 00:18:20,480
left neptune i remember this feeling

502
00:18:23,029 --> 00:18:21,200
that

503
00:18:25,190 --> 00:18:23,039
oh my golly we were so privileged

504
00:18:26,710 --> 00:18:25,200
privileged to be involved but the poor

505
00:18:29,750 --> 00:18:26,720
next generation they're not going to

506
00:18:31,350 --> 00:18:29,760
have this experience and i think we were

507
00:18:34,070 --> 00:18:31,360
completely wrong there i think that

508
00:18:35,750 --> 00:18:34,080
there will be not only pluto and the

509
00:18:37,909 --> 00:18:35,760
next kuiper belt whatever it is that we

510
00:18:39,990 --> 00:18:37,919
will fly by but there will be many more

511
00:18:41,430 --> 00:18:40,000
there's a whole world's out there i mean

512
00:18:43,990 --> 00:18:41,440
just think about the rosetta

513
00:18:45,909 --> 00:18:44,000

observations of that little um comet

514

00:18:47,990 --> 00:18:45,919

that it's just found you know the rubber

515

00:18:49,590 --> 00:18:48,000

ducky because i can't pronounce it it's

516

00:18:50,950 --> 00:18:49,600

a proper name

517

00:18:53,750 --> 00:18:50,960

there are going to be more and more and

518

00:18:55,990 --> 00:18:53,760

more of these i think we're wrong to say

519

00:18:59,430 --> 00:18:56,000

that we were special we were the only

520

00:19:01,430 --> 00:18:59,440

ones to have a flyby of a new object

521

00:19:03,350 --> 00:19:01,440

certainly discovery new discovery has

522

00:19:05,110 --> 00:19:03,360

been a continuous process through our

523

00:19:06,470 --> 00:19:05,120

lives i mean

524

00:19:07,669 --> 00:19:06,480

uh titan

525

00:19:09,350 --> 00:19:07,679

you know the huygens probe at titan

526

00:19:12,390 --> 00:19:09,360

there's been a lot of first yeah but a

527

00:19:15,029 --> 00:19:12,400

flyby is a kind of an unusual so you're

528

00:19:17,190 --> 00:19:15,039

absolutely right but i'm trying to uh

529

00:19:19,190 --> 00:19:17,200

also prepare people for the experience

530

00:19:21,350 --> 00:19:19,200

of this by like talking what's a flyby

531

00:19:22,710 --> 00:19:21,360

like so but i think i think we shouldn't

532

00:19:24,390 --> 00:19:22,720

oversell the fact that other people

533

00:19:26,070 --> 00:19:24,400

don't get to participate in amazing

534

00:19:28,230 --> 00:19:26,080

discoveries

535

00:19:30,789 --> 00:19:28,240

did bring up an important point about

536

00:19:33,190 --> 00:19:30,799

uh the expectation of what you might see

537

00:19:35,990 --> 00:19:33,200

i remember in the months before we

538

00:19:37,909 --> 00:19:36,000

approached triton there were like uh two

539

00:19:40,230 --> 00:19:37,919

different plan plan a and plan b for

540

00:19:42,390 --> 00:19:40,240

whether triton was the size of europa or

541

00:19:43,190 --> 00:19:42,400

triton was the size of

542

00:19:44,470 --> 00:19:43,200

of

543

00:19:45,990 --> 00:19:44,480

ganymede which is like one and a half

544

00:19:48,549 --> 00:19:46,000

times the size of europa so there was a

545

00:19:50,710 --> 00:19:48,559

big plan to mosaic a big moon a big a

546

00:19:52,549 --> 00:19:50,720

smaller plan to mosaic a small moon and

547

00:19:54,390 --> 00:19:52,559

there was a question whether

548

00:19:56,549 --> 00:19:54,400

triton would have an extremely dense

549

00:19:57,990 --> 00:19:56,559

atmosphere like titan that you couldn't

550

00:20:01,190 --> 00:19:58,000

see through or would it have a clear

551
00:20:03,510 --> 00:20:01,200
atmosphere there was a a popular theory

552
00:20:06,149 --> 00:20:03,520
at the time that titan a triton might

553
00:20:09,590 --> 00:20:06,159
have large seas of nitrogen on the

554
00:20:11,590 --> 00:20:09,600
surface um and so there were all these

555
00:20:12,630 --> 00:20:11,600
great expectations and and to some

556
00:20:14,470 --> 00:20:12,640
extent

557
00:20:15,990 --> 00:20:14,480
the the vast range of them simply

558
00:20:17,669 --> 00:20:16,000
shouldn't really know anything until we

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00:20:20,549 --> 00:20:17,679
got there and and the whole idea of

560
00:20:21,750 --> 00:20:20,559
picking the small uh target versus large

561
00:20:23,669 --> 00:20:21,760
target was something people only knew in

562
00:20:25,430 --> 00:20:23,679
the last week before the encounter and

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00:20:27,110 --> 00:20:25,440

the idea was going to be bright not dark

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00:20:29,190 --> 00:20:27,120

all these basic things were like

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00:20:31,909 --> 00:20:29,200

mysterious and the expectation and the

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00:20:34,710 --> 00:20:31,919

anticipation of it was was very intense

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00:20:36,230 --> 00:20:34,720

and so i i'm seeing and you can see in

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00:20:38,630 --> 00:20:36,240

in papers that you're being published

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00:20:41,270 --> 00:20:38,640

this year that same sort of intensity of

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00:20:42,789 --> 00:20:41,280

speculation and diversity of ideas of

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00:20:44,390 --> 00:20:42,799

what we might see

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00:20:46,630 --> 00:20:44,400

in the pluto system

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00:20:48,789 --> 00:20:46,640

i think in in many ways an encounter is

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00:20:50,070 --> 00:20:48,799

almost like giving birth because you

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00:20:53,350 --> 00:20:50,080

have you know in your mind first of all

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00:20:55,190 --> 00:20:53,360

you have no control over the time

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00:20:56,950 --> 00:20:55,200

it's going to come no matter what and

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00:20:59,270 --> 00:20:56,960

you know you go from just an idea in

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00:21:00,549 --> 00:20:59,280

your mind to a whole new person or a

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00:21:02,149 --> 00:21:00,559

whole new world

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00:21:04,549 --> 00:21:02,159

and you don't get a lot of sleep there's

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00:21:06,149 --> 00:21:04,559

that's also true yes and here's here's

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00:21:07,590 --> 00:21:06,159

actually a t-shirt from all three of my

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00:21:09,430 --> 00:21:07,600

children were born during the voyager

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00:21:11,110 --> 00:21:09,440

mission and here's a little shirt that i

586

00:21:11,990 --> 00:21:11,120

bought from my six-year-old then at the

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00:21:14,149 --> 00:21:12,000

time

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00:21:18,390 --> 00:21:14,159

from the encounter the neptune encounter

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00:21:19,830 --> 00:21:18,400

doesn't still fit no no he's grown

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00:21:21,510 --> 00:21:19,840

well um

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00:21:23,909 --> 00:21:21,520

let me move on to a question about the

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00:21:25,750 --> 00:21:23,919

um the change in technology since since

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00:21:26,950 --> 00:21:25,760

voyager and uh

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00:21:29,750 --> 00:21:26,960

how that maybe will change our

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00:21:32,870 --> 00:21:29,760

experience of a flyby um and

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00:21:34,789 --> 00:21:32,880

particularly the new horizons flyby um

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00:21:36,950 --> 00:21:34,799

of course we didn't have the world wide

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00:21:39,430 --> 00:21:36,960

web back then which is i know hard for

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00:21:41,590 --> 00:21:39,440

some of you folks to imagine but it's

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00:21:43,270 --> 00:21:41,600

it's true so every experience carries

601
00:21:45,110 --> 00:21:43,280
much more immediacy and that helps us

602
00:21:47,350 --> 00:21:45,120
get information out to the public for

603
00:21:50,070 --> 00:21:47,360
one thing really quickly and yet the new

604
00:21:53,430 --> 00:21:50,080
horizons spacecraft is so optimized for

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00:21:56,070 --> 00:21:53,440
size it actually has a relatively small

606
00:21:57,830 --> 00:21:56,080
antenna and therefore it takes a while

607
00:21:59,350 --> 00:21:57,840
for all the information to get back so

608
00:22:00,710 --> 00:21:59,360
there's a sense of more immediacy but

609
00:22:02,710 --> 00:22:00,720
also a sense where things are going to

610
00:22:04,710 --> 00:22:02,720
be more drawn out than voyager because

611
00:22:06,710 --> 00:22:04,720
of necessity and of you know just the

612
00:22:09,110 --> 00:22:06,720
efficiency of that spacecraft it will

613
00:22:10,870 --> 00:22:09,120

take longer there'll be a

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00:22:12,070 --> 00:22:10,880

there'll be months while information's

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00:22:13,750 --> 00:22:12,080

coming

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00:22:15,190 --> 00:22:13,760

that was used in the other previous

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00:22:17,909 --> 00:22:15,200

press conference like having a christmas

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00:22:19,190 --> 00:22:17,919

present um christmas present under the

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00:22:20,789 --> 00:22:19,200

tree will in fact we're going to have

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00:22:22,789 --> 00:22:20,799

christmas new christmas presents under

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00:22:24,390 --> 00:22:22,799

the tree for months after the encounter

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00:22:26,870 --> 00:22:24,400

uh some of the most important things

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00:22:28,950 --> 00:22:26,880

that we that will really change our view

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00:22:31,669 --> 00:22:28,960

of for instance the geology of

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00:22:33,590 --> 00:22:31,679

pluto we really won't have in hand until

626
00:22:35,510 --> 00:22:33,600
many months after the encounter like the

627
00:22:36,630 --> 00:22:35,520
six months after the encounter so it's

628
00:22:38,470 --> 00:22:36,640
going to be the gift that keeps on

629
00:22:40,070 --> 00:22:38,480
giving yeah well so that's that's my

630
00:22:41,830 --> 00:22:40,080
question you know given all this how do

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00:22:42,789 --> 00:22:41,840
you think the new horizons flyby will

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00:22:45,909 --> 00:22:42,799
differ

633
00:22:47,350 --> 00:22:45,919
from the neptune flyby and in terms of

634
00:22:49,430 --> 00:22:47,360
the both the experience of the team

635
00:22:51,029 --> 00:22:49,440
members and the experience of the public

636
00:22:52,470 --> 00:22:51,039
following along and jeff has already

637
00:22:54,870 --> 00:22:52,480
made the analogy of

638
00:22:57,110 --> 00:22:54,880

an extended series of christmas mornings

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00:22:59,990 --> 00:22:57,120

any any other thoughts about that um

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00:23:02,390 --> 00:23:00,000

well i remember at triton

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00:23:03,990 --> 00:23:02,400

we were frustrated in a way we we saw

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00:23:05,669 --> 00:23:04,000

these beautiful color images and you see

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00:23:07,590 --> 00:23:05,679

oh there's blue stuff over here and that

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00:23:10,950 --> 00:23:07,600

area is kind of orange and

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00:23:12,630 --> 00:23:10,960

it's beige down here and

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00:23:14,549 --> 00:23:12,640

we knew from

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00:23:16,390 --> 00:23:14,559

the observations taken from earth that

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00:23:19,190 --> 00:23:16,400

triton has this wonderful mix of

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00:23:22,549 --> 00:23:19,200

different frosts on the surface nitrogen

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00:23:23,909 --> 00:23:22,559

and methane and carbon dioxide and so on

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00:23:25,350 --> 00:23:23,919
and

652
00:23:26,789 --> 00:23:25,360
voyager took these beautiful color

653
00:23:28,470 --> 00:23:26,799
pictures but we didn't know which was

654
00:23:29,990 --> 00:23:28,480
the nitrogen which was the carbon

655
00:23:31,270 --> 00:23:30,000
dioxide

656
00:23:33,590 --> 00:23:31,280
because voyager did not have the

657
00:23:34,710 --> 00:23:33,600
instrumentation to allow us to determine

658
00:23:36,470 --> 00:23:34,720
those things

659
00:23:39,029 --> 00:23:36,480
um something we're very much looking

660
00:23:40,070 --> 00:23:39,039
forward to on new horizons is that we we

661
00:23:41,909 --> 00:23:40,080
have

662
00:23:44,630 --> 00:23:41,919
an infrared spectrometer that is going

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00:23:45,990 --> 00:23:44,640

to tell us in exquisite detail what all

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00:23:47,830 --> 00:23:46,000

those little bits of the surface which

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00:23:49,110 --> 00:23:47,840

we know even from those very blurry

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00:23:51,430 --> 00:23:49,120

hubble images

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00:23:53,029 --> 00:23:51,440

are very different from each other what

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00:23:54,310 --> 00:23:53,039

each of those little bits is made of and

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00:23:56,310 --> 00:23:54,320

that's going to

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00:23:57,990 --> 00:23:56,320

be a huge advancing over in our

671

00:23:59,190 --> 00:23:58,000

understanding of what we were able to do

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00:24:01,110 --> 00:23:59,200

at voyager

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00:24:02,950 --> 00:24:01,120

friend you haven't talked about changing

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00:24:04,390 --> 00:24:02,960

yeah i think the biggest change is

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00:24:06,549 --> 00:24:04,400

indeed the technology

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00:24:09,190 --> 00:24:06,559

and you know i hate to be one of those

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00:24:11,430 --> 00:24:09,200

old guys but um

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00:24:13,510 --> 00:24:11,440

back in jupiter we were using punch

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00:24:14,549 --> 00:24:13,520

cards and mag tapes you know and then by

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00:24:17,750 --> 00:24:14,559

the time

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00:24:20,549 --> 00:24:17,760

we got to uh neptune yes everything was

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00:24:23,029 --> 00:24:20,559

on those tv screens but those tv screens

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00:24:26,470 --> 00:24:23,039

were novel i mean that was amazing to be

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00:24:28,549 --> 00:24:26,480

able to analyze data on actual computers

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00:24:31,190 --> 00:24:28,559

that you could put you could fit in a

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00:24:34,230 --> 00:24:31,200

room let alone put it on your desk and

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00:24:37,750 --> 00:24:34,240

so big changes in technology just over

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00:24:40,230 --> 00:24:37,760

the time um from those 12 years from uh

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00:24:42,870 --> 00:24:40,240

jupiter through to neptune uh and of

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00:24:45,029 --> 00:24:42,880

course there wasn't a worldwide web

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00:24:46,710 --> 00:24:45,039

but everything was done with with very

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00:24:48,950 --> 00:24:46,720

primitive technology

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00:24:50,549 --> 00:24:48,960

and i was just amazed though that when

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00:24:53,830 --> 00:24:50,559

we went to the press conference at the

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00:24:55,990 --> 00:24:53,840

end of the voyager neptune uh encounter

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00:24:58,789 --> 00:24:56,000

there was this fantastic movie that was

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00:25:01,350 --> 00:24:58,799

shown flying over triton and you can go

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00:25:04,149 --> 00:25:01,360

to youtube you can see it uh the flight

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00:25:06,710 --> 00:25:04,159

over triton is amazing and i was just

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00:25:08,870 --> 00:25:06,720

totally blown away that that nasa could

701
00:25:11,430 --> 00:25:08,880
put together the people that jpl could

702
00:25:13,350 --> 00:25:11,440
put together in a few days this flight

703
00:25:15,510 --> 00:25:13,360
from a few images and it was really that

704
00:25:17,269 --> 00:25:15,520
was mind-blowing

705
00:25:19,750 --> 00:25:17,279
yeah now we expect that kind of thing

706
00:25:22,149 --> 00:25:19,760
now we expect it we kill ourselves

707
00:25:24,070 --> 00:25:22,159
yes exactly yeah but i think that this

708
00:25:27,510 --> 00:25:24,080
issue can do it on their computer right

709
00:25:31,590 --> 00:25:29,190
and that what happened though was that

710
00:25:33,029 --> 00:25:31,600
came out over three or four days i think

711
00:25:34,950 --> 00:25:33,039
that this is going to be very different

712
00:25:37,029 --> 00:25:34,960
for new horizons the time delay that

713
00:25:39,110 --> 00:25:37,039

we're talking about here data coming in

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00:25:40,710 --> 00:25:39,120

bit by bit over months and months is

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00:25:43,029 --> 00:25:40,720

very different but i think the point

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00:25:45,350 --> 00:25:43,039

that alan made that these data will be

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00:25:47,110 --> 00:25:45,360

made available to the public immediately

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00:25:48,789 --> 00:25:47,120

is very very different very very

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00:25:51,190 --> 00:25:48,799

different you know we were a bit of an

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00:25:54,149 --> 00:25:51,200

elitist small crew in the old days of

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00:25:56,149 --> 00:25:54,159

voyager whereas i think new horizons is

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00:25:58,070 --> 00:25:56,159

much more inclusive in bringing people

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00:25:59,669 --> 00:25:58,080

in and allowing them to play with the

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00:26:01,669 --> 00:25:59,679

data and see what they see there and

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00:26:03,510 --> 00:26:01,679

interpret it and understand it so both

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00:26:05,110 --> 00:26:03,520

the attitudes and the technology have

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00:26:07,430 --> 00:26:05,120

changed in terms of transparency and

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00:26:09,190 --> 00:26:07,440

immediacy absolutely yeah that's right

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00:26:11,510 --> 00:26:09,200

yeah i mean the data belong to everybody

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00:26:14,630 --> 00:26:11,520

it's everybody's data yep you paid for

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00:26:17,029 --> 00:26:14,640

it you get to play too

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00:26:19,669 --> 00:26:17,039

all right well this is uh now i want to

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00:26:21,669 --> 00:26:19,679

talk about sort of scientific careers

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00:26:24,470 --> 00:26:21,679

and how reflecting over this time

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00:26:25,990 --> 00:26:24,480

interval since voyager um you know what

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00:26:27,350 --> 00:26:26,000

thoughts that brings up we we all

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00:26:29,909 --> 00:26:27,360

participated in voyager as young

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00:26:31,750 --> 00:26:29,919

scientists just starting our careers and

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00:26:33,990 --> 00:26:31,760

and assisting and watching the senior

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00:26:35,510 --> 00:26:34,000

scientists on on the mission and

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00:26:36,789 --> 00:26:35,520

i just remember thinking those senior

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00:26:38,789 --> 00:26:36,799

scientists were

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00:26:40,950 --> 00:26:38,799

you know i was in awe of them they

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00:26:42,710 --> 00:26:40,960

seemed like they knew everything

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00:26:44,549 --> 00:26:42,720

and now we're seeing your scientists and

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00:26:45,830 --> 00:26:44,559

and we don't know everything so

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00:26:47,110 --> 00:26:45,840

well they were smarter than we well

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00:26:48,950 --> 00:26:47,120

that's what i'm asking has scientists

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00:26:50,549 --> 00:26:48,960

gotten dumber or were they faking it no

750

00:26:52,070 --> 00:26:50,559

or but

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00:26:53,830 --> 00:26:52,080

no

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00:26:55,750 --> 00:26:53,840

part of the poignancy of the neptune

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00:26:57,510 --> 00:26:55,760

encounter was a sense that that not only

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00:27:00,070 --> 00:26:57,520

had voyager finally come to the end of

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00:27:02,470 --> 00:27:00,080

its amazing run but not knowing if we

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00:27:04,310 --> 00:27:02,480

would ever in our lifetimes again send a

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00:27:06,549 --> 00:27:04,320

spaceship that far out into the outer

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00:27:08,630 --> 00:27:06,559

solar system and yet here we are 25

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00:27:10,549 --> 00:27:08,640

years later and we're reaching another

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00:27:13,830 --> 00:27:10,559

new world even farther out than than

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00:27:15,190 --> 00:27:13,840

voyager did so at that time

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00:27:17,269 --> 00:27:15,200

would you have ever predicted that in

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00:27:19,190 --> 00:27:17,279

your lifetime you not only helped to see

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00:27:21,909 --> 00:27:19,200

but helped to manifest the pluto mission

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00:27:23,350 --> 00:27:21,919

and and and how does that um you know

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00:27:25,029 --> 00:27:23,360

when you think now of those senior

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00:27:27,430 --> 00:27:25,039

scientists and yourself

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00:27:28,870 --> 00:27:27,440

in the role that you're playing um

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00:27:31,510 --> 00:27:28,880

how do how does that happen how do you

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00:27:32,789 --> 00:27:31,520

how do you become how do you go someone

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00:27:34,149 --> 00:27:32,799

who's being

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00:27:36,149 --> 00:27:34,159

to somebody who's mentoring young

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00:27:36,950 --> 00:27:36,159

scientists

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00:27:38,710 --> 00:27:36,960

um

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00:27:40,470 --> 00:27:38,720

anybody

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00:27:42,630 --> 00:27:40,480

i know i still think that those guys are

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00:27:44,950 --> 00:27:42,640

the gods and we're still really just the

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00:27:46,710 --> 00:27:44,960

the kids and the fact we're actually as

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00:27:48,950 --> 00:27:46,720

old as they were then is something that

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00:27:50,710 --> 00:27:48,960

i haven't really internalized so boring

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00:27:52,549 --> 00:27:50,720

i think i think one thing that i really

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00:27:54,149 --> 00:27:52,559

learned from the encounter was i think

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00:27:55,590 --> 00:27:54,159

this gets back to your question you know

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00:27:58,710 --> 00:27:55,600

didn't they know everything no

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00:28:00,149 --> 00:27:58,720

scientists don't agree on stuff and you

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00:28:01,990 --> 00:28:00,159

know this is in fact what propels

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00:28:03,830 --> 00:28:02,000

science it's because we disagree and we

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00:28:06,230 --> 00:28:03,840

have different theories that that

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00:28:07,909 --> 00:28:06,240

propels more data to be collected and

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00:28:10,070 --> 00:28:07,919

for us to finally get it the truth or

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00:28:11,110 --> 00:28:10,080

the truth of the moment and this is what

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00:28:13,190 --> 00:28:11,120

i really learned there were

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00:28:15,510 --> 00:28:13,200

disagreements on the teams and there

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00:28:17,430 --> 00:28:15,520

were some you know friendly fighting and

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00:28:19,190 --> 00:28:17,440

you know that just you know it

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00:28:21,029 --> 00:28:19,200

encouraged people to learn more and do

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00:28:23,669 --> 00:28:21,039

more that's what i think i learned from

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00:28:26,149 --> 00:28:23,679

the encounter

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00:28:28,950 --> 00:28:26,159

we were actually starting to work on

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00:28:31,190 --> 00:28:28,960

pluto mission about the time

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00:28:33,190 --> 00:28:31,200

there was a scientific conference uh

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00:28:34,149 --> 00:28:33,200

that we had in the the summer of that

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00:28:36,789 --> 00:28:34,159

year

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00:28:39,190 --> 00:28:36,799

where there was a uh presentation on on

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00:28:41,190 --> 00:28:39,200

uh presentations on pluto we're starting

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00:28:43,029 --> 00:28:41,200

to work on that alan stern was

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00:28:45,590 --> 00:28:43,039

recruiting and galvanizing a group of

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00:28:47,909 --> 00:28:45,600

people to work on on pluto and so we

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00:28:49,510 --> 00:28:47,919

were starting to think i actually

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00:28:52,149 --> 00:28:49,520

remember thinking

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00:28:55,029 --> 00:28:52,159

ah voyage is over now what do we do this

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00:28:56,870 --> 00:28:55,039

is about the end of it isn't it

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00:28:58,630 --> 00:28:56,880

about to give up and we didn't think

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00:29:01,029 --> 00:28:58,640

that there would be more more missions i

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00:29:03,909 --> 00:29:01,039

mean there was galileo and as sort of

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00:29:05,350 --> 00:29:03,919

smell of cassini on the horizons but the

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00:29:07,750 --> 00:29:05,360

idea that we would have multiple

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00:29:09,830 --> 00:29:07,760

missions and keep going was very hard

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00:29:13,350 --> 00:29:09,840

i i think that really what we have to

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00:29:15,350 --> 00:29:13,360

think about now is that um we have to

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00:29:17,990 --> 00:29:15,360

take on those roles of trying to get the

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00:29:21,110 --> 00:29:18,000

next missions going the missions to go

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00:29:23,590 --> 00:29:21,120

back to tri titan the mission to go to

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00:29:25,669 --> 00:29:23,600

europa the missions to go back to venus

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00:29:27,669 --> 00:29:25,679

your planet i'd love to go back it

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00:29:29,750 --> 00:29:27,679

doesn't have a magnetic field but let's

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00:29:31,750 --> 00:29:29,760

go back to venus and things like that

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00:29:34,149 --> 00:29:31,760

many places uranus and neptune let's go

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00:29:37,190 --> 00:29:34,159

back there um there are plenty of places

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00:29:38,870 --> 00:29:37,200

and i think our job now is to try and

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00:29:41,190 --> 00:29:38,880

get those missions going and off the

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00:29:42,789 --> 00:29:41,200

ground so that the next generation can

833

00:29:45,269 --> 00:29:42,799

take over and be

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00:29:47,350 --> 00:29:45,279

there doing the work down the road 25

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00:29:48,950 --> 00:29:47,360

years from now talk about mentoring

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00:29:50,789 --> 00:29:48,960

mentoring seems to be something that

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00:29:54,149 --> 00:29:50,799

comes

838

00:29:56,710 --> 00:29:54,159

at least gradually if not naturally

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00:29:58,630 --> 00:29:56,720

because it takes so long has taken so

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00:30:00,870 --> 00:29:58,640

long from the last major encounter 25

841

00:30:02,070 --> 00:30:00,880

years ago to now that as we pass through

842

00:30:03,669 --> 00:30:02,080

our careers

843

00:30:04,950 --> 00:30:03,679

you know we reach a point where we begin

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00:30:06,470 --> 00:30:04,960

to take on graduate students and

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00:30:09,430 --> 00:30:06,480

post-docs

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00:30:13,029 --> 00:30:09,440

we begin to show them the ropes and

847

00:30:15,350 --> 00:30:13,039

exchange ideas and form intellectual uh

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00:30:16,870 --> 00:30:15,360

salons that we keep with each other

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00:30:18,310 --> 00:30:16,880

and we develop a rapport not only

850

00:30:20,549 --> 00:30:18,320

amongst ourselves but amongst the

851
00:30:22,630 --> 00:30:20,559
younger generation and they have great

852
00:30:24,789 --> 00:30:22,640
ideas we bounce ideas off of each other

853
00:30:26,710 --> 00:30:24,799
and so it seems almost naturally

854
00:30:28,470 --> 00:30:26,720
especially if it takes 25 years from one

855
00:30:32,149 --> 00:30:28,480
major encounter to the next that you

856
00:30:37,350 --> 00:30:34,389
acquired a relationship with the younger

857
00:30:39,029 --> 00:30:37,360
generation and it's easy to say hey

858
00:30:40,950 --> 00:30:39,039
let's get these guys involved let's

859
00:30:42,389 --> 00:30:40,960
don't let's ask them to work on this you

860
00:30:43,990 --> 00:30:42,399
know they have lots of great ideas

861
00:30:45,669 --> 00:30:44,000
they're full of energy you know let's

862
00:30:46,950 --> 00:30:45,679
let's you know bring everybody on board

863
00:30:48,870 --> 00:30:46,960

it didn't seem like you had to put a lot

864

00:30:51,510 --> 00:30:48,880

of deep thought on how you're going to

865

00:30:53,430 --> 00:30:51,520

do it it just came naturally i mean one

866

00:30:54,710 --> 00:30:53,440

striking thing is that a fair number of

867

00:30:57,909 --> 00:30:54,720

those people that were the senior

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00:30:59,990 --> 00:30:57,919

scientists at voyager neptune are still

869

00:31:01,830 --> 00:31:00,000

involved and still some of the key

870

00:31:03,190 --> 00:31:01,840

people working in our field so i don't

871

00:31:05,669 --> 00:31:03,200

know what that means maybe it's good for

872

00:31:07,430 --> 00:31:05,679

your health planetary encounters or it's

873

00:31:10,310 --> 00:31:07,440

just good good to be engaged in a

874

00:31:11,990 --> 00:31:10,320

long-term endeavor um i've got a

875

00:31:13,430 --> 00:31:12,000

question that maybe bonnie you'd take a

876

00:31:15,830 --> 00:31:13,440

first crack at and then anybody else

877

00:31:17,990 --> 00:31:15,840

could chime in wha what was the biggest

878

00:31:21,110 --> 00:31:18,000

surprise for you about voyager at

879

00:31:23,110 --> 00:31:21,120

neptune and at triton and um what would

880

00:31:24,630 --> 00:31:23,120

surprise you the most about the pluto

881

00:31:27,029 --> 00:31:24,640

system okay i would say the biggest

882

00:31:29,590 --> 00:31:27,039

surprise at neptune was the plumes on

883

00:31:32,389 --> 00:31:29,600

triton here is this

884

00:31:35,350 --> 00:31:32,399

really you know very cold so cold that

885

00:31:38,070 --> 00:31:35,360

it's about minus 400 degrees 400 degrees

886

00:31:40,070 --> 00:31:38,080

fahrenheit i mean it gets about one

887

00:31:42,710 --> 00:31:40,080

tenth of one percent of the radiation

888

00:31:45,110 --> 00:31:42,720

that the earth gets solar radiation and

889

00:31:47,990 --> 00:31:45,120

here when we approached we saw these

890

00:31:50,310 --> 00:31:48,000

polar caps that were sublimating away

891

00:31:52,230 --> 00:31:50,320

disappearing and these plumes were

892

00:31:54,710 --> 00:31:52,240

spouting out this dark material that was

893

00:31:56,789 --> 00:31:54,720

totally unexpected nobody predicted this

894

00:31:58,950 --> 00:31:56,799

and this is what i would be surprised at

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00:32:01,190 --> 00:31:58,960

pluto if we didn't see something like

896

00:32:03,269 --> 00:32:01,200

that because we have been watching pluto

897

00:32:04,870 --> 00:32:03,279

as a little pinpoint of light in the sky

898

00:32:07,430 --> 00:32:04,880

that we see from the telescope we've

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00:32:09,350 --> 00:32:07,440

been looking at that for really decades

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00:32:11,909 --> 00:32:09,360

now and it looks like there's

901
00:32:14,149 --> 00:32:11,919
the frost patterns are changing and i

902
00:32:15,990 --> 00:32:14,159
think the polar caps are sublimating

903
00:32:17,830 --> 00:32:16,000
away and we're going to see plumes i

904
00:32:20,870 --> 00:32:17,840
think i'd be surprised if we did not see

905
00:32:23,750 --> 00:32:20,880
the same types of plumes on pluto that

906
00:32:25,909 --> 00:32:23,760
we saw on triton

907
00:32:27,590 --> 00:32:25,919
i like that i hope you're right i think

908
00:32:29,750 --> 00:32:27,600
so too

909
00:32:32,630 --> 00:32:29,760
anybody else surprises from neptune

910
00:32:35,029 --> 00:32:32,640
triton and what would surprise you at

911
00:32:37,110 --> 00:32:35,039
pluto the most surprising thing to me

912
00:32:40,310 --> 00:32:37,120
was the so-called cantaloupe terrain it

913
00:32:42,070 --> 00:32:40,320

was a whole region of triton which

914

00:32:44,230 --> 00:32:42,080

looked like nothing we'd ever seen

915

00:32:45,590 --> 00:32:44,240

anyplace else in the solar system and we

916

00:32:47,509 --> 00:32:45,600

had just come off ten years of

917

00:32:50,310 --> 00:32:47,519

exploration of the outer solar system

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00:32:51,990 --> 00:32:50,320

and its uh and its satellites with uh

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00:32:53,430 --> 00:32:52,000

voyagers one and two and so we thought

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00:32:55,110 --> 00:32:53,440

we'd seen at least a little bit of

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00:32:56,870 --> 00:32:55,120

everything no we hadn't really was

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00:32:58,950 --> 00:32:56,880

something and now for something

923

00:33:00,389 --> 00:32:58,960

completely different cantaloupe terrain

924

00:33:02,710 --> 00:33:00,399

and i guess the one thing i would be

925

00:33:07,350 --> 00:33:02,720

truly surprised if we got to pluto was

926
00:33:13,590 --> 00:33:09,269
well i'll be truly surprised if we see

927
00:33:17,830 --> 00:33:16,950
really setting the bar there friend

928
00:33:19,990 --> 00:33:17,840
well

929
00:33:22,070 --> 00:33:20,000
speaking of the dangerous art of

930
00:33:24,870 --> 00:33:22,080
prediction

931
00:33:26,710 --> 00:33:24,880
i think it's clear that really nobody is

932
00:33:28,630 --> 00:33:26,720
any good at predicting the future i mean

933
00:33:30,870 --> 00:33:28,640
you think of the movie 2001 as space

934
00:33:32,470 --> 00:33:30,880
odyssey it was 33 years from the making

935
00:33:35,509 --> 00:33:32,480
of that movie until

936
00:33:36,310 --> 00:33:35,519
the year 2001 and look how far off the

937
00:33:38,470 --> 00:33:36,320
mark

938
00:33:40,230 --> 00:33:38,480

that future was i mean it's not even

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00:33:43,750 --> 00:33:40,240

here yet right

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00:33:45,590 --> 00:33:43,760

here we have 2014. um so um but i want

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00:33:47,909 --> 00:33:45,600

to take i want you all to take a stab at

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00:33:51,350 --> 00:33:47,919

anyways or anybody who any among you who

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00:33:53,430 --> 00:33:51,360

dare in another 25 years from now

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00:33:56,070 --> 00:33:53,440

what will we be doing in the solar

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00:33:58,070 --> 00:33:56,080

system um and of course we'll all gather

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00:34:02,070 --> 00:33:58,080

here together in this room and watch

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00:34:08,069 --> 00:34:05,190

any thoughts 25 years from now i

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00:34:10,389 --> 00:34:08,079

i want to go back to triton damn it

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00:34:12,470 --> 00:34:10,399

yes oh i'm sorry yes titan or triton

950

00:34:14,710 --> 00:34:12,480

that's right try try this yes

951
00:34:16,869 --> 00:34:14,720
um i want that glimpse that wonderful

952
00:34:18,950 --> 00:34:16,879
glimpse we got 25 years ago not to be

953
00:34:20,869 --> 00:34:18,960
the last we see of triton in

954
00:34:22,869 --> 00:34:20,879
in our lifetimes i

955
00:34:25,829 --> 00:34:22,879
uh

956
00:34:29,030 --> 00:34:25,839
i i have this emotional connection to to

957
00:34:32,230 --> 00:34:30,869
it's a beautiful planet it looks kind of

958
00:34:35,909 --> 00:34:32,240
like the earth it's blue with white

959
00:34:37,909 --> 00:34:35,919
clouds um it's an incredibly rich system

960
00:34:40,470 --> 00:34:37,919
with uh

961
00:34:42,550 --> 00:34:40,480
all these amazing phenomena on on triton

962
00:34:44,710 --> 00:34:42,560
that we didn't get to

963
00:34:46,790 --> 00:34:44,720

uh really understand with

964

00:34:49,430 --> 00:34:46,800

even the amazing discoveries of voyager

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00:34:51,109 --> 00:34:49,440

and so i'm

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00:34:53,430 --> 00:34:51,119

i don't know if we'll get back in 25

967

00:34:55,510 --> 00:34:53,440

years but i'm hoping we get back there

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00:34:57,270 --> 00:34:55,520

someday um

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00:34:59,109 --> 00:34:57,280

but there's just so many

970

00:35:01,430 --> 00:34:59,119

uh amazing places in the outer solar

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00:35:02,950 --> 00:35:01,440

system that we can explore and

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00:35:04,150 --> 00:35:02,960

it's hard getting to the outer solar

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00:35:06,950 --> 00:35:04,160

system it takes

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00:35:09,109 --> 00:35:06,960

a lot of time as we've seen here it

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00:35:11,190 --> 00:35:09,119

takes a lot of technology but we can do

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00:35:12,630 --> 00:35:11,200

this and i really

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00:35:13,990 --> 00:35:12,640

hope that we're going to go back and

978

00:35:16,390 --> 00:35:14,000

follow up on some of the amazing

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00:35:18,150 --> 00:35:16,400

discoveries that we've made okay john's

980

00:35:19,430 --> 00:35:18,160

predicting a neptune orbiter you all

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00:35:20,550 --> 00:35:19,440

heard it here

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00:35:22,470 --> 00:35:20,560

jeff

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00:35:24,710 --> 00:35:22,480

well of course i'm very excited about

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00:35:26,630 --> 00:35:24,720

the possibility that we'll be soon going

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00:35:30,310 --> 00:35:26,640

uh back to europa and understanding

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00:35:32,630 --> 00:35:30,320

europa which is amazing uh ice world

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00:35:35,990 --> 00:35:32,640

it's a basically a global ocean that has

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00:35:38,310 --> 00:35:36,000

about 10 or 15 miles of a global ice

989

00:35:39,430 --> 00:35:38,320

pack over maybe a 50 or 60 miles deep

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00:35:40,710 --> 00:35:39,440

ocean

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00:35:42,310 --> 00:35:40,720

it's probably

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00:35:44,390 --> 00:35:42,320

one of the best candidates about the

993

00:35:46,470 --> 00:35:44,400

best canada in the solar system for

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00:35:47,670 --> 00:35:46,480

extent life if it's any place other than

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00:35:49,829 --> 00:35:47,680

on the earth

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00:35:51,829 --> 00:35:49,839

and i think the opportunity to learn

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00:35:53,829 --> 00:35:51,839

about the its surface has to be you know

998

00:35:55,349 --> 00:35:53,839

something i'm looking forward to and i

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00:35:56,790 --> 00:35:55,359

think many people i feel are looking

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00:35:58,790 --> 00:35:56,800

forward to then after that i'd love to

1001

00:36:00,069 --> 00:35:58,800

see titan again titanium is such an

1002

00:36:01,670 --> 00:36:00,079

amazing world and you know you really

1003

00:36:03,829 --> 00:36:01,680

want it's so earth-like on its surface

1004

00:36:05,510 --> 00:36:03,839

as far as the geological processes which

1005

00:36:07,430 --> 00:36:05,520

operate there you really want to go back

1006

00:36:09,829 --> 00:36:07,440

and and study it and much more to tell

1007

00:36:11,910 --> 00:36:09,839

them we've been able to do with cassini

1008

00:36:13,349 --> 00:36:11,920

thank you any other thoughts about 25

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00:36:15,829 --> 00:36:13,359

years from now well i think we have to

1010

00:36:17,349 --> 00:36:15,839

focus on habitable zones areas where

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00:36:19,190 --> 00:36:17,359

life could potentially exist so that's

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00:36:22,150 --> 00:36:19,200

obviously mars that's obvious but

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00:36:23,829 --> 00:36:22,160

there's enceladus europa and titan and i

1014

00:36:25,910 --> 00:36:23,839

think in many respects i agree with jeff

1015

00:36:27,190 --> 00:36:25,920

that titan is really you know the most

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00:36:29,349 --> 00:36:27,200

earth-like it's the only place where

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00:36:31,910 --> 00:36:29,359

there's currently standing liquid there

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00:36:34,950 --> 00:36:31,920

are all sorts of you know uh drainage

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00:36:37,510 --> 00:36:34,960

patterns and clouds and seasons it looks

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00:36:39,510 --> 00:36:37,520

very seas of liquid methane exactly so

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00:36:40,550 --> 00:36:39,520

bigger than the great lakes yeah it

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00:36:41,829 --> 00:36:40,560

would be a great place to go aren't

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00:36:44,230 --> 00:36:41,839

there models of

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00:36:45,750 --> 00:36:44,240

pluto that have had a liquid interior

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00:36:47,430 --> 00:36:45,760

correct yes you have liquid interior but

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00:36:49,109 --> 00:36:47,440
probably many of the ice swirls that are

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00:36:52,470 --> 00:36:49,119
at least the size of the earth's moon or

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00:36:54,790 --> 00:36:52,480
larger probably even today have a liquid

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00:36:57,109 --> 00:36:54,800
layer someplace deep inside

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00:37:00,150 --> 00:36:57,119
the planet even the so-called boring

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00:37:02,870 --> 00:37:00,160
moon callisto which is a huge moon the

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00:37:05,349 --> 00:37:02,880
size of the planet mercury that orbits

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00:37:08,230 --> 00:37:05,359
uh jupiter apparently has a small liquid

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00:37:10,150 --> 00:37:08,240
layer so liquid layers alone are not

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00:37:11,829 --> 00:37:10,160
that uncommon so i'm the only one who's

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00:37:14,069 --> 00:37:11,839
going to advocate for life on pluto

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00:37:15,990 --> 00:37:14,079
friend go ahead no i'm not yes you are

1038
00:37:19,670 --> 00:37:16,000

the only one i'm going to advocate for

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00:37:21,109 --> 00:37:19,680

um i want to push your planet venus

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00:37:22,790 --> 00:37:21,119

i'm not interested in venus because it

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00:37:24,069 --> 00:37:22,800

doesn't have a magnetic field i study

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00:37:26,470 --> 00:37:24,079

magnetic fields

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00:37:28,390 --> 00:37:26,480

but personally i actually think i would

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00:37:30,150 --> 00:37:28,400

like to go back to our sister planet

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00:37:31,109 --> 00:37:30,160

it's our nearest neighbor it's the one

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00:37:33,109 --> 00:37:31,119

that is

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00:37:34,790 --> 00:37:33,119

boy it has a different atmosphere

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00:37:36,230 --> 00:37:34,800

totally different atmosphere and if we

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00:37:38,230 --> 00:37:36,240

want to study atmospheres and

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00:37:40,550 --> 00:37:38,240

atmospheric change which i think here on

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00:37:42,790 --> 00:37:40,560
earth we do want to know and understand

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00:37:45,109 --> 00:37:42,800
venus is one of the places we should go

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00:37:47,430 --> 00:37:45,119
huge technological challenge very very

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00:37:49,910 --> 00:37:47,440
difficult we'll need those rtgs to go

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00:37:52,550 --> 00:37:49,920
there to cool down the spacecraft so we

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00:37:54,550 --> 00:37:52,560
can get into this very hot place um

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00:37:56,790 --> 00:37:54,560
let's go to our sister planet as well

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00:37:58,150 --> 00:37:56,800
these are all very exciting places of

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00:37:59,430 --> 00:37:58,160
course i'd love to go to these places

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00:38:00,870 --> 00:37:59,440
it's place the size of the earth that

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00:38:02,870 --> 00:38:00,880
has a completely radically different

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00:38:05,430 --> 00:38:02,880
geology which we really don't understand

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00:38:08,470 --> 00:38:05,440

very well well you're not going to hear

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00:38:09,750 --> 00:38:08,480

me argue with that at all um clearly

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00:38:10,950 --> 00:38:09,760

there are a lot of there's a lot of

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00:38:12,550 --> 00:38:10,960

exploring left to do we're just

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00:38:14,310 --> 00:38:12,560

scratching the surface of the solar

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00:38:16,150 --> 00:38:14,320

system i haven't heard anybody abdicate

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00:38:18,150 --> 00:38:16,160

yet for uh amongst at least this

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00:38:19,910 --> 00:38:18,160

afternoon for for for the next pluto

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00:38:22,230 --> 00:38:19,920

mission after new horizons but i guess i

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00:38:24,390 --> 00:38:22,240

would point out that before

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00:38:25,670 --> 00:38:24,400

net before voyager at triton you

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00:38:28,230 --> 00:38:25,680

wouldn't have thought about the next

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00:38:29,589 --> 00:38:28,240

mission to triton it's once you discover

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00:38:31,190 --> 00:38:29,599

what these places are like that you

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00:38:33,829 --> 00:38:31,200

start thinking about the next step and

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00:38:36,630 --> 00:38:33,839

so uh we'll we'll wait and see what

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00:38:39,030 --> 00:38:36,640

pluto has in store for us we could keep

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00:38:40,390 --> 00:38:39,040

talking amongst ourselves uh for for

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00:38:41,990 --> 00:38:40,400

hours i can tell we're just getting

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00:38:44,069 --> 00:38:42,000

going with the stories but i feel like

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00:38:45,589 --> 00:38:44,079

we ought to involve also the audience

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00:38:47,670 --> 00:38:45,599

both here in the room and on social

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00:38:49,670 --> 00:38:47,680

media in the conversation so what i'd

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00:38:52,069 --> 00:38:49,680

like to do now is to turn it back over

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00:38:55,030 --> 00:38:52,079

to duane and he'll moderate the the q

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00:38:57,270 --> 00:38:55,040

and a portion of this thank you david

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00:38:58,630 --> 00:38:57,280

okay yeah um we're going to start with

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00:39:00,790 --> 00:38:58,640

social media

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00:39:02,710 --> 00:39:00,800

in the audience i see a lot of new faces

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00:39:04,630 --> 00:39:02,720

and so i'm going to open it up to the

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00:39:08,550 --> 00:39:04,640

floor to anyone

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00:39:10,950 --> 00:39:08,560

visiting us or involved in science or

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00:39:13,430 --> 00:39:10,960

in the schools that are here

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00:39:15,190 --> 00:39:13,440

even the nasa employees feel free to

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00:39:16,470 --> 00:39:15,200

wait for the mic and ask your question

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00:39:18,550 --> 00:39:16,480

but we're going to go to social media

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00:39:20,230 --> 00:39:18,560

and jd harrington you've got the con

1100

00:39:21,910 --> 00:39:20,240

here sir what's going on in the twitter

1101
00:39:24,230 --> 00:39:21,920
world

1102
00:39:25,430 --> 00:39:24,240
yes we do have a few questions the first

1103
00:39:27,510 --> 00:39:25,440
one is

1104
00:39:28,550 --> 00:39:27,520
how will the new horizons pictures of

1105
00:39:31,190 --> 00:39:28,560
pluto

1106
00:39:35,270 --> 00:39:31,200
compared to the voyager 2 flyby pictures

1107
00:39:39,430 --> 00:39:37,190
john but either one of you guys

1108
00:39:41,589 --> 00:39:39,440
it's uh there'll be an over an order of

1109
00:39:44,630 --> 00:39:41,599
magnitude better there'll be more than

1110
00:39:48,470 --> 00:39:44,640
10 times better than the best pictures

1111
00:39:52,310 --> 00:39:48,480
of triton taken by voyager 2.

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00:39:53,109 --> 00:39:52,320
i i think one measure of that is

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00:39:58,670 --> 00:39:53,119

the

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00:40:01,910 --> 00:39:58,680

camera on voyager was about

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00:40:03,990 --> 00:40:01,920

0.6.7 megapixels in modern digital

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00:40:05,430 --> 00:40:04,000

camera technology and it took these

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00:40:07,750 --> 00:40:05,440

fabulous pictures

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00:40:11,990 --> 00:40:07,760

we have the equivalent of a 25 megapixel

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00:40:13,430 --> 00:40:12,000

color camera on new horizons and so

1120

00:40:14,710 --> 00:40:13,440

that gives you an idea of the level of

1121

00:40:16,470 --> 00:40:14,720

detail we're going to see in these

1122

00:40:20,150 --> 00:40:16,480

pictures it's it's going to be amazing

1123

00:40:24,790 --> 00:40:22,630

excellent something to look forward to

1124

00:40:26,790 --> 00:40:24,800

our next question says

1125

00:40:31,990 --> 00:40:26,800

uh will new horizons be able to gather

1126

00:40:37,829 --> 00:40:33,910

good job yeah um

1127

00:40:39,589 --> 00:40:37,839

indeed we uh we discovered uh the two

1128

00:40:41,750 --> 00:40:39,599

moons nixon hydra just about at launch

1129

00:40:44,069 --> 00:40:41,760

so we've had plenty of time to

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00:40:47,990 --> 00:40:44,079

plan our observations of those as we go

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00:40:50,150 --> 00:40:48,000

past we come fairly close to hydra and

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00:40:52,230 --> 00:40:50,160

i'm sorry we come fairly close to nyx

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00:40:53,670 --> 00:40:52,240

and so we'll get our best pictures of

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00:40:55,829 --> 00:40:53,680

knicks we should have pictures of nick's

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00:40:58,710 --> 00:40:55,839

that are a couple hundred pixels across

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00:41:00,390 --> 00:40:58,720

something like that um hydra we'll we'll

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00:41:02,710 --> 00:41:00,400

also get uh

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00:41:05,349 --> 00:41:02,720

more distant pictures of uh the two new

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00:41:06,950 --> 00:41:05,359

moon sticks sticks and kerberos will be

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00:41:07,829 --> 00:41:06,960

looking at but

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00:41:11,109 --> 00:41:07,839

from

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00:41:12,390 --> 00:41:11,119

quite distant uh range because we we

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00:41:13,910 --> 00:41:12,400

found them

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00:41:15,829 --> 00:41:13,920

late enough that the encounter had

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00:41:18,069 --> 00:41:15,839

mostly been sequenced at that point but

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00:41:19,349 --> 00:41:18,079

will even those will be get good enough

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00:41:21,190 --> 00:41:19,359

pictures that we can tell their shapes

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00:41:23,510 --> 00:41:21,200

and their sizes and their colors and

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00:41:25,109 --> 00:41:23,520

we're very much looking forward to that

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00:41:26,550 --> 00:41:25,119

katie we'll take one more i'll see if we

1151
00:41:27,670 --> 00:41:26,560
have any questions here in the audience

1152
00:41:29,829 --> 00:41:27,680
and then

1153
00:41:32,309 --> 00:41:29,839
we'll begin to wrap up here

1154
00:41:36,710 --> 00:41:32,319
one more uh yes stand by for just a

1155
00:41:41,510 --> 00:41:39,349
here's a question about a future you

1156
00:41:43,829 --> 00:41:41,520
talked about 25 years from now

1157
00:41:46,309 --> 00:41:43,839
what new what new technologies are

1158
00:41:48,069 --> 00:41:46,319
needed for future outer planet missions

1159
00:41:51,109 --> 00:41:48,079
better power sources communications

1160
00:41:55,750 --> 00:41:52,870
all of those three those are the three

1161
00:41:57,829 --> 00:41:55,760
biggies right propulsion communication

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00:41:59,349 --> 00:41:57,839
and power absolutely those are the big

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00:42:02,069 --> 00:41:59,359

tough ones to do in the outer solar

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00:42:04,309 --> 00:42:02,079

system so we're very dependent on as jim

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00:42:06,790 --> 00:42:04,319

green described in the first section

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00:42:09,270 --> 00:42:06,800

uh we're very dependent on using our

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00:42:10,870 --> 00:42:09,280

radioisotope thermoelectric generators

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00:42:12,630 --> 00:42:10,880

rtgs to

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00:42:14,710 --> 00:42:12,640

power our spacecraft in the outer sole

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00:42:17,430 --> 00:42:14,720

system and we very much depend on our

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00:42:20,150 --> 00:42:17,440

doe colleagues here in helping us a

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00:42:22,150 --> 00:42:20,160

great partnership between doe and nasa

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00:42:24,470 --> 00:42:22,160

in to make this happen and we really are

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00:42:26,550 --> 00:42:24,480

dependent on this to be able to get to

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00:42:29,109 --> 00:42:26,560

the outer sole system

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00:42:31,750 --> 00:42:29,119

one hopes that maybe communication can

1177

00:42:34,630 --> 00:42:31,760

become more efficient but you're just

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00:42:37,510 --> 00:42:34,640

fighting distance and the fact that we

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00:42:40,309 --> 00:42:37,520

use uh electromagnetic waves to

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00:42:42,309 --> 00:42:40,319

communicate and so we have a limitation

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00:42:44,950 --> 00:42:42,319

of the forces of nature that tell us

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00:42:47,270 --> 00:42:44,960

this is how light and electromagnetic

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00:42:50,550 --> 00:42:47,280

and electromagnetic radiation works

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00:42:52,390 --> 00:42:50,560

radio works i don't think we can move to

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00:42:53,990 --> 00:42:52,400

anything else uh we're stuck with that

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00:42:55,990 --> 00:42:54,000

we don't have warp drive you know it'll

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00:42:58,150 --> 00:42:56,000

be nice to have warp drive but we don't

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00:43:00,150 --> 00:42:58,160

yet and so we're kind of limited with

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00:43:01,990 --> 00:43:00,160

how we we do things although nasa has

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00:43:04,550 --> 00:43:02,000

investigated things like using lasers

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00:43:05,750 --> 00:43:04,560

for communication

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00:43:07,589 --> 00:43:05,760

yeah

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00:43:11,990 --> 00:43:07,599

i think we've got a tuffy there trying

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00:43:14,790 --> 00:43:12,000

to talk with uh triton and uh and pluto

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00:43:16,870 --> 00:43:14,800

uh with lasers but you know we have to

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00:43:18,630 --> 00:43:16,880

think about how to move forward i think

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00:43:21,589 --> 00:43:18,640

one of the very exciting things that

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00:43:22,790 --> 00:43:21,599

i've noticed is the ability to do more

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00:43:24,710 --> 00:43:22,800

with less

1200

00:43:26,870 --> 00:43:24,720

so if we think about how we've moved

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00:43:30,790 --> 00:43:26,880

with new horizons to these

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00:43:32,870 --> 00:43:30,800

uh very lightweight low power systems

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00:43:34,710 --> 00:43:32,880

and i think we just we're just

1204

00:43:38,150 --> 00:43:34,720

going in that direction more and more as

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00:43:40,069 --> 00:43:38,160

we design instruments and spacecraft so

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00:43:41,670 --> 00:43:40,079

i think doing more with less is really

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00:43:44,550 --> 00:43:41,680

the way we're going rather than we can

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00:43:46,150 --> 00:43:44,560

expect radically new technologies but

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00:43:47,510 --> 00:43:46,160

who knows you know could be completely

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00:43:49,670 --> 00:43:47,520

wrong

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00:43:50,950 --> 00:43:49,680

yeah um there are there are certainly

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00:43:52,630 --> 00:43:50,960

some technologies that have been talked

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00:43:54,790 --> 00:43:52,640

about for a long time that can help us

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00:43:56,309 --> 00:43:54,800

with the outer solar system one of which

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00:43:58,790 --> 00:43:56,319

is aero capture

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00:44:00,710 --> 00:43:58,800

if we're a good one going to go back to

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00:44:01,829 --> 00:44:00,720

titan maybe going to orbit around titan

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00:44:04,630 --> 00:44:01,839

we can use

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00:44:06,870 --> 00:44:04,640

titan's extended atmosphere to slow us

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00:44:08,950 --> 00:44:06,880

down and take us into orbit or lose a

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00:44:11,510 --> 00:44:08,960

lot of the energy the speed it took us

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00:44:13,750 --> 00:44:11,520

to get there so uh people are working on

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00:44:15,910 --> 00:44:13,760

these this might also be a way we could

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00:44:18,470 --> 00:44:15,920

get back to neptune if we can use skim

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00:44:21,030 --> 00:44:18,480

the atmosphere of neptune or uranus if

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00:44:23,510 --> 00:44:21,040

we're going back there to to slow us

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00:44:25,349 --> 00:44:23,520

down and so people are working all these

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00:44:27,430 --> 00:44:25,359

angles trying to figure out which are

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00:44:29,990 --> 00:44:27,440

the most practical to develop further

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00:44:31,829 --> 00:44:30,000

and and and fly to get us to these

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00:44:33,510 --> 00:44:31,839

amazing places i mean just looking at

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00:44:34,870 --> 00:44:33,520

the difference in the new horizons

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00:44:36,390 --> 00:44:34,880

spacecraft compared to the voyager

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00:44:38,309 --> 00:44:36,400

spacecraft you really see this doing

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00:44:40,069 --> 00:44:38,319

more with less and

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00:44:42,069 --> 00:44:40,079

it's hard for us to extrapolate that

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00:44:43,670 --> 00:44:42,079

completely 25 years into the future but

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00:44:46,710 --> 00:44:43,680

one can imagine we might have some very

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00:44:48,630 --> 00:44:46,720

small very fast very capable spacecraft

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00:44:50,790 --> 00:44:48,640

one thing i also want to mention is very

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00:44:53,750 --> 00:44:50,800

hot topic is cubesats these are the

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00:44:55,109 --> 00:44:53,760

small little things and um working with

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00:44:57,349 --> 00:44:55,119

grad students at the university of

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00:44:59,670 --> 00:44:57,359

colorado they've got really exciting

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00:45:01,750 --> 00:44:59,680

ideas about sending a whole flotilla of

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00:45:03,510 --> 00:45:01,760

little cubesats out into the outer

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00:45:05,190 --> 00:45:03,520

planets exploring the magnetosphere of

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00:45:07,349 --> 00:45:05,200

jupiter for example

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00:45:09,430 --> 00:45:07,359

and sending back data across a big

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00:45:11,430 --> 00:45:09,440

volume of space you know with a mother

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00:45:13,750 --> 00:45:11,440
ship communicating back these are great

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00:45:17,430 --> 00:45:13,760
ideas that are coming out from the world

1253
00:45:22,150 --> 00:45:20,309
oh we have a couple of questions uh

1254
00:45:24,150 --> 00:45:22,160
from our audience um

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00:45:26,150 --> 00:45:24,160
let's uh take the young man uh if he

1256
00:45:29,109 --> 00:45:26,160
could stand up

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00:45:35,030 --> 00:45:31,990
what made you so interested in the

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00:45:39,190 --> 00:45:36,630
wow

1259
00:45:41,910 --> 00:45:39,200
what made us so interested in the

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00:45:43,910 --> 00:45:41,920
planets that cool that cool we live on

1261
00:45:45,109 --> 00:45:43,920
one they're fun they're fun to go

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00:45:47,510 --> 00:45:45,119
explore you don't know what you're going

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00:45:49,829 --> 00:45:47,520

to see you know when when i was about

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00:45:53,829 --> 00:45:49,839

your age they were sending the first

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00:45:56,230 --> 00:45:53,839

missions to uh to mars and to venus and

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00:45:58,470 --> 00:45:56,240

i was also really into science fiction

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00:46:00,309 --> 00:45:58,480

and just fantasies about space and the

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00:46:01,829 --> 00:46:00,319

two kind of blended together in my mind

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00:46:03,510 --> 00:46:01,839

just like traveling through space and

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00:46:05,270 --> 00:46:03,520

seeing new worlds i just couldn't

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00:46:06,950 --> 00:46:05,280

imagine anything cooler and then i

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00:46:09,750 --> 00:46:06,960

discovered that you could actually do

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00:46:11,510 --> 00:46:09,760

that as a job when you grew up it wasn't

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00:46:13,589 --> 00:46:11,520

just something that you like sort of did

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00:46:15,190 --> 00:46:13,599

for fun and saw in the movies and so i i

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00:46:16,150 --> 00:46:15,200

couldn't imagine wanting to do anything

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00:46:17,589 --> 00:46:16,160

else

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00:46:20,390 --> 00:46:17,599

that's a very good answer i can't do

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00:46:25,589 --> 00:46:22,790

yeah it's it's it is science fiction

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00:46:28,390 --> 00:46:25,599

come to life we actually get to fly

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00:46:30,870 --> 00:46:28,400

to other planets i mean

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00:46:33,430 --> 00:46:30,880

it's it's unimaginable that we we we get

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00:46:35,030 --> 00:46:33,440

to do these amazing things that this

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00:46:37,270 --> 00:46:35,040

nation gets to do these amazing and it's

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00:46:39,109 --> 00:46:37,280

funny john used the the phrase we get to

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00:46:41,030 --> 00:46:39,119

fly to other planets of course we don't

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00:46:43,109 --> 00:46:41,040

we sit here and we send spacecraft but

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00:46:44,550 --> 00:46:43,119

it feels like we get to fly to other

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00:46:46,870 --> 00:46:44,560

planets when you work with these

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00:46:48,390 --> 00:46:46,880

spacecraft you start to really identify

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00:46:50,630 --> 00:46:48,400

with them and you almost feel like

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00:46:53,109 --> 00:46:50,640

you've been like with voyager it felt

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00:46:54,630 --> 00:46:53,119

like we were going to jupiter and saturn

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00:46:56,470 --> 00:46:54,640

and neptune and now it feels like we're

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00:46:58,950 --> 00:46:56,480

going to pluto so even though we're just

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00:47:00,230 --> 00:46:58,960

sending spacecraft it's very real and it

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00:47:01,670 --> 00:47:00,240

really does feel like you're traveling

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00:47:03,030 --> 00:47:01,680

through these places but it's even

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00:47:05,349 --> 00:47:03,040

better because they have eyes they can

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00:47:07,190 --> 00:47:05,359

see in the infrared and the ultraviolet

1301
00:47:08,630 --> 00:47:07,200
and detect all the magnetic fields and

1302
00:47:10,790 --> 00:47:08,640
the particles so it's actually better

1303
00:47:11,990 --> 00:47:10,800
than being there you don't have to worry

1304
00:47:13,510 --> 00:47:12,000
about humans you have to worry about

1305
00:47:15,589 --> 00:47:13,520
wearing spacesuits yeah we have

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00:47:17,670 --> 00:47:15,599
superhuman bionic spacecraft yeah

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00:47:20,230 --> 00:47:17,680
exactly that's right

1308
00:47:21,750 --> 00:47:20,240
yeah i know for me i was

1309
00:47:22,630 --> 00:47:21,760
captivated by

1310
00:47:23,990 --> 00:47:22,640
uh

1311
00:47:27,430 --> 00:47:24,000
looking at the planets through a little

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00:47:29,190 --> 00:47:27,440
telescope in my backyard um as a kid and

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00:47:31,030 --> 00:47:29,200

i remember my first view of saturn and

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00:47:32,390 --> 00:47:31,040

there it was with you know you could see

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00:47:34,309 --> 00:47:32,400

the rings it looked just like those

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00:47:35,670 --> 00:47:34,319

pictures in the books and

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00:47:38,069 --> 00:47:35,680

um

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00:47:41,510 --> 00:47:38,079

it's just enthralled me ever since and

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00:47:44,470 --> 00:47:42,950

yes sir

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00:47:46,390 --> 00:47:44,480

so i was thinking there perhaps is

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00:47:48,790 --> 00:47:46,400

another connection between new horizons

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00:47:51,990 --> 00:47:48,800

um flyby of pluto and

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00:47:54,069 --> 00:47:52,000

the voyager flyby of the neptune system

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00:47:56,230 --> 00:47:54,079

and that's really with triton

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00:47:59,109 --> 00:47:56,240

and that is um do you think

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00:48:01,829 --> 00:47:59,119

triton is potentially a captured kuiper

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00:48:03,670 --> 00:48:01,839

belt object and more akin to what pluto

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00:48:06,309 --> 00:48:03,680

might look like than anything else and

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00:48:08,390 --> 00:48:06,319

how would that how would that uh fit in

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00:48:11,190 --> 00:48:08,400

our ideas of the origin and evolution of

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00:48:14,069 --> 00:48:11,200

our solar system

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00:48:16,390 --> 00:48:14,079

anybody yeah i can go ahead john

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00:48:18,710 --> 00:48:16,400

um i i remember at the neptune encounter

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00:48:21,270 --> 00:48:18,720

thinking boy this is the closest this is

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00:48:23,030 --> 00:48:21,280

almost like seeing pluto

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00:48:25,190 --> 00:48:23,040

because we

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00:48:27,349 --> 00:48:25,200

we do believe uh i think most scientists

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00:48:29,670 --> 00:48:27,359

now believe that neptune

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00:48:31,109 --> 00:48:29,680

sorry that triton and pluto were both

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00:48:33,910 --> 00:48:31,119

formed in the same part of the solar

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00:48:35,910 --> 00:48:33,920

system and triton came close to neptune

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00:48:37,829 --> 00:48:35,920

got captured whereas pluto continued in

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00:48:40,950 --> 00:48:37,839

its own way around the solar system they

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00:48:42,549 --> 00:48:40,960

are siblings um and they have so much in

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00:48:46,549 --> 00:48:42,559

common in terms of their composition

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00:48:48,150 --> 00:48:46,559

their size their density and um

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00:48:50,710 --> 00:48:48,160

we were very aware during the whole

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00:48:52,230 --> 00:48:50,720

voyager mission that we got to go all

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00:48:54,470 --> 00:48:52,240

these places that we then knew about in

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00:48:56,150 --> 00:48:54,480

the outer solar system except pluto but

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00:48:58,230 --> 00:48:56,160
at least we got to see triton which was

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00:48:59,109 --> 00:48:58,240
the next best thing to getting to pluto

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00:49:00,069 --> 00:48:59,119
itself

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00:49:02,710 --> 00:49:00,079
um

1355
00:49:03,510 --> 00:49:02,720
and so it's a very big question that

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00:49:06,950 --> 00:49:03,520
we're

1357
00:49:09,670 --> 00:49:06,960
fascinated to learn the answer to is is

1358
00:49:12,230 --> 00:49:09,680
triton going to have this sorry is pluto

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00:49:13,990 --> 00:49:12,240
going to have this very exotic weird

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00:49:17,990 --> 00:49:14,000
cantaloupe

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00:49:19,750 --> 00:49:18,000
a leaky plumey surface that triton has

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00:49:21,910 --> 00:49:19,760
or is it going to look

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00:49:24,309 --> 00:49:21,920

like a much quieter less active world

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00:49:26,150 --> 00:49:24,319

and we don't know why triton is looks

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00:49:27,829 --> 00:49:26,160

the way it does and when we

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00:49:30,470 --> 00:49:27,839

see pluto and we see whether it has

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00:49:31,990 --> 00:49:30,480

those similar uh kind of patterns we

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00:49:33,829 --> 00:49:32,000

will learn a lot not just about pluto

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00:49:35,829 --> 00:49:33,839

but about triton so we'll be returning

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00:49:38,069 --> 00:49:35,839

the favor and pluto will then be telling

1371

00:49:39,190 --> 00:49:38,079

us about triton as well

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00:49:40,470 --> 00:49:39,200

okay we're going to take one more

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00:49:42,630 --> 00:49:40,480

question here and then we're going to

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00:49:44,630 --> 00:49:42,640

take one last question from social media

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00:49:46,230 --> 00:49:44,640

and ladies and gentlemen here in the

1376

00:49:48,309 --> 00:49:46,240

audience i think you're going to

1377

00:49:50,470 --> 00:49:48,319

recognize the name on the social media

1378

00:49:52,390 --> 00:49:50,480

question good sir

1379

00:49:54,790 --> 00:49:52,400

how excited how excited are you to see

1380

00:49:56,549 --> 00:49:54,800

the first images on a high definition tv

1381

00:49:58,710 --> 00:49:56,559

as opposed to a high-definition computer

1382

00:50:00,069 --> 00:49:58,720

screen as opposed to a tv and then can

1383

00:50:02,309 --> 00:50:00,079

you tell us about some of the lessons

1384

00:50:03,990 --> 00:50:02,319

you learned from the earlier flybys that

1385

00:50:05,510 --> 00:50:04,000

you're now applying to the new horizons

1386

00:50:07,109 --> 00:50:05,520

flyby

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00:50:09,510 --> 00:50:07,119

bonnie

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00:50:10,790 --> 00:50:09,520

um well the images are a lot better you

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00:50:12,710 --> 00:50:10,800

know that we're getting now so that is

1390

00:50:14,470 --> 00:50:12,720

that's pretty exciting and

1391

00:50:16,309 --> 00:50:14,480

you know what what lessons have we

1392

00:50:17,829 --> 00:50:16,319

learned

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00:50:19,670 --> 00:50:17,839

i think first of all as was pointed out

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00:50:21,430 --> 00:50:19,680

to get as many people involved get the

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00:50:24,069 --> 00:50:21,440

younger generation involved to welcome

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00:50:25,910 --> 00:50:24,079

new ideas to not be judgmental about

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00:50:27,829 --> 00:50:25,920

crazy ideas that people may have i mean

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00:50:30,230 --> 00:50:27,839

who would have predicted you know plumes

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00:50:31,990 --> 00:50:30,240

on on triton but i think like to open up

1400

00:50:33,589 --> 00:50:32,000

and also to communicate we really want

1401
00:50:35,750 --> 00:50:33,599
to communicate because we are supported

1402
00:50:37,670 --> 00:50:35,760
by the taxpayers and it's your data it's

1403
00:50:38,950 --> 00:50:37,680
not our data it's your data so we want

1404
00:50:40,790 --> 00:50:38,960
to make that clear that this is the

1405
00:50:44,069 --> 00:50:40,800
heritage of the american people and we

1406
00:50:47,430 --> 00:50:45,990
jd who do we have

1407
00:50:49,270 --> 00:50:47,440
well here's a question from someone

1408
00:50:51,670 --> 00:50:49,280
who's traveled the universe at least on

1409
00:50:52,790 --> 00:50:51,680
television william shatner from star

1410
00:50:55,030 --> 00:50:52,800
trek fame

1411
00:50:56,950 --> 00:50:55,040
asks what can we do to get pluto's

1412
00:50:59,349 --> 00:50:56,960
planetary status back

1413
00:51:02,870 --> 00:50:59,359

there can't be more just there can't be

1414

00:51:04,950 --> 00:51:02,880

just eight planets on our solar system

1415

00:51:07,510 --> 00:51:04,960

well

1416

00:51:10,950 --> 00:51:07,520

a question from captain captain kirk

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00:51:13,510 --> 00:51:10,960

um you know i mean the thing about um

1418

00:51:16,790 --> 00:51:13,520

the whole planet debate it was only

1419

00:51:19,589 --> 00:51:16,800

necessary because we've learned amazing

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00:51:22,470 --> 00:51:19,599

things about pluto as alan stern said

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00:51:24,150 --> 00:51:22,480

earlier we're exploring this new realm

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00:51:26,549 --> 00:51:24,160

of the solar system that we haven't

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00:51:29,190 --> 00:51:26,559

explored before the realm of dwarf

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00:51:30,470 --> 00:51:29,200

planets and dwarf planets are this

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00:51:31,990 --> 00:51:30,480

amazing

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00:51:34,710 --> 00:51:32,000

new kind of body

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00:51:37,109 --> 00:51:34,720

that uh you know that we're about to

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00:51:39,750 --> 00:51:37,119

learn a lot more about than than we have

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00:51:41,510 --> 00:51:39,760

you know take us into orbit captain um

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00:51:46,230 --> 00:51:41,520

beam us up to pluto

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00:51:47,829 --> 00:51:46,240

we we um you know the whole thing

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00:51:50,549 --> 00:51:47,839

as silly as it is comes down to whether

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00:51:52,630 --> 00:51:50,559

you think a dwarf planet is a planet why

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00:51:55,190 --> 00:51:52,640

not and that's kind of semantic people

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00:51:57,910 --> 00:51:55,200

are people right dwarf planets are

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00:51:59,750 --> 00:51:57,920

planets right come on so i mean i i

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00:52:01,990 --> 00:51:59,760

almost feel like we we don't need to

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00:52:04,150 --> 00:52:02,000

dignify ourselves with that um because

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00:52:05,589 --> 00:52:04,160

it's it's actually rather silly you know

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00:52:07,990 --> 00:52:05,599

we all agree that this is one of the

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00:52:10,710 --> 00:52:08,000

most fascinating places to explore we

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00:52:12,630 --> 00:52:10,720

all agree that um pluto is a dwarf

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00:52:14,150 --> 00:52:12,640

planet which is a new class of object

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00:52:16,230 --> 00:52:14,160

that we're going to visit and whether

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00:52:18,230 --> 00:52:16,240

you add that a dwarf planet is not a

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00:52:19,190 --> 00:52:18,240

planet that i don't know to me that's

1447

00:52:21,510 --> 00:52:19,200

personally i just think it's kind of

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00:52:22,710 --> 00:52:21,520

silly any other thoughts

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00:52:24,069 --> 00:52:22,720

actually it's interesting that william

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00:52:26,790 --> 00:52:24,079

shatner should ask the question because

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00:52:29,030 --> 00:52:26,800

there's a metaphor known as the star

1452

00:52:31,109 --> 00:52:29,040

trek bridge monitor effect in which you

1453

00:52:32,950 --> 00:52:31,119

know captain kirk you know they approach

1454

00:52:34,950 --> 00:52:32,960

an object it appears on this on the

1455

00:52:36,630 --> 00:52:34,960

bridge screen it doesn't turn to mr

1456

00:52:38,230 --> 00:52:36,640

spock and say is that a planet it's

1457

00:52:39,589 --> 00:52:38,240

immediately obvious when you see it it's

1458

00:52:41,829 --> 00:52:39,599

a planet so

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00:52:44,069 --> 00:52:41,839

uh next uh um that's a good point next

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00:52:46,950 --> 00:52:44,079

summer if something looked like pluto

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00:52:48,309 --> 00:52:46,960

came up on kirk's view screen

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00:52:49,990 --> 00:52:48,319

he wouldn't say

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00:52:51,829 --> 00:52:50,000

i'm sorry spock that take us somewhere

1464

00:52:53,910 --> 00:52:51,839

else that's a dwarf planet he'd say

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00:52:55,430 --> 00:52:53,920

that's a planet so well you know if

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00:52:57,030 --> 00:52:55,440

you're if you're an alien spaceship

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00:52:58,790 --> 00:52:57,040

coming into the solar system the only

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00:52:59,589 --> 00:52:58,800

four planets you would see are that you

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00:53:01,430 --> 00:52:59,599

know

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00:53:04,710 --> 00:53:01,440

jupiter saturn uranus and neptune the

1471

00:53:06,710 --> 00:53:04,720

earth mercury venus and pluto would all

1472

00:53:08,309 --> 00:53:06,720

look like you know kind of like rock so

1473

00:53:10,309 --> 00:53:08,319

if you're going to promote pluto why not

1474

00:53:12,549 --> 00:53:10,319

demote the other three you know smaller

1475

00:53:14,790 --> 00:53:12,559

planets so it really is quite arbitrary

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00:53:15,510 --> 00:53:14,800

it is arbitrary but i think the reason

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00:53:17,750 --> 00:53:15,520

this

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00:53:19,829 --> 00:53:17,760

question even comes up is

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00:53:21,510 --> 00:53:19,839

because pluto is

1480

00:53:23,510 --> 00:53:21,520

something else it's something different

1481

00:53:25,510 --> 00:53:23,520

it doesn't fit into our nice orderly

1482

00:53:27,910 --> 00:53:25,520

scheme of the rest of the solar system

1483

00:53:30,150 --> 00:53:27,920

that's telling us that the fact that we

1484

00:53:31,829 --> 00:53:30,160

have trouble classifying it giving it a

1485

00:53:34,549 --> 00:53:31,839

name tells us that it's something weird

1486

00:53:36,710 --> 00:53:34,559

and wonderful and new and exciting it's

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00:53:38,309 --> 00:53:36,720

it's it's not going to fit into our our

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00:53:39,750 --> 00:53:38,319

nice neat categories it's something

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00:53:41,589 --> 00:53:39,760

completely new and we can't wait to get

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00:53:42,710 --> 00:53:41,599

there we better go check it out let's do

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00:53:44,390 --> 00:53:42,720

that

1492

00:53:46,870 --> 00:53:44,400

all right well actually this is a great

1493

00:53:47,910 --> 00:53:46,880

segue before i close out i'm going to

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00:53:50,150 --> 00:53:47,920

ask

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00:53:52,470 --> 00:53:50,160

dr alan stern the new horizons principal

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00:53:55,349 --> 00:53:52,480

investigator from software research

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00:54:09,589 --> 00:53:55,359

institute in bola colorado to uh come to

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00:54:12,710 --> 00:54:11,109

well it's been a pleasure for all of us

1499

00:54:15,349 --> 00:54:12,720

to begin to tell you the new horizons

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00:54:16,870 --> 00:54:15,359

story today and to start to involve you

1501
00:54:19,030 --> 00:54:16,880
in this great

1502
00:54:21,190 --> 00:54:19,040
mission of exploration

1503
00:54:23,190 --> 00:54:21,200
uh you know new horizons

1504
00:54:24,710 --> 00:54:23,200
has so many aspects it's it's about

1505
00:54:27,829 --> 00:54:24,720
high-tech

1506
00:54:29,510 --> 00:54:27,839
uh and it's about exploration and as i

1507
00:54:33,030 --> 00:54:29,520
said at the outset

1508
00:54:35,190 --> 00:54:33,040
uh it's also about a a generational

1509
00:54:37,030 --> 00:54:35,200
change it's it's a handoff

1510
00:54:39,270 --> 00:54:37,040
from voyager exploring the middle zone

1511
00:54:42,710 --> 00:54:39,280
of the solar system to new horizons

1512
00:54:44,390 --> 00:54:42,720
going even farther and faster to explore

1513
00:54:45,190 --> 00:54:44,400

pluto and dwarf planets for the first

1514

00:54:47,109 --> 00:54:45,200
time

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00:54:48,150 --> 00:54:47,119
and in this wonderful panel that

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00:54:50,309 --> 00:54:48,160
david

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00:54:52,309 --> 00:54:50,319
just ran you had a chance to hear from

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00:54:53,670 --> 00:54:52,319
people who at the beginnings of their

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00:54:56,549 --> 00:54:53,680
career

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00:54:58,710 --> 00:54:56,559
were young scientists taking part in

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00:55:00,549 --> 00:54:58,720
cutting-edge exploration

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00:55:02,950 --> 00:55:00,559
at the neptune system

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00:55:05,430 --> 00:55:02,960
in their 20s and early 30s

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00:55:07,190 --> 00:55:05,440
scientists who had whole new worlds to

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00:55:08,950 --> 00:55:07,200
explore they were seeing them for the

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00:55:10,950 --> 00:55:08,960

first time and applying all the

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00:55:13,990 --> 00:55:10,960

technical skills and physics and

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00:55:15,829 --> 00:55:14,000

chemistry and programming skills and

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00:55:17,510 --> 00:55:15,839

other things that they had learned

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00:55:20,549 --> 00:55:17,520

to make the most of all the ones and

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00:55:22,390 --> 00:55:20,559

zeros the data coming down from space

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00:55:24,309 --> 00:55:22,400

and then you've had a chance to hear

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00:55:26,230 --> 00:55:24,319

what it's like

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00:55:28,870 --> 00:55:26,240

two and a half decades later as senior

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00:55:31,670 --> 00:55:28,880

scientists to be a part of new horizons

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00:55:35,349 --> 00:55:31,680

having a second chance to be on a

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00:55:37,270 --> 00:55:35,359

mission of raw exploration like this

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00:55:39,829 --> 00:55:37,280

but one thing about planetary science

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00:55:42,230 --> 00:55:39,839

and about space exploration is that it

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00:55:43,829 --> 00:55:42,240

is truly generational and it truly is

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00:55:46,789 --> 00:55:43,839

not just about the machines and the

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00:55:48,309 --> 00:55:46,799

technology but also about the people

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00:55:49,910 --> 00:55:48,319

and just as we have heard from young

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00:55:51,829 --> 00:55:49,920

scientists who have now become senior

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00:55:54,390 --> 00:55:51,839

scientists

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00:55:55,510 --> 00:55:54,400

young young people from the 1980s and

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00:55:56,309 --> 00:55:55,520

90s

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00:55:58,950 --> 00:55:56,319

who

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00:56:01,990 --> 00:55:58,960

started their careers exploring the

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00:56:03,990 --> 00:56:02,000

giant planets and who are now in full

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00:56:05,990 --> 00:56:04,000
bloom in their careers

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00:56:08,150 --> 00:56:06,000
exploring pluto and the kuiper belt for

1553
00:56:10,390 --> 00:56:08,160
the first time

1554
00:56:11,910 --> 00:56:10,400
we also have with us today

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00:56:14,230 --> 00:56:11,920
a set of young scientists who are the

1556
00:56:16,069 --> 00:56:14,240
postdocs on new horizons

1557
00:56:18,390 --> 00:56:16,079
they don't have as long a hair as the

1558
00:56:20,710 --> 00:56:18,400
voyager team did in the 80s

1559
00:56:23,829 --> 00:56:20,720
but they are at least as talented and

1560
00:56:25,910 --> 00:56:23,839
every bit as energetic and and as much

1561
00:56:27,910 --> 00:56:25,920
excited by the chance to be a part of

1562
00:56:29,990 --> 00:56:27,920
something larger than life

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00:56:31,750 --> 00:56:30,000

like this as these scientists were at

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00:56:33,030 --> 00:56:31,760

the start of their career

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00:56:34,470 --> 00:56:33,040

ladies and gentlemen i'd like to

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00:56:37,109 --> 00:56:34,480

introduce to you

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00:56:38,950 --> 00:56:37,119

another part of the core of discovery

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00:56:48,150 --> 00:56:38,960

meet the postdocs of new horizons please

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00:56:52,150 --> 00:56:50,150

and i'll close

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00:56:55,829 --> 00:56:52,160

by posing a question

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00:56:59,829 --> 00:56:58,390

think about the next 25 years and ask

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00:57:01,589 --> 00:56:59,839

yourself

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00:57:03,910 --> 00:57:01,599

what missions will these scientists be

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00:57:06,150 --> 00:57:03,920

principal investigator of in the 2040s

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00:57:07,510 --> 00:57:06,160

what will nasa and the united states and

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00:57:08,950 --> 00:57:07,520

the world be doing to explore the

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00:57:11,589 --> 00:57:08,960

universe then

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00:57:13,430 --> 00:57:11,599

with these scientists at the helm

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00:57:14,950 --> 00:57:13,440

thank you again everyone we've really

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00:57:16,950 --> 00:57:14,960

enjoyed the afternoon and we look

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00:57:18,710 --> 00:57:16,960

forward to bringing you this encounter

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00:57:27,030 --> 00:57:18,720

with pluto next year

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00:57:30,470 --> 00:57:28,710

thank you alan and thank you all for

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00:57:33,750 --> 00:57:30,480

joining us today on our double header

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00:57:36,150 --> 00:57:33,760

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