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00:00:09,490 --> 00:00:07,120
hello everyone this is the pre-launch

2
00:00:12,669 --> 00:00:09,500
news conference for soil moisture active

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00:00:16,119 --> 00:00:12,679
passive or snap be launched aboard a

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00:00:19,120 --> 00:00:16,129
delta 2 rocket on thursday at six-twenty

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00:00:21,220 --> 00:00:19,130
a.m. pacific time and all of our launch

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00:00:22,750 --> 00:00:21,230
countdown activities are going to be

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00:00:25,420 --> 00:00:22,760
discussed here today including the

8
00:00:28,120 --> 00:00:25,430
flight of the Delta 2 and what will be

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00:00:31,420 --> 00:00:28,130
happening to the SMAP spacecraft as it

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00:00:32,979 --> 00:00:31,430
leaves the delta 2 rocket so we'll start

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00:00:35,439 --> 00:00:32,989
our briefing first of all with some

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00:00:38,860 --> 00:00:35,449
opening remarks from Christine Banach

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00:00:43,000 --> 00:00:38,870

son the snap program executive from NASA

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00:00:45,669 --> 00:00:43,010

headquarters then we'll hear from Tim

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00:00:51,039 --> 00:00:45,679

Dunn who is the NASA launch manager from

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00:00:53,319 --> 00:00:51,049

the Kennedy Space Center in Florida burn

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00:00:55,049 --> 00:00:53,329

for the program manager for NASA

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00:01:00,250 --> 00:00:55,059

missions for United Launch Alliance

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00:01:02,109 --> 00:01:00,260

Centennial Colorado Kent Kellogg the

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00:01:03,430 --> 00:01:02,119

SMAP project manager from the Jet

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00:01:08,649 --> 00:01:03,440

Propulsion Laboratory Pasadena

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00:01:10,179 --> 00:01:08,659

California dhara anta kabhi the SMAP

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00:01:12,370 --> 00:01:10,189

science team leader from the

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00:01:17,319 --> 00:01:12,380

Massachusetts Institute of Technology in

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00:01:19,209 --> 00:01:17,329

Cambridge and Lieutenant John Martin the

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00:01:20,889 --> 00:01:19,219
launch weather officer from the 30th

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00:01:24,069 --> 00:01:20,899
operations support squadron at

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00:01:25,840 --> 00:01:24,079
Vandenberg Air Force Base and we'll

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00:01:28,209 --> 00:01:25,850
start first with our opening comments

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00:01:32,289 --> 00:01:28,219
from Christine bond accent Kristin thank

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00:01:34,359 --> 00:01:32,299
you George a snap or as we call it the

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00:01:36,789 --> 00:01:34,369
soil moisture active passive project

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00:01:38,889 --> 00:01:36,799
will be monitoring the water that lives

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00:01:41,739 --> 00:01:38,899
and moves through the soil could you

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00:01:44,139 --> 00:01:41,749
bring up the first slide please snap

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00:01:46,389 --> 00:01:44,149
will be joining our 19 operational

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00:01:48,760 --> 00:01:46,399
satellites which along with air and

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00:01:51,639 --> 00:01:48,770

ground sensors monitor the Earth's vital

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00:01:56,739 --> 00:01:51,649

signs so that we can address issues like

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00:01:59,919 --> 00:01:56,749

whether climate change fresh water water

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00:02:01,719 --> 00:01:59,929

hazards and its really kind of exciting

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00:02:04,450 --> 00:02:01,729

that we're launching this in the UN year

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00:02:07,359 --> 00:02:04,460

of the soil because we have a large

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00:02:09,669 --> 00:02:07,369

number of international organizations

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00:02:12,039 --> 00:02:09,679

that have volunteered to support the

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00:02:13,480 --> 00:02:12,049

SMAP project from countries such as

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00:02:20,410 --> 00:02:13,490

Kenya oh

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00:02:23,950 --> 00:02:20,420

raelia canada and and argentina they are

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00:02:26,380 --> 00:02:23,960

going to be helping us assess the verify

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00:02:28,690 --> 00:02:26,390

the algorithms and do data collection to

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00:02:31,000 --> 00:02:28,700
support that activity and help us to

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00:02:34,500 --> 00:02:31,010
analyze the massive amounts of data that

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00:02:40,900 --> 00:02:38,920
soil moisture is a key part of the three

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00:02:44,140 --> 00:02:40,910
cycles that support life on this planet

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00:02:47,410 --> 00:02:44,150
the water cycle the energy cycle and the

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00:02:52,330 --> 00:02:47,420
carbon cycle and these things affect

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00:02:56,440 --> 00:02:52,340
human interests flood drought disease

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00:03:01,960 --> 00:02:56,450
control weather if you would run the

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00:03:03,910 --> 00:03:01,970
video please SMAP has two instruments on

60
00:03:05,530 --> 00:03:03,920
it an active instrument which is the

61
00:03:08,410 --> 00:03:05,540
radar which we've providing

62
00:03:10,480 --> 00:03:08,420
high-resolution data and a passive

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00:03:13,390 --> 00:03:10,490

entrant instrument the radiometer which

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00:03:16,210 --> 00:03:13,400

provides us high accuracy data these two

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00:03:18,160 --> 00:03:16,220

interests instruments give us a picture

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00:03:21,370 --> 00:03:18,170

similar to looking through both lenses

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00:03:23,590 --> 00:03:21,380

of your bifocals at the same time so we

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00:03:27,670 --> 00:03:23,600

end up with a very high accurate global

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00:03:30,190 --> 00:03:27,680

map of the soil moisture content this

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00:03:32,620 --> 00:03:30,200

dual vision activity was one of the

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00:03:35,680 --> 00:03:32,630

reasons why the measurements that we're

72

00:03:37,990 --> 00:03:35,690

getting on snap was ranked so highly by

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00:03:41,350 --> 00:03:38,000

the National Academies of science earth

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00:03:43,030 --> 00:03:41,360

science 2007 decadal survey and we're

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00:03:44,710 --> 00:03:43,040

really excited that we're able to launch

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00:03:48,550 --> 00:03:44,720

this mission within 10 years of

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00:03:51,430 --> 00:03:48,560

receiving that recommendation global

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00:03:52,810 --> 00:03:51,440

this global soil moisture map will give

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00:03:55,630 --> 00:03:52,820

us both the soil moisture and the

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00:03:59,110 --> 00:03:55,640

freeze-thaw state of all of the moisture

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00:04:02,740 --> 00:03:59,120

in our soil every two to three days NASA

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00:04:04,540 --> 00:04:02,750

is currently very focused on on this

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00:04:06,010 --> 00:04:04,550

launch coming up and the knowledge we're

84

00:04:09,070 --> 00:04:06,020

going to get from that if you would

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00:04:10,990 --> 00:04:09,080

bring up the next slide please the SMAP

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00:04:13,480 --> 00:04:11,000

launch completes a series of five

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00:04:15,400 --> 00:04:13,490

launches that we've done in 11 months

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00:04:16,900 --> 00:04:15,410

that started with the global

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00:04:20,020 --> 00:04:16,910

precipitation measurement launch in

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00:04:23,050 --> 00:04:20,030

February out of Japan and we're really

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00:04:24,760 --> 00:04:23,060

looking forward to the synergism of all

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00:04:27,340 --> 00:04:24,770

these instruments that we've lost and

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00:04:29,260 --> 00:04:27,350

the amazing

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00:04:32,080 --> 00:04:29,270

knowledge that we're going to gain as we

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00:04:34,450 --> 00:04:32,090

start analyzing this data back to you

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00:04:37,090 --> 00:04:34,460

George Thank You Christine and now to

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00:04:39,190 --> 00:04:37,100

Tim Dunn who will be the NASA launch

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00:04:40,950 --> 00:04:39,200

manager for the countdown on Thursday 10

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00:04:45,100 --> 00:04:40,960

from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida

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00:04:46,690 --> 00:04:45,110

Tim thank you George I'm proud to be

101
00:04:48,520 --> 00:04:46,700
here today representing the men and

102
00:04:51,730 --> 00:04:48,530
women of NASA's launch services program

103
00:04:53,380 --> 00:04:51,740
I'm the NASA launch manager for the SMAP

104
00:04:56,050 --> 00:04:53,390
mission and I'm thrilled to serve as

105
00:04:58,960 --> 00:04:56,060
launch director for a delta to launched

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00:05:01,690 --> 00:04:58,970
NASA spacecraft that will measure in map

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00:05:05,770 --> 00:05:01,700
earth soil moisture distribution with

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00:05:08,410 --> 00:05:05,780
unprecedented accuracy and coverage my

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00:05:10,810 --> 00:05:08,420
high school agribusiness teacher mr.

110
00:05:13,480 --> 00:05:10,820
brittle he would have loved to have

111
00:05:15,610 --> 00:05:13,490
snaps data to correct the results of my

112
00:05:21,310 --> 00:05:15,620
11th grade Future Farmers of America

113
00:05:24,160 --> 00:05:21,320

soil judging team after last summer's

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00:05:26,500 --> 00:05:24,170

successful oco-2 launch the launch team

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00:05:30,190 --> 00:05:26,510

is back at Vandenberg Air Force Base and

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00:05:32,110 --> 00:05:30,200

happy to be launching Delta 2 again SMAP

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00:05:35,230 --> 00:05:32,120

will launch on a delta 2 vehicle from

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00:05:38,490 --> 00:05:35,240

space launch complex to the pad we call

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00:05:41,530 --> 00:05:38,500

slick to the SMAP mission will be the

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00:05:44,620 --> 00:05:41,540

370 a--the delta rocket to launch since

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00:05:47,590 --> 00:05:44,630

may of nineteen sixty and slick to is

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00:05:51,580 --> 00:05:47,600

proud to have hosted 82 of those Delta's

123

00:05:54,100 --> 00:05:51,590

launches I'd like to recognize the Delta

124

00:05:57,040 --> 00:05:54,110

two team I can't say enough good things

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00:06:03,520 --> 00:05:57,050

about the entire launch team for this

126
00:06:07,420 --> 00:06:03,530
mission ula nasa/jpl the Air Force 30th

127
00:06:09,850 --> 00:06:07,430
Space Wing the assembled group of

128
00:06:12,310 --> 00:06:09,860
professionals that we have their

129
00:06:15,160 --> 00:06:12,320
knowledgeable certainly competent and

130
00:06:17,200 --> 00:06:15,170
they're very enjoyable to work with I'm

131
00:06:20,860 --> 00:06:17,210
blessed to be able to call myself a

132
00:06:23,710 --> 00:06:20,870
member of this team over the past week

133
00:06:26,560 --> 00:06:23,720
our team has been busy with a mini final

134
00:06:29,950 --> 00:06:26,570
launch preparations last Thursday that

135
00:06:31,930 --> 00:06:29,960
combined NASA ula and 30th Space Wing

136
00:06:34,900 --> 00:06:31,940
launch team held our Flight Readiness

137
00:06:37,960 --> 00:06:34,910
review we assess the preparations of the

138
00:06:41,110 --> 00:06:37,970

rocket range and facility assets and the

139

00:06:44,570 --> 00:06:41,120

readiness of the space map spacecraft

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00:06:48,710 --> 00:06:44,580

last Friday we performed our mission

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00:06:52,280 --> 00:06:48,720

readiness rehearsal with the entire team

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00:06:55,430 --> 00:06:52,290

participating also beginning last Friday

143

00:06:57,980 --> 00:06:55,440

and completing yesterday the ula crew

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00:07:00,830 --> 00:06:57,990

loaded the hypergolic propellants of

145

00:07:04,520 --> 00:07:00,840

nitrogen tetroxide and air zine 50 on

146

00:07:06,560 --> 00:07:04,530

the delta to second stage now I'd like

147

00:07:08,690 --> 00:07:06,570

to show a video of the ula crew

148

00:07:10,760 --> 00:07:08,700

assembling the Delta to launch vehicle

149

00:07:14,270 --> 00:07:10,770

that will launch our spacecraft from

150

00:07:16,460 --> 00:07:14,280

slick to please roll the tape here you

151
00:07:19,610 --> 00:07:16,470
see the arrival of the Delta to first

152
00:07:21,590 --> 00:07:19,620
stage at Vandenberg Air Force Base the

153
00:07:24,050 --> 00:07:21,600
Delta 2 is assembled in decatur alabama

154
00:07:27,650 --> 00:07:24,060
and then trucked over the road to

155
00:07:30,080 --> 00:07:27,660
California after we bring it out of its

156
00:07:32,360 --> 00:07:30,090
shipping container it's taken across

157
00:07:35,330 --> 00:07:32,370
Vandenberg Air Force Base up to the pad

158
00:07:38,210 --> 00:07:35,340
and here you see the morning of August

159
00:07:40,760 --> 00:07:38,220
fourth where we are erecting the first

160
00:07:42,590 --> 00:07:40,770
stage of Delta 2 onto the launch mount

161
00:07:44,870 --> 00:07:42,600
at slick two you'll see here we're using

162
00:07:49,310 --> 00:07:44,880
the mobile service tower as a mobile

163
00:07:51,620 --> 00:07:49,320

crane to erect the first stage SMAP is

164

00:07:54,110 --> 00:07:51,630

going to fly in the 7320 configuration

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00:07:58,130 --> 00:07:54,120

meaning it has three solid rocket motors

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00:08:00,160 --> 00:07:58,140

on the sides or srms these are Jim 40s

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00:08:03,860 --> 00:08:00,170

we call them for their 40 inch diameters

168

00:08:05,810 --> 00:08:03,870

they're made by ATK in Utah transported

169

00:08:07,730 --> 00:08:05,820

here to Vandenberg and you'll see the

170

00:08:12,500 --> 00:08:07,740

ula crew very carefully and methodically

171

00:08:14,930 --> 00:08:12,510

mating to the first stage the spacecraft

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00:08:17,750 --> 00:08:14,940

will be encapsulated in a payload

173

00:08:20,510 --> 00:08:17,760

fairing we fly a bisector payload

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00:08:22,370 --> 00:08:20,520

fairing that means two halves and we put

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00:08:25,100 --> 00:08:22,380

that into the mobile service tower clean

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00:08:27,530 --> 00:08:25,110

room prior to direction this is the

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00:08:29,990 --> 00:08:27,540

second stage power plant for the Delta

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00:08:32,480 --> 00:08:30,000

two rocket and you'll see it is being

179

00:08:35,450 --> 00:08:32,490

erected there with the AJ ten engine on

180

00:08:37,130 --> 00:08:35,460

the aft end that will be made it to the

181

00:08:40,130 --> 00:08:37,140

top of the first stage and interstage

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00:08:42,560 --> 00:08:40,140

assembly here we are fast forward to the

183

00:08:44,360 --> 00:08:42,570

morning of January thirteenth raising

184

00:08:46,280 --> 00:08:44,370

the spacecraft in its protective

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00:08:50,150 --> 00:08:46,290

transportation can and there's the ula

186

00:08:52,160 --> 00:08:50,160

crew on assembling that can and now you

187

00:08:53,879 --> 00:08:52,170

see the payload fairings which were

188

00:08:57,030 --> 00:08:53,889

stored in the white room being

189

00:08:59,929 --> 00:08:57,040

very carefully mated around the SMAP

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00:09:03,809 --> 00:08:59,939

spacecraft here's a view of the

191

00:09:11,069 --> 00:09:03,819

completely mated payload fairing inside

192

00:09:12,509 --> 00:09:11,079

the cleanroom at slick to this morning

193

00:09:14,669 --> 00:09:12,519

we held the launch readiness review

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00:09:17,220 --> 00:09:14,679

where we received approval from senior

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00:09:19,289 --> 00:09:17,230

NASA and ula management as well as

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00:09:21,179 --> 00:09:19,299

spacecraft and range agencies to

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00:09:23,449 --> 00:09:21,189

continue processing toward launch

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00:09:27,299 --> 00:09:23,459

countdown early thursday morning at

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00:09:30,059 --> 00:09:27,309

slick to today we performed Delta to

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00:09:32,039 --> 00:09:30,069

Range Safety and beacon checks with our

201
00:09:34,979 --> 00:09:32,049
first and second stage engine slowing

202
00:09:38,609 --> 00:09:34,989
and the final azimuth update for the

203
00:09:40,710 --> 00:09:38,619
flight computer tomorrow afternoon we

204
00:09:43,129 --> 00:09:40,720
will begin final launch pad preparations

205
00:09:47,849 --> 00:09:43,139
at approximately 7 p.m. pacific time

206
00:09:50,909 --> 00:09:47,859
when we load refined kerosene fuel or RP

207
00:09:52,979 --> 00:09:50,919
one onto the first stage and then move

208
00:09:56,879 --> 00:09:52,989
the mobile service tower away from the

209
00:09:58,949 --> 00:09:56,889
rocket to the launch position the launch

210
00:10:01,169 --> 00:09:58,959
team will arrive on console just after

211
00:10:03,269 --> 00:10:01,179
one a.m. thursday morning and will

212
00:10:05,600 --> 00:10:03,279
perform the final preparations of flight

213
00:10:08,460 --> 00:10:05,610

computer turn on and stage

214

00:10:11,280 --> 00:10:08,470

pressurization around midnight followed

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00:10:14,669 --> 00:10:11,290

by first stage liquid oxygen loading at

216

00:10:16,590 --> 00:10:14,679

430am Tuesday morning final engine

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00:10:20,039 --> 00:10:16,600

sloughs will be performed approximately

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00:10:24,629 --> 00:10:20,049

5 25 a.m. pacific time and then we'll be

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00:10:27,389 --> 00:10:24,639

ready for launch at 620 and 42 seconds

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00:10:31,799 --> 00:10:27,399

a.m. pacific time with a three minute

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00:10:33,869 --> 00:10:31,809

launch window in summary the delta 2

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00:10:35,939 --> 00:10:33,879

rocket and SMAP spacecraft are ready and

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00:10:37,919 --> 00:10:35,949

the launch team is prepared and excited

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00:10:40,289 --> 00:10:37,929

to be here at Vandenberg Air Force Base

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00:10:45,419 --> 00:10:40,299

to launch this important mission for our

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00:10:47,909 --> 00:10:45,429

nation thank you Tim and now to Vern

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00:10:49,939 --> 00:10:47,919

Thorpe he's the program manager for NASA

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00:10:52,799 --> 00:10:49,949

missions for United Launch Alliance

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00:10:55,289 --> 00:10:52,809

headquartered in Centennial Colorado run

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00:10:58,199 --> 00:10:55,299

we'll discuss the ula roll with the

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00:11:02,639 --> 00:10:58,209

Delta 2 and NASA and then the flight of

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00:11:04,949 --> 00:11:02,649

the vehicle fern hey good afternoon the

233

00:11:07,290 --> 00:11:04,959

United Launch Alliance is honored to be

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00:11:10,110 --> 00:11:07,300

here again two days before the launch of

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00:11:12,060 --> 00:11:10,120

mapsatellite and I'm excited to be here

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00:11:13,949 --> 00:11:12,070

for this first NASA launch of the year

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00:11:16,949 --> 00:11:13,959

and also for the first of our ula

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00:11:19,800 --> 00:11:16,959

launches during 2015 out of Vandenberg

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00:11:22,290 --> 00:11:19,810

our ula team started working with NASA

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00:11:23,790 --> 00:11:22,300

to integrate the SMAP spacecraft about

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00:11:27,389 --> 00:11:23,800

two and a half years ago we started

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00:11:29,220 --> 00:11:27,399

about July of 2014 we began building the

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00:11:31,350 --> 00:11:29,230

vehicle for this particular mission in

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00:11:34,470 --> 00:11:31,360

our factory in decatur alabama shortly

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00:11:36,090 --> 00:11:34,480

after that and the entire time you la

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00:11:38,970 --> 00:11:36,100

has worked very closely with the NASA

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00:11:40,710 --> 00:11:38,980

launch services program the spacecraft

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00:11:43,319 --> 00:11:40,720

team at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory

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00:11:46,050 --> 00:11:43,329

and with our industry partners to get us

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00:11:48,210 --> 00:11:46,060

to this day as always it's been a it's

251
00:11:49,380 --> 00:11:48,220
been a tremendous team effort and we

252
00:11:52,319 --> 00:11:49,390
look forward to a great launch on

253
00:11:55,710 --> 00:11:52,329
Thursday morning SMAP will actually be

254
00:11:57,509 --> 00:11:55,720
you la's second launch of 2015 following

255
00:11:59,670 --> 00:11:57,519
on the heels of our Atlas launch of the

256
00:12:03,750 --> 00:11:59,680
mules three spacecraft just one week ago

257
00:12:06,600 --> 00:12:03,760
today SMAP will also be the 150 third

258
00:12:10,560 --> 00:12:06,610
Delta two mission and it will be our

259
00:12:12,449 --> 00:12:10,570
52nd Delta two mission for NASA the SMAP

260
00:12:15,660 --> 00:12:12,459
mission will be launched aboard the

261
00:12:18,060 --> 00:12:15,670
Delta 273 20 configuration that includes

262
00:12:21,690 --> 00:12:18,070
a first-stage booster powered by the

263
00:12:23,360 --> 00:12:21,700

Aerojet Rocketdyne RS 27a engine and as

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00:12:25,949 --> 00:12:23,370

Tim mentioned we'll have the three

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00:12:29,430 --> 00:12:25,959

strapon solid rocket boosters provided

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00:12:32,819 --> 00:12:29,440

by alliant techsystems or ATK the upper

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00:12:36,480 --> 00:12:32,829

stage will be powered by the AJ ten 118k

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00:12:38,639 --> 00:12:36,490

engine and the payload will be enclosed

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00:12:40,319 --> 00:12:38,649

in that 10-foot diameter payload fairing

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00:12:41,819 --> 00:12:40,329

that you saw that's a composite payload

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00:12:43,740 --> 00:12:41,829

fairing we'll use that for the first few

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00:12:46,050 --> 00:12:43,750

minutes of flight and jettison that once

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00:12:47,910 --> 00:12:46,060

we're out of the atmosphere now I'd like

274

00:12:49,139 --> 00:12:47,920

to show you a video of the launch

275

00:12:50,400 --> 00:12:49,149

sequence and this will give you a

276

00:12:53,939 --> 00:12:50,410

preview of what we're going to see on

277

00:12:56,310 --> 00:12:53,949

thursday morning so here's the vehicle

278

00:12:59,970 --> 00:12:56,320

on the pad we're going to lift off

279

00:13:02,189 --> 00:12:59,980

shortly after 6 20 in the morning the

280

00:13:04,530 --> 00:13:02,199

window opens 43 seconds after that for

281

00:13:06,630 --> 00:13:04,540

three minutes as Tim said and the first

282

00:13:08,430 --> 00:13:06,640

major event you'll see after liftoff for

283

00:13:11,220 --> 00:13:08,440

this mission will happen when we

284

00:13:13,860 --> 00:13:11,230

jettison the SRBs 99 seconds into flight

285

00:13:15,420 --> 00:13:13,870

those SRBs actually burn out about a

286

00:13:17,569 --> 00:13:15,430

minute in the flight but we hang on to

287

00:13:19,800 --> 00:13:17,579

them until the predicted splashdown

288

00:13:20,420 --> 00:13:19,810

locations have cleared the the local

289

00:13:23,990 --> 00:13:20,430

offshore

290

00:13:27,019 --> 00:13:24,000

oil platforms so you'll see the SRBs

291

00:13:30,230 --> 00:13:27,029

jettison here in a moment once the SRBs

292

00:13:31,970 --> 00:13:30,240

of jettisoned the first stage will

293

00:13:39,230 --> 00:13:31,980

continue to fly for a total of about

294

00:13:40,820 --> 00:13:39,240

four minutes and 20 seconds and once

295

00:13:42,620 --> 00:13:40,830

we've used up the propellants in that

296

00:13:47,510 --> 00:13:42,630

first stage will shut down the engine

297

00:13:50,600 --> 00:13:47,520

and six seconds after that will separate

298

00:13:53,329 --> 00:13:50,610

the upper stage and eight seconds after

299

00:13:54,920 --> 00:13:53,339

that we will light the engine on that

300

00:13:58,579 --> 00:13:54,930

upper stage for the first as several

301
00:14:02,420 --> 00:13:58,589
burns for this mission now this first

302
00:14:05,750 --> 00:14:02,430
burn of the upper stage will last just a

303
00:14:07,370 --> 00:14:05,760
little bit more than six minutes shortly

304
00:14:13,370 --> 00:14:07,380
into that first stage burn will jettison

305
00:14:14,840 --> 00:14:13,380
the payload fairing as you see here and

306
00:14:16,490 --> 00:14:14,850
once we're done with that first burn

307
00:14:18,650 --> 00:14:16,500
will be in a parking orbit that parking

308
00:14:20,990 --> 00:14:18,660
orbit will last about 41 minutes and

309
00:14:22,970 --> 00:14:21,000
then we'll do a short second burn

310
00:14:25,010 --> 00:14:22,980
followed by spacecraft separation as you

311
00:14:27,500 --> 00:14:25,020
see right here spacecraft separation

312
00:14:30,680 --> 00:14:27,510
will occur about 57 minutes after

313
00:14:32,600 --> 00:14:30,690

liftoff for this mission now when we're

314

00:14:34,790 --> 00:14:32,610

done with the primary mission with

315

00:14:36,440 --> 00:14:34,800

separating the SMAP spacecraft we're

316

00:14:38,329 --> 00:14:36,450

actually going to do a third engine burn

317

00:14:41,230 --> 00:14:38,339

it'll be a very short burn about eight

318

00:14:43,730 --> 00:14:41,240

seconds to adjust the orbit slightly and

319

00:14:46,490 --> 00:14:43,740

following that we will actually be

320

00:14:48,860 --> 00:14:46,500

separating for cube sets we have three p

321

00:14:50,990 --> 00:14:48,870

pot dispensers on board that contain a

322

00:14:53,390 --> 00:14:51,000

total of four cube sets and then when

323

00:14:55,130 --> 00:14:53,400

we're done with the CubeSat separations

324

00:14:58,460 --> 00:14:55,140

will actually do a fourth engine burn

325

00:14:59,780 --> 00:14:58,470

and that fourth engine burn will burn

326

00:15:01,970 --> 00:14:59,790

all the propellants that are remaining

327

00:15:03,890 --> 00:15:01,980

in the second stage and that will allow

328

00:15:06,500 --> 00:15:03,900

us to actually do a controlled reentry

329

00:15:09,949 --> 00:15:06,510

of the second stage in about 2 hours and

330

00:15:11,600 --> 00:15:09,959

10 minutes after launch the second stage

331

00:15:14,210 --> 00:15:11,610

will splashdown in the Southern Pacific

332

00:15:17,750 --> 00:15:14,220

Ocean several hundred miles east of New

333

00:15:19,579 --> 00:15:17,760

Zealand so the men of women in ula are

334

00:15:21,650 --> 00:15:19,589

proud to serve a critical role in

335

00:15:22,990 --> 00:15:21,660

delivering payloads to orbit for all of

336

00:15:25,730 --> 00:15:23,000

our government and commercial customers

337

00:15:27,530 --> 00:15:25,740

it's our honor to launch this important

338

00:15:29,360 --> 00:15:27,540

earth science mission to help scientists

339

00:15:33,199 --> 00:15:29,370

better understand Earth's overall water

340

00:15:34,190 --> 00:15:33,209

energy and carbon cycles and ula always

341

00:15:35,990 --> 00:15:34,200

maintains a relentless

342

00:15:38,240 --> 00:15:36,000

focus on successfully delivering

343

00:15:39,920 --> 00:15:38,250

critical capabilities like this to orbit

344

00:15:42,470 --> 00:15:39,930

and we are very proud to be America's

345

00:15:44,330 --> 00:15:42,480

right to space so I'd like to say thank

346

00:15:47,450 --> 00:15:44,340

you again to all of our mission partners

347

00:15:49,070 --> 00:15:47,460

the entire ula team looks forward to a

348

00:15:50,570 --> 00:15:49,080

great launch on Thursday morning and

349

00:15:53,060 --> 00:15:50,580

with that I'll turn it back to you

350

00:15:55,520 --> 00:15:53,070

George Thank You Vern and now to

351
00:15:57,620 --> 00:15:55,530
continue with that threat of events and

352
00:16:00,500 --> 00:15:57,630
also talk some about this smash

353
00:16:02,240 --> 00:16:00,510
spacecraft is Kent Kellogg the SMAP

354
00:16:05,090 --> 00:16:02,250
project manager from the Jet Propulsion

355
00:16:07,460 --> 00:16:05,100
Laboratory in Pasadena California yeah

356
00:16:10,820 --> 00:16:07,470
thank you George and I want to add my

357
00:16:14,720 --> 00:16:10,830
thanks to NASA and the KSC launch

358
00:16:16,790 --> 00:16:14,730
services program team the SMAP project

359
00:16:19,580 --> 00:16:16,800
is absolutely thrilled to be catching a

360
00:16:23,420 --> 00:16:19,590
ride space on the Delta two vehicle

361
00:16:24,980 --> 00:16:23,430
vehicle with a very long and well proven

362
00:16:26,840 --> 00:16:24,990
history so we feel like we've been in

363
00:16:29,750 --> 00:16:26,850

very good hands and very well treated

364

00:16:32,240 --> 00:16:29,760

here at Vandenberg by the team's over

365

00:16:35,360 --> 00:16:32,250

the last few months I want to pick up

366

00:16:36,980 --> 00:16:35,370

where Verne left off by talking about

367

00:16:39,350 --> 00:16:36,990

what's going to happen with a spacecraft

368

00:16:41,270 --> 00:16:39,360

after we separate from the Delta two

369

00:16:45,200 --> 00:16:41,280

upper stage so if we could run that

370

00:16:48,980 --> 00:16:45,210

mission animation please so once we

371

00:16:52,070 --> 00:16:48,990

separate from the upper stage the upper

372

00:16:54,920 --> 00:16:52,080

stage will has a high-definition camera

373

00:16:58,310 --> 00:16:54,930

aboard that will stay focused on us for

374

00:17:00,370 --> 00:16:58,320

about 150 seconds after we separate we

375

00:17:03,560 --> 00:17:00,380

hope in that time to be able to catch

376
00:17:05,420 --> 00:17:03,570
the start of the solar array deployment

377
00:17:08,030 --> 00:17:05,430
on board sequences on the spacecraft

378
00:17:11,860 --> 00:17:08,040
will begin communicating back with the

379
00:17:15,800 --> 00:17:11,870
ground well deploy the solar arrays and

380
00:17:18,170 --> 00:17:15,810
will point the spacecraft and solar

381
00:17:21,230 --> 00:17:18,180
arrays toward the Sun we expect that

382
00:17:22,970 --> 00:17:21,240
process to be completed as early as

383
00:17:25,310 --> 00:17:22,980
eight minutes after we separate

384
00:17:27,890 --> 00:17:25,320
depending on the spacecraft attitude as

385
00:17:29,660 --> 00:17:27,900
we leave the Delta 2 or it could take as

386
00:17:31,730 --> 00:17:29,670
long as about 50 minutes so there's a

387
00:17:33,770 --> 00:17:31,740
little variation there we'll spend the

388
00:17:36,350 --> 00:17:33,780

first two weeks checking out the

389

00:17:39,110 --> 00:17:36,360

spacecraft system and then we will

390

00:17:41,570 --> 00:17:39,120

deploy our large instrument antenna that

391

00:17:43,340 --> 00:17:41,580

you see here on the screen will deploy

392

00:17:47,220 --> 00:17:43,350

the boom first and then four days later

393

00:17:49,799 --> 00:17:47,230

we'll deploy the large 20-foot reflector

394

00:17:52,740 --> 00:17:49,809

and then 50 days after launch we will

395

00:17:55,020 --> 00:17:52,750

spin up the reflector to have a fully

396

00:17:58,289 --> 00:17:55,030

operational observatory you'll notice

397

00:18:01,590 --> 00:17:58,299

the spacecraft counter rotates in the in

398

00:18:03,690 --> 00:18:01,600

the animation that's by design because

399

00:18:06,990 --> 00:18:03,700

of the large spinning mass that we are

400

00:18:09,450 --> 00:18:07,000

spinning up the antenna beam points off

401
00:18:11,760 --> 00:18:09,460
at an angle it doesn't point directly

402
00:18:14,310 --> 00:18:11,770
below the spacecraft and that allows us

403
00:18:17,850 --> 00:18:14,320
to map a large swath about a thousand

404
00:18:19,530 --> 00:18:17,860
kilometer wide swath below the

405
00:18:22,530 --> 00:18:19,540
spacecraft that allows us to map the

406
00:18:24,870 --> 00:18:22,540
entire globe in less than three days

407
00:18:28,490 --> 00:18:24,880
it's quite an efficient mapping system

408
00:18:33,240 --> 00:18:28,500
I've been working on this project for

409
00:18:35,460 --> 00:18:33,250
about six years now and a lot of design

410
00:18:37,770 --> 00:18:35,470
and effort has gone into it certainly

411
00:18:40,530 --> 00:18:37,780
some of the science folks working on the

412
00:18:43,620 --> 00:18:40,540
project have invested far more time in

413
00:18:46,200 --> 00:18:43,630

that 15 years and earlier and more in

414

00:18:48,570 --> 00:18:46,210

some cases a lot of effort has gone into

415

00:18:49,830 --> 00:18:48,580

this I want to share with you a little

416

00:18:54,180 --> 00:18:49,840

bit of the work if we could roll the

417

00:18:57,990 --> 00:18:54,190

hardware flow video we began assembling

418

00:19:01,200 --> 00:18:58,000

the spacecraft bus about a year and a

419

00:19:03,060 --> 00:19:01,210

half ago at JPL you can see here the

420

00:19:06,630 --> 00:19:03,070

solar arrays being deployed this is the

421

00:19:09,870 --> 00:19:06,640

radar panel being installed onto the

422

00:19:12,180 --> 00:19:09,880

spacecraft there's a lot of testing that

423

00:19:15,960 --> 00:19:12,190

goes into this this is a spin test of

424

00:19:18,169 --> 00:19:15,970

the radiometer and feed horn that was

425

00:19:22,070 --> 00:19:18,179

done before we installed it atop the

426

00:19:24,690 --> 00:19:22,080

spacecraft we go through vibration

427

00:19:27,270 --> 00:19:24,700

environments we test the large antenna

428

00:19:29,340 --> 00:19:27,280

that that obviously got a lot of

429

00:19:31,650 --> 00:19:29,350

attention to make sure we had well

430

00:19:36,180 --> 00:19:31,660

tested that to make sure we have a good

431

00:19:37,710 --> 00:19:36,190

system when we get into space we go

432

00:19:39,900 --> 00:19:37,720

through environmental testing to make

433

00:19:42,000 --> 00:19:39,910

sure that we're going to work as

434

00:19:44,039 --> 00:19:42,010

intended as we after we go through the

435

00:19:46,950 --> 00:19:44,049

vibration of the the launch environment

436

00:19:50,760 --> 00:19:46,960

and also in the vacuum environment and

437

00:19:54,120 --> 00:19:50,770

thermal environment in space so here you

438

00:19:57,149 --> 00:19:54,130

see some scenes of the spacecraft being

439

00:20:00,750 --> 00:19:57,159

put into our large 25-foot space

440

00:20:01,320 --> 00:20:00,760

simulator facility at JPL and then last

441

00:20:04,440 --> 00:20:01,330

July

442

00:20:09,170 --> 00:20:04,450

we did a final spin test of the spin

443

00:20:13,920 --> 00:20:09,180

platform on the observatory and then in

444

00:20:17,550 --> 00:20:13,930

October we shipped the observatory to

445

00:20:19,860 --> 00:20:17,560

Vandenberg so on October 15th we loaded

446

00:20:22,560 --> 00:20:19,870

the observatory into a truck and then

447

00:20:25,110 --> 00:20:22,570

early early that morning it arrived at

448

00:20:28,260 --> 00:20:25,120

Vandenberg at the Astra tech payload

449

00:20:31,470 --> 00:20:28,270

processing facility where we completed

450

00:20:34,110 --> 00:20:31,480

the last of the functional checkouts to

451
00:20:38,490 --> 00:20:34,120
make sure the observatory was operating

452
00:20:42,900 --> 00:20:38,500
properly after its transportation to

453
00:20:45,570 --> 00:20:42,910
Vandenberg we fueled the spacecraft went

454
00:20:49,440 --> 00:20:45,580
through the final checks everything went

455
00:20:52,530 --> 00:20:49,450
very smoothly we had no no issues or

456
00:20:55,980 --> 00:20:52,540
problems during that time and then as

457
00:21:00,000 --> 00:20:55,990
Tim described we begin the process of

458
00:21:03,870 --> 00:21:00,010
putting it inside it's a can to move out

459
00:21:07,110 --> 00:21:03,880
to space launch complex too so we've

460
00:21:10,530 --> 00:21:07,120
invested a lot of time testing testing

461
00:21:12,680 --> 00:21:10,540
the observatory we feel we've got a very

462
00:21:15,300 --> 00:21:12,690
reliable design we've got a very

463
00:21:17,520 --> 00:21:15,310

committed and passionate group of people

464

00:21:20,640 --> 00:21:17,530

that have worked on the project over

465

00:21:22,260 --> 00:21:20,650

many years we feel that we've got a lot

466

00:21:26,790 --> 00:21:22,270

of confidence that this mission is going

467

00:21:30,060 --> 00:21:26,800

to provide top quality science data for

468

00:21:32,370 --> 00:21:30,070

many many years in space I want to

469

00:21:35,670 --> 00:21:32,380

acknowledge that our mission partner

470

00:21:38,100 --> 00:21:35,680

here besides JPL who had project

471

00:21:39,840 --> 00:21:38,110

management responsibilities developed

472

00:21:42,120 --> 00:21:39,850

the spacecraft at the radar instrument

473

00:21:44,160 --> 00:21:42,130

we also had a lot of support from the

474

00:21:47,430 --> 00:21:44,170

NASA's Goddard Space Flight assembly

475

00:21:51,540 --> 00:21:47,440

that provided the radiometer instrument

476
00:21:55,020 --> 00:21:51,550
science support both centers share in

477
00:22:00,240 --> 00:21:55,030
the science data processing that will be

478
00:22:05,370 --> 00:22:00,250
performed once we get the data flowing

479
00:22:08,640 --> 00:22:05,380
from space so with that I think we still

480
00:22:11,660 --> 00:22:08,650
are showing some video here this is of

481
00:22:13,940 --> 00:22:11,670
the spacecraft being attached to its

482
00:22:16,580 --> 00:22:13,950
launch vehicle adapter

483
00:22:23,590 --> 00:22:16,590
at Astro tech before it was put inside

484
00:22:26,360 --> 00:22:23,600
the can it was moved to slick to on

485
00:22:29,930 --> 00:22:26,370
January thirteenth so we've had a very

486
00:22:31,759 --> 00:22:29,940
smooth operation getting it installed on

487
00:22:36,110 --> 00:22:31,769
the launch vehicle adapter you see here

488
00:22:43,190 --> 00:22:36,120

and getting it transported out to out

489

00:22:46,310 --> 00:22:43,200

too slick to so with that George well

490

00:22:48,500 --> 00:22:46,320

the video winds up I'll turn it back to

491

00:22:51,169 --> 00:22:48,510

you thank you all right Thank You cat

492

00:22:53,840 --> 00:22:51,179

and now to learn more about this map

493

00:22:55,279 --> 00:22:53,850

mission Dhara anto kabhi the SMAP

494

00:22:57,470 --> 00:22:55,289

science team leader from the

495

00:23:00,230 --> 00:22:57,480

massachusetts institute of technology in

496

00:23:03,190 --> 00:23:00,240

cambridge massachusetts tara thank

497

00:23:07,909 --> 00:23:03,200

George smot is in a unique position

498

00:23:10,879 --> 00:23:07,919

because its measurements impact two

499

00:23:13,549 --> 00:23:10,889

distinct domains one of course as a

500

00:23:15,470 --> 00:23:13,559

science mission it impacts how we

501
00:23:17,539 --> 00:23:15,480
fundamentally understand how the

502
00:23:20,539 --> 00:23:17,549
environment works and peer into the

503
00:23:23,600 --> 00:23:20,549
metabolism of the environment and second

504
00:23:25,279 --> 00:23:23,610
it impacts some of the applications that

505
00:23:27,379 --> 00:23:25,289
touch our of their lives I would like to

506
00:23:31,360 --> 00:23:27,389
give you examples of each one of those

507
00:23:35,450 --> 00:23:31,370
and to the first slide in the area of

508
00:23:38,389 --> 00:23:35,460
science impacts as a science mission the

509
00:23:40,279 --> 00:23:38,399
three cycles that maintain life on Earth

510
00:23:42,740 --> 00:23:40,289
are our fundamental cycles of the earth

511
00:23:47,779 --> 00:23:42,750
system the water cycle unique to earth

512
00:23:49,700 --> 00:23:47,789
the energy cycle and the carbon cycle d3

513
00:23:51,169 --> 00:23:49,710

are linked together through soil

514

00:23:53,930 --> 00:23:51,179

moisture and free stock they're like

515

00:23:56,870 --> 00:23:53,940

three gears in a clock if one of them

516

00:24:00,200 --> 00:23:56,880

speeds up it affects the others and as a

517

00:24:02,090 --> 00:24:00,210

cascading downstream effect if it wasn't

518

00:24:04,820 --> 00:24:02,100

for soil moisture these three gears

519

00:24:07,310 --> 00:24:04,830

would act independently and would vary

520

00:24:09,409 --> 00:24:07,320

without any synchronization but we know

521

00:24:12,470 --> 00:24:09,419

that's not the case as soil water

522

00:24:14,000 --> 00:24:12,480

evaporates that's precipitation that has

523

00:24:16,639 --> 00:24:14,010

gone into the soil so it's the history

524

00:24:19,009 --> 00:24:16,649

of precipitation as that evaporates it

525

00:24:20,899 --> 00:24:19,019

feeds the clouds and returns that

526

00:24:23,869 --> 00:24:20,909

precipitation back to the atmosphere and

527

00:24:26,720 --> 00:24:23,879

you got a water cycle going just as

528

00:24:27,919 --> 00:24:26,730

humans have adapted to perspire in order

529

00:24:30,019 --> 00:24:27,929

to maintain their body temp

530

00:24:32,810 --> 00:24:30,029

the earth does the same it takes energy

531

00:24:36,409 --> 00:24:32,820

to vaporize that water so it's involved

532

00:24:38,060 --> 00:24:36,419

in the energy cycle the solar radiation

533

00:24:40,460 --> 00:24:38,070

that's incidents that the surface gets

534

00:24:42,350 --> 00:24:40,470

absorbed and gets released back or

535

00:24:43,940 --> 00:24:42,360

dissipated through the evaporation

536

00:24:46,389 --> 00:24:43,950

process so that's how the water and

537

00:24:51,169 --> 00:24:46,399

energy cycles are intimately linked and

538

00:24:53,539 --> 00:24:51,179

also plants as they transpire what they

539

00:24:55,940 --> 00:24:53,549

do is take carbon dioxide gas from the

540

00:24:58,039 --> 00:24:55,950

atmosphere take energy from sunlight and

541

00:25:00,169 --> 00:24:58,049

convert that into the leaves and

542

00:25:03,049 --> 00:25:00,179

branches that they have by releasing

543

00:25:05,149 --> 00:25:03,059

water vapor so the carbon cycle gets

544

00:25:07,759 --> 00:25:05,159

engaged with the water and energy cycles

545

00:25:09,529 --> 00:25:07,769

these three work again like gears in a

546

00:25:11,659 --> 00:25:09,539

clock and have to be synchronized our

547

00:25:13,669 --> 00:25:11,669

models of the environment whether they

548

00:25:17,450 --> 00:25:13,679

used for short-term numerical weather

549

00:25:19,930 --> 00:25:17,460

prediction or longer-term projections of

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00:25:22,700 --> 00:25:19,940

the impacts of climate variability and

551
00:25:25,340 --> 00:25:22,710
climate change on regional water cycle

552
00:25:27,019 --> 00:25:25,350
need to get this coupling between the

553
00:25:29,359 --> 00:25:27,029
three cycles correctly and therefore

554
00:25:32,330 --> 00:25:29,369
need the store moisture information that

555
00:25:34,700 --> 00:25:32,340
map is going to provide so that's the

556
00:25:37,519 --> 00:25:34,710
science impact of peering into how the

557
00:25:40,549 --> 00:25:37,529
earth environments metabolism functions

558
00:25:42,889 --> 00:25:40,559
in the area of applications by go to the

559
00:25:45,919 --> 00:25:42,899
next slide here's an example that

560
00:25:47,749 --> 00:25:45,929
touches are over their lives this is

561
00:25:50,149 --> 00:25:47,759
from the National Weather Service from

562
00:25:52,970 --> 00:25:50,159
their website this is their flash flood

563
00:25:55,249 --> 00:25:52,980

guidance it's produced daily and the

564

00:25:57,320 --> 00:25:55,259

date on the top indicates what day that

565

00:25:59,749 --> 00:25:57,330

was the validity of this particular map

566

00:26:02,869 --> 00:25:59,759

and it's basically so much your deficit

567

00:26:05,299 --> 00:26:02,879

how much the soil can hold beyond what

568

00:26:07,850 --> 00:26:05,309

the current so moisture conditions are

569

00:26:10,730 --> 00:26:07,860

and it's in units of inches this is

570

00:26:13,070 --> 00:26:10,740

produced daily updated daily and shipped

571

00:26:15,379 --> 00:26:13,080

out to about 120 weather forecast

572

00:26:19,460 --> 00:26:15,389

offices spread around the country the

573

00:26:21,680 --> 00:26:19,470

forecaster looks at this map looks at

574

00:26:24,200 --> 00:26:21,690

the NEXRAD radar ground-based radar

575

00:26:26,330 --> 00:26:24,210

precipitation map also in units of

576
00:26:28,220 --> 00:26:26,340
inches of precipitation and whatever the

577
00:26:31,340 --> 00:26:28,230
precipitation exceeds the flight

578
00:26:34,399 --> 00:26:31,350
guidance immediately a flood warning is

579
00:26:36,889 --> 00:26:34,409
issued now this map of surface soil

580
00:26:39,909 --> 00:26:36,899
moisture or soil moisture deficit is not

581
00:26:41,360 --> 00:26:39,919
produced based upon ground-based

582
00:26:42,650 --> 00:26:41,370
instruments

583
00:26:46,690 --> 00:26:42,660
that measures one measure around the

584
00:26:49,400 --> 00:26:46,700
country because there's far too few as

585
00:26:51,920 --> 00:26:49,410
ground-based sensors to come close to

586
00:26:55,130 --> 00:26:51,930
producing such a map so this is produced

587
00:26:57,170 --> 00:26:55,140
by models best guesses of what the soil

588
00:27:00,730 --> 00:26:57,180

moisture congestion should be any one

589

00:27:03,710 --> 00:27:00,740

day now what's map will provide is

590

00:27:07,070 --> 00:27:03,720

exactly that measurement but at higher

591

00:27:09,049 --> 00:27:07,080

resolution and directly and with great

592

00:27:12,590 --> 00:27:09,059

accuracy so it's going to help improve

593

00:27:15,200 --> 00:27:12,600

this daily operation that goes on in a

594

00:27:18,650 --> 00:27:15,210

second example and the final example

595

00:27:21,260 --> 00:27:18,660

here's a daughter extreme this is a

596

00:27:23,990 --> 00:27:21,270

weekly map produced by a collaboration

597

00:27:26,660 --> 00:27:24,000

between US Department of Agriculture EPA

598

00:27:30,080 --> 00:27:26,670

and so noah and some other agencies and

599

00:27:32,660 --> 00:27:30,090

its validity of this one is just a few

600

00:27:36,880 --> 00:27:32,670

days ago and this is an estimate of

601
00:27:39,380 --> 00:27:36,890
drought conditions this drought is

602
00:27:41,930 --> 00:27:39,390
agricultural drought is defined in terms

603
00:27:44,120 --> 00:27:41,940
of deficit in soil moisture so the very

604
00:27:45,980 --> 00:27:44,130
definition of drought is a deficit in

605
00:27:48,740 --> 00:27:45,990
soil moisture and you can see the big

606
00:27:51,110 --> 00:27:48,750
dry in California on this map again

607
00:27:53,240 --> 00:27:51,120
what's map can provide is a direct

608
00:27:56,410 --> 00:27:53,250
measurement of this quantity at high

609
00:28:00,950 --> 00:27:56,420
resolution and from space and globally

610
00:28:02,690 --> 00:28:00,960
so with that George Thank You Dora and

611
00:28:05,120 --> 00:28:02,700
we'll look now at the weather forecast

612
00:28:06,740 --> 00:28:05,130
for Thursday morning from First

613
00:28:08,660 --> 00:28:06,750

Lieutenant John Martin they launch

614

00:28:11,060 --> 00:28:08,670

weather officer for the countdown on

615

00:28:13,970 --> 00:28:11,070

Thursday from the 30th operation support

616

00:28:16,010 --> 00:28:13,980

quadrant at Vandenberg thank you George

617

00:28:18,049 --> 00:28:16,020

weather along the central California

618

00:28:20,000 --> 00:28:18,059

coast and January typically consist of

619

00:28:21,919 --> 00:28:20,010

shallow high pressure with occasional

620

00:28:24,169 --> 00:28:21,929

low pressure systems that transition

621

00:28:25,549 --> 00:28:24,179

through the region currently California

622

00:28:27,110 --> 00:28:25,559

is seeing some of the shallow high

623

00:28:29,390 --> 00:28:27,120

pressure building into the region with

624

00:28:31,910 --> 00:28:29,400

upper area upper level areas of low

625

00:28:33,799 --> 00:28:31,920

pressure skirting into over the high and

626
00:28:36,020 --> 00:28:33,809
causing increased cloud cover in the mid

627
00:28:38,600 --> 00:28:36,030
to upper levels if we could take a look

628
00:28:40,310 --> 00:28:38,610
at the satellite coverage here you can

629
00:28:41,750 --> 00:28:40,320
see clear skies over most of the range

630
00:28:43,760 --> 00:28:41,760
with the lingering upper level low

631
00:28:45,200 --> 00:28:43,770
causing increased cloud cover along the

632
00:28:47,660 --> 00:28:45,210
northern portion of the western range

633
00:28:49,370 --> 00:28:47,670
the upper level feature is tracking to

634
00:28:51,830 --> 00:28:49,380
the north east and is not expected to be

635
00:28:53,360 --> 00:28:51,840
an impact for Thursday's launch if we

636
00:28:54,409 --> 00:28:53,370
could move on to the launch forecast

637
00:28:57,139 --> 00:28:54,419
slide

638
00:28:59,269 --> 00:28:57,149

alright so for Thursday we are expecting

639

00:29:00,919 --> 00:28:59,279

another slight upper level low pressure

640

00:29:02,899 --> 00:29:00,929

system that will move over the region

641

00:29:05,029 --> 00:29:02,909

late Wednesday and into early Thursday

642

00:29:06,889 --> 00:29:05,039

morning bringing thicker mid-level to

643

00:29:08,690 --> 00:29:06,899

upper level clouds with a little bit of

644

00:29:10,070 --> 00:29:08,700

Cirrus over the range forty zero

645

00:29:12,019 --> 00:29:10,080

visibility will be under strict

646

00:29:15,109 --> 00:29:12,029

unrestricted with winds out of the north

647

00:29:16,970 --> 00:29:15,119

northeast between eight to 12 knots at

648

00:29:18,979 --> 00:29:16,980

slick two temperatures will be

649

00:29:21,139 --> 00:29:18,989

comfortably in the low to mid 50s the

650

00:29:23,060 --> 00:29:21,149

overall probability of violation for t0

651
00:29:25,039 --> 00:29:23,070
is twenty percent with the only

652
00:29:27,200 --> 00:29:25,049
constraint of concern being for thick

653
00:29:29,930 --> 00:29:27,210
clouds if we could shift to the scrub

654
00:29:31,460 --> 00:29:29,940
forecast line lingering moisture from

655
00:29:34,070 --> 00:29:31,470
that upper level low will move east of

656
00:29:35,869 --> 00:29:34,080
the range for Friday resulting in

657
00:29:37,609 --> 00:29:35,879
thinning clouds aloft and the thick

658
00:29:40,070 --> 00:29:37,619
cloud probability of violation dropping

659
00:29:42,109 --> 00:29:40,080
20 percent for the scrub day winds will

660
00:29:45,049 --> 00:29:42,119
shift to a northwesterly component pick

661
00:29:46,909 --> 00:29:45,059
up to around 15 to 18 knots at slick to

662
00:29:48,889 --> 00:29:46,919
with visibility still remaining

663
00:29:50,419 --> 00:29:48,899

unrestricted and temperatures will start

664

00:29:52,609 --> 00:29:50,429

to climb a little bit to the mid to

665

00:29:54,259 --> 00:29:52,619

upper 50s overall probability of

666

00:29:55,700 --> 00:29:54,269

violation for the scrub day will be ten

667

00:29:57,619 --> 00:29:55,710

percent with the only constraint of

668

00:29:59,779 --> 00:29:57,629

concern being the surface winds that

669

00:30:01,609 --> 00:29:59,789

slick too and that is all for weather

670

00:30:03,529 --> 00:30:01,619

back to you George all right thank you

671

00:30:06,320 --> 00:30:03,539

very much lieutenant Martin and we're

672

00:30:09,379 --> 00:30:06,330

ready now to take questions for the

673

00:30:13,070 --> 00:30:09,389

social media you can use hashtag ask

674

00:30:15,080 --> 00:30:13,080

NASA and we will go right now to some

675

00:30:16,669 --> 00:30:15,090

questions here in the room and take some

676

00:30:18,229 --> 00:30:16,679

social media questions so we'll start

677

00:30:20,210 --> 00:30:18,239

here in the front and please give your

678

00:30:23,419 --> 00:30:20,220

name and affiliation when you get the

679

00:30:26,149 --> 00:30:23,429

microphone Justin Justin ray with the

680

00:30:27,440 --> 00:30:26,159

spaceflight now calm for Kent I was

681

00:30:29,810 --> 00:30:27,450

wondering if you could explain a little

682

00:30:34,369 --> 00:30:29,820

bit more about how they antenna is

683

00:30:38,590 --> 00:30:34,379

deployed what actually drives it out ok

684

00:30:42,680 --> 00:30:38,600

so the antenna as a motor actuator that

685

00:30:46,070 --> 00:30:42,690

drives a drives the system it basically

686

00:30:50,330 --> 00:30:46,080

unfolds like a like a like a rhombus if

687

00:30:53,539 --> 00:30:50,340

you will that moves from a you know

688

00:30:56,060 --> 00:30:53,549

collapsed state into a deployed state so

689

00:30:58,399 --> 00:30:56,070

it is initially blooms out you saw in

690

00:31:00,470 --> 00:30:58,409

the animation right after it releases it

691

00:31:02,810 --> 00:31:00,480

blooms out to about 78 feet in diameter

692

00:31:06,470 --> 00:31:02,820

and then there's a cable drive system

693

00:31:07,520 --> 00:31:06,480

that powers it out to the remaining 20

694

00:31:09,980 --> 00:31:07,530

feet in diameter

695

00:31:12,470 --> 00:31:09,990

that process takes about 30 minutes in

696

00:31:14,630 --> 00:31:12,480

space so we were able to show it the

697

00:31:17,870 --> 00:31:14,640

animation running much more rapidly than

698

00:31:20,780 --> 00:31:17,880

it would in real time when we deploy it

699

00:31:23,120 --> 00:31:20,790

we would have full telemetry visibility

700

00:31:25,670 --> 00:31:23,130

via t dress we've designed that process

701
00:31:29,080 --> 00:31:25,680
very carefully so we can we can watch it

702
00:31:32,000 --> 00:31:29,090
but the deployment is dealt with

703
00:31:34,910 --> 00:31:32,010
autonomously by the by the spacecraft

704
00:31:36,560 --> 00:31:34,920
while it's while it's happening so did I

705
00:31:38,540 --> 00:31:36,570
answer your questions yep and just a

706
00:31:40,070 --> 00:31:38,550
quick follow-up when do you actually

707
00:31:44,690 --> 00:31:40,080
expect the spacecraft to become

708
00:31:47,750 --> 00:31:44,700
operational so operational is maybe

709
00:31:51,980 --> 00:31:47,760
that's a bit of ambiguous it can be an

710
00:31:54,110 --> 00:31:51,990
ambiguous term the we will spend 90 days

711
00:31:56,900 --> 00:31:54,120
checking out the spacecraft system

712
00:31:59,020 --> 00:31:56,910
deploying the antenna spinning it up

713
00:32:01,820 --> 00:31:59,030

getting the instrument fully checked out

714

00:32:05,210 --> 00:32:01,830

making sure all the systems are working

715

00:32:08,660 --> 00:32:05,220

properly we've allowed 90 days for that

716

00:32:10,700 --> 00:32:08,670

to occur after the 90-day period we will

717

00:32:12,860 --> 00:32:10,710

go into what's called a calibration and

718

00:32:14,930 --> 00:32:12,870

validation phase that's where we're

719

00:32:18,410 --> 00:32:14,940

actively using the instrument to collect

720

00:32:22,040 --> 00:32:18,420

data on soil moisture and then we have a

721

00:32:23,540 --> 00:32:22,050

science calibration validation team that

722

00:32:26,060 --> 00:32:23,550

takes the data coming from the

723

00:32:28,190 --> 00:32:26,070

spacecraft and compares it the ground

724

00:32:30,790 --> 00:32:28,200

truth sensors so we can bring the

725

00:32:33,950 --> 00:32:30,800

spacecraft data into alignment with

726

00:32:35,450 --> 00:32:33,960

specific sites around the globe to make

727

00:32:40,070 --> 00:32:35,460

sure that we're meeting our data

728

00:32:42,290 --> 00:32:40,080

accuracy requirements that that soil

729

00:32:46,100 --> 00:32:42,300

moisture data will be basically

730

00:32:49,400 --> 00:32:46,110

available not fully calibrated six

731

00:32:51,020 --> 00:32:49,410

months well six months after we complete

732

00:32:54,740 --> 00:32:51,030

the checkout period nine months after

733

00:32:57,170 --> 00:32:54,750

launch the validated science data

734

00:33:00,170 --> 00:32:57,180

calibrated soil moisture science data

735

00:33:03,500 --> 00:33:00,180

will be available 12 months after the

736

00:33:08,060 --> 00:33:03,510

checkout period is is complete 15 months

737

00:33:10,280 --> 00:33:08,070

after launch Janine Janine Scully

738

00:33:12,110 --> 00:33:10,290

Noozhawk calm you talked about working

739

00:33:14,720 --> 00:33:12,120

on this program for quite a few years

740

00:33:17,150 --> 00:33:14,730

how eager are you to finally get to this

741

00:33:21,170 --> 00:33:17,160

day and basically get to Thursday and

742

00:33:21,170 --> 00:33:21,180

get this get this process going

743

00:33:29,000 --> 00:33:25,520

I'm extremely eager my wife is probably

744

00:33:32,690 --> 00:33:29,010

even more extremely eager you know I you

745

00:33:34,610 --> 00:33:32,700

you you you work a lot of time to spend

746

00:33:36,950 --> 00:33:34,620

a lot of time to reach this point you

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00:33:39,560 --> 00:33:36,960

know you invest a lot long hours

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00:33:41,660 --> 00:33:39,570

weekends you know everyone that works on

749

00:33:43,370 --> 00:33:41,670

these kind of projects is very

750

00:33:47,570 --> 00:33:43,380

passionate they they invest a lot of

751

00:33:49,730 --> 00:33:47,580

themselves in it and it's great to reach

752

00:33:50,930 --> 00:33:49,740

this point it's also a point where

753

00:33:52,730 --> 00:33:50,940

you're putting all the marbles on the

754

00:33:54,830 --> 00:33:52,740

table this is the point where you know

755

00:33:56,390 --> 00:33:54,840

you're it's like adding over the keys to

756

00:33:59,960 --> 00:33:56,400

your car to your teenager you know you

757

00:34:03,680 --> 00:33:59,970

you hope you've prepared them well you

758

00:34:06,710 --> 00:34:03,690

hope all the lessons stick and and then

759

00:34:09,620 --> 00:34:06,720

you send them off and most of the time

760

00:34:12,530 --> 00:34:09,630

you're very pleasantly surprised but

761

00:34:14,710 --> 00:34:12,540

yeah we're very excited and we think

762

00:34:17,600 --> 00:34:14,720

we're going to have a great mission here

763

00:34:19,730 --> 00:34:17,610

and for those of us that are writing for

764

00:34:21,770 --> 00:34:19,740

the more general population can you help

765

00:34:25,010 --> 00:34:21,780

us explain exactly why Joe citizen

766

00:34:28,940 --> 00:34:25,020

should really care about this this

767

00:34:33,050 --> 00:34:28,950

mission I think Dara your why don't you

768

00:34:35,960 --> 00:34:33,060

answer that yeah so what the so much

769

00:34:38,330 --> 00:34:35,970

measurements will do is improve our

770

00:34:40,900 --> 00:34:38,340

weather forecasts improve our

771

00:34:45,530 --> 00:34:40,910

assessments or water availability and

772

00:34:47,680 --> 00:34:45,540

also address some issues dealing with

773

00:34:51,530 --> 00:34:47,690

long-term climate variability and

774

00:34:52,880 --> 00:34:51,540

assessments of the impact of human

775

00:34:56,720 --> 00:34:52,890

intervention in the global environment

776

00:34:58,790 --> 00:34:56,730

so all of these come together and it's

777

00:35:01,010 --> 00:34:58,800

the metabolism of the system how it

778

00:35:03,740 --> 00:35:01,020

responds just like a human body if you

779

00:35:06,470 --> 00:35:03,750

perturb it by feeding it something we

780

00:35:08,780 --> 00:35:06,480

want to know how it the entire

781

00:35:10,820 --> 00:35:08,790

metabolism working together response and

782

00:35:12,980 --> 00:35:10,830

that's the water engine carbon cycles

783

00:35:16,430 --> 00:35:12,990

this is the variable that links all of

784

00:35:19,220 --> 00:35:16,440

them so whether its water availability

785

00:35:22,190 --> 00:35:19,230

weather forecast climate seasonal

786

00:35:24,250 --> 00:35:22,200

climate forecast agriculture early

787

00:35:29,600 --> 00:35:24,260

famine warning all these applications

788

00:35:31,670 --> 00:35:29,610

really depend on this key valuable right

789

00:35:35,239 --> 00:35:31,680

any other questions here in the room we

790

00:35:39,809 --> 00:35:38,039

hi Patrick Healy from NBC 4 in Los

791

00:35:41,460 --> 00:35:39,819

Angeles and dr. inta copy if I could

792

00:35:43,859 --> 00:35:41,470

follow up on that and ask you to be

793

00:35:45,299 --> 00:35:43,869

perhaps a little more granular are we

794

00:35:46,799 --> 00:35:45,309

talking about in the case of flood

795

00:35:49,079 --> 00:35:46,809

prevention actually being able to go to

796

00:35:50,940 --> 00:35:49,089

a region and telling people you should

797

00:35:53,009 --> 00:35:50,950

leave this area because the probability

798

00:35:54,839 --> 00:35:53,019

of flooding is very high and conversely

799

00:35:57,289 --> 00:35:54,849

in California where we're dealing with

800

00:36:00,299 --> 00:35:57,299

this drought up are there specific

801
00:36:02,940 --> 00:36:00,309
decision making data that will become

802
00:36:04,859 --> 00:36:02,950
available and that could be utilized so

803
00:36:07,920 --> 00:36:04,869
let me go back to the first one the

804
00:36:09,749 --> 00:36:07,930
flood case as you saw that was a map of

805
00:36:11,970 --> 00:36:09,759
daily Sun worship without by the

806
00:36:15,390 --> 00:36:11,980
National Weather Service so if you have

807
00:36:18,269 --> 00:36:15,400
real data to test that operational

808
00:36:22,140 --> 00:36:18,279
product and that application you will

809
00:36:26,099 --> 00:36:22,150
impact the entire operation of flood

810
00:36:28,229 --> 00:36:26,109
forecasting in the country and also that

811
00:36:29,640 --> 00:36:28,239
applies internationally as well which is

812
00:36:32,279 --> 00:36:29,650
important because it's a satellite

813
00:36:34,650 --> 00:36:32,289

measurements in terms of drought the

814

00:36:36,960 --> 00:36:34,660

very definition of drought when you say

815

00:36:39,390 --> 00:36:36,970

this county is in drought condition this

816

00:36:42,509 --> 00:36:39,400

one's not is based upon what the soil

817

00:36:45,029 --> 00:36:42,519

moisture is right now we're making that

818

00:36:46,680 --> 00:36:45,039

decision based upon models this would be

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00:36:49,910 --> 00:36:46,690

a direct measurement of that quantity

820

00:36:53,150 --> 00:36:49,920

that it could affect things like

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00:36:56,160 --> 00:36:53,160

agricultural operations insurance

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00:37:02,339 --> 00:36:56,170

disaster relief emergency declarations

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00:37:05,249 --> 00:37:02,349

and other activities alright I think

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00:37:07,829 --> 00:37:05,259

we're ready now to take social media

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00:37:11,789 --> 00:37:07,839

questions and if you do in social media

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00:37:14,900 --> 00:37:11,799

have a question you can use the hashtag

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00:37:17,160 --> 00:37:14,910

ask NASA to send your question to us and

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00:37:20,460 --> 00:37:17,170

have we got questions that have come in

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00:37:23,279 --> 00:37:20,470

already indeed twitter user Kevin asks

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00:37:24,120 --> 00:37:23,289

how long will nasus map be in space so

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00:37:31,680 --> 00:37:24,130

if you want to talk about the mission

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00:37:33,660 --> 00:37:31,690

duration so I'll take that so we have an

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00:37:38,309 --> 00:37:33,670

operator we have a requirement to

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00:37:42,690 --> 00:37:38,319

operates map for three years that's more

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00:37:45,240 --> 00:37:42,700

of a funding of planning constraint if

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00:37:49,320 --> 00:37:45,250

the spacecraft is returning healthy

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00:37:52,020 --> 00:37:49,330

the data and as useful nASA has the

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00:37:55,260 --> 00:37:52,030

option to extend the mission typically

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00:37:58,170 --> 00:37:55,270

these missions you know can last for a

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00:37:59,670 --> 00:37:58,180

decade or more and we expect if the

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00:38:02,400 --> 00:37:59,680

spacecraft is healthy it should be

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00:38:04,800 --> 00:38:02,410

capable of that nASA has a process that

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00:38:06,630 --> 00:38:04,810

they go through once we've reached the

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00:38:08,520 --> 00:38:06,640

end of our primary life that three-year

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00:38:11,340 --> 00:38:08,530

period where they're well where they

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00:38:13,080 --> 00:38:11,350

will evaluate whether they want to

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00:38:16,410 --> 00:38:13,090

allocate additional funding to extend

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00:38:17,730 --> 00:38:16,420

the mission so that's we expect the

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00:38:20,190 --> 00:38:17,740

spacecraft itself though and the

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00:38:24,360 --> 00:38:20,200

instrument to be healthy and last for

851
00:38:26,220 --> 00:38:24,370
many many many years wonderful this next

852
00:38:28,050 --> 00:38:26,230
question comes from amber who asks can

853
00:38:30,090 --> 00:38:28,060
you explain the use of stages in

854
00:38:31,530 --> 00:38:30,100
deploying the cube SATs so you can

855
00:38:38,220 --> 00:38:31,540
explain the deployment process for that

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00:38:40,620 --> 00:38:38,230
a little bit I can give it a try yeah so

857
00:38:45,660 --> 00:38:40,630
for the cube sets we use what are called

858
00:38:47,970 --> 00:38:45,670
pea pods and essentially it's a box

859
00:38:49,170 --> 00:38:47,980
about the size of a loaf of bread a

860
00:38:55,160 --> 00:38:49,180
little bit bigger and it has a door on

861
00:38:58,020 --> 00:38:55,170
one end and inside you can have a small

862
00:38:59,340 --> 00:38:58,030
cube that hence the name cube SATs you

863
00:39:02,220 --> 00:38:59,350

can have one two or three of those

864

00:39:04,560 --> 00:39:02,230

inside and when it comes time to deploy

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00:39:06,780 --> 00:39:04,570

those we simply send a command that

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00:39:08,820 --> 00:39:06,790

allows a spring-loaded door to pop open

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00:39:10,650 --> 00:39:08,830

on one end of that box and there's a

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00:39:14,280 --> 00:39:10,660

spring deployment mechanism that just

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00:39:15,960 --> 00:39:14,290

pushes the satellites out so we do have

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00:39:17,640 --> 00:39:15,970

a briefing immediately following this

871

00:39:19,500 --> 00:39:17,650

one on the cube set so we'll go in a

872

00:39:22,770 --> 00:39:19,510

little bit more bead detail and help how

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00:39:24,030 --> 00:39:22,780

that's going to work wonderful an

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00:39:26,130 --> 00:39:24,040

additional question here comes from

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00:39:28,080 --> 00:39:26,140

twitter user harris who asks how does a

876

00:39:30,360 --> 00:39:28,090

satellite that high in space accurately

877

00:39:35,640 --> 00:39:30,370

measure moisture in the soil underground

878

00:39:38,370 --> 00:39:35,650

on earth that's the that's the beauty of

879

00:39:40,890 --> 00:39:38,380

the microwave range is that you can see

880

00:39:45,420 --> 00:39:40,900

through clouds you can see regardless of

881

00:39:48,720 --> 00:39:45,430

daylight or no sunlight see through

882

00:39:51,120 --> 00:39:48,730

vegetation moderate vegetation and the

883

00:39:55,740 --> 00:39:51,130

signal is sensitive to the amount of

884

00:39:58,080 --> 00:39:55,750

moisture in the ground and the the

885

00:40:00,090 --> 00:39:58,090

radiometer acts like a camera it

886

00:40:02,220 --> 00:40:00,100

catcher catches the ambient amount of

887

00:40:04,110 --> 00:40:02,230

radiation being emitted but it's

888

00:40:07,830 --> 00:40:04,120

resolution is limited by the size of the

889

00:40:09,600 --> 00:40:07,840

antenna the radar acts like a flash

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00:40:11,790 --> 00:40:09,610

camera it actually emits a pulse of

891

00:40:14,160 --> 00:40:11,800

radiation looks at what comes back it

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00:40:16,440 --> 00:40:14,170

has the advantage of resolution the

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00:40:18,810 --> 00:40:16,450

combination of these two is what makes

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00:40:22,350 --> 00:40:18,820

the soil moisture measurements possible

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00:40:25,650 --> 00:40:22,360

now the the pairing of these two

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00:40:28,110 --> 00:40:25,660

instruments and the way they're operated

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00:40:29,400 --> 00:40:28,120

are optimized for the problem of soil

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00:40:34,800 --> 00:40:29,410

moisture and that's what's unique about

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00:40:36,420 --> 00:40:34,810

the mission alright another question

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00:40:38,310 --> 00:40:36,430

here from Twitter user amber who asks

901
00:40:40,080 --> 00:40:38,320
how long before SMAP data will be made

902
00:40:45,170 --> 00:40:40,090
available and will there be a certain

903
00:40:50,190 --> 00:40:48,270
I will I will answer the first part of

904
00:40:52,680 --> 00:40:50,200
that NASA actually chose to put the snap

905
00:40:54,960 --> 00:40:52,690
data into two different Dax one for the

906
00:40:59,850 --> 00:40:54,970
radar and one for the radiometer the

907
00:41:02,490 --> 00:40:59,860
national ice centre in Boulder and the

908
00:41:05,280 --> 00:41:02,500
Alaskan satellite facility up in

909
00:41:09,060 --> 00:41:05,290
Fairbanks Alaska can't do you want to

910
00:41:11,100 --> 00:41:09,070
cover the rest of that yes so there's

911
00:41:15,870 --> 00:41:11,110
there's two answers the question of when

912
00:41:18,540 --> 00:41:15,880
the datas will be available we want to

913
00:41:19,980 --> 00:41:18,550

give ourselves a little time to make

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00:41:22,440 --> 00:41:19,990

sure that the measurements are

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00:41:25,940 --> 00:41:22,450

calibrated and checked out we'll begin

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00:41:28,470 --> 00:41:25,950

releasing uncalibrated unvalidated data

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00:41:32,280 --> 00:41:28,480

six months after launch that'll be the

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00:41:35,040 --> 00:41:32,290

basic radar and radiometer data the the

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00:41:38,580 --> 00:41:35,050

calibrated radiometer and radar data

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00:41:41,850 --> 00:41:38,590

will be released nine months after

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00:41:45,060 --> 00:41:41,860

launch and as I mentioned earlier in the

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00:41:47,670 --> 00:41:45,070

briefing the soil moisture data the

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00:41:50,460 --> 00:41:47,680

unvalidated data will be released nine

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00:41:52,650 --> 00:41:50,470

months after launch and the calibrated

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00:41:54,980 --> 00:41:52,660

data will be released 15 months after

926
00:41:57,960 --> 00:41:54,990
launch now once the data starts flowing

927
00:42:00,510 --> 00:41:57,970
it will be sent to the DAC on an ongoing

928
00:42:02,490 --> 00:42:00,520
basis every day the satellite will

929
00:42:04,860 --> 00:42:02,500
download

930
00:42:07,770 --> 00:42:04,870
large amounts of global soil moisture

931
00:42:11,430 --> 00:42:07,780
data its pipeline directly to JPL and

932
00:42:14,510 --> 00:42:11,440
Goddard for science data processing and

933
00:42:19,320 --> 00:42:14,520
it will be released to the the dax

934
00:42:21,510 --> 00:42:19,330
within a matter of 24 hours to 36 hours

935
00:42:22,950 --> 00:42:21,520
depending on what level of data we're

936
00:42:26,130 --> 00:42:22,960
talking about so there'll be a

937
00:42:28,770 --> 00:42:26,140
continuous ongoing flow of delivered

938
00:42:30,420 --> 00:42:28,780

data going to both the both of the dax i

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00:42:32,100 --> 00:42:30,430

spend one of the objectives of the

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00:42:34,620 --> 00:42:32,110

mission to get the data from the

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00:42:36,360 --> 00:42:34,630

satellite to the DAC as quickly as we

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00:42:39,060 --> 00:42:36,370

can because we know that there's a lot

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00:42:42,360 --> 00:42:39,070

of interest in having very fast access

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00:42:44,250 --> 00:42:42,370

to near real-time data alright we have

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00:42:46,080 --> 00:42:44,260

time for one more social media question

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00:42:48,630 --> 00:42:46,090

alright this last question comes from

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00:42:51,890 --> 00:42:48,640

twitter user Frankie who asks how do you

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00:42:56,130 --> 00:42:51,900

counteract the spin of the reflector

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00:42:59,070 --> 00:42:56,140

okay so I'll take that we have very

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00:43:01,920 --> 00:42:59,080

large reaction wheels inside the

951
00:43:04,200 --> 00:43:01,930
spacecraft bus you don't see them from

952
00:43:06,450 --> 00:43:04,210
from the outside view but they're

953
00:43:09,200 --> 00:43:06,460
basically very large wheels that spend

954
00:43:11,610 --> 00:43:09,210
very fast they're like a gyroscope and

955
00:43:14,610 --> 00:43:11,620
and that's how we counteract the

956
00:43:16,800 --> 00:43:14,620
momentum of the large spinning reflector

957
00:43:19,920 --> 00:43:16,810
very good question it was something we

958
00:43:23,250 --> 00:43:19,930
was one of the early design trades that

959
00:43:25,260 --> 00:43:23,260
we considered very carefully and it's a

960
00:43:28,350 --> 00:43:25,270
great great insight to think to ask that

961
00:43:31,380 --> 00:43:28,360
question so very good any more questions

962
00:43:33,540 --> 00:43:31,390
for me to you here in the room all right

963
00:43:35,910 --> 00:43:33,550

in that event we're going to pause just

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00:43:38,070 --> 00:43:35,920

long enough to change the participants

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00:43:41,700 --> 00:43:38,080

on the Dyess so that we can discuss the

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00:43:44,070 --> 00:43:41,710

cube SATs and the spacecraft that are

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00:43:46,380 --> 00:43:44,080

also flying on the delta to second stage