

South Australia
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00:00:35,670 --> 00:00:33,030
good afternoon and welcome to the

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00:00:37,990 --> 00:00:35,680
osiris-rex mission science briefing

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00:00:40,389 --> 00:00:38,000
osiris-rex stands for origen's spectral

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00:00:42,709 --> 00:00:40,399
interpretation resource identification

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00:00:45,430 --> 00:00:42,719
security regulative explorer and it's

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00:00:47,430 --> 00:00:45,440
nasa's first sample asteroid return

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00:00:49,590 --> 00:00:47,440
mission

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00:00:51,910 --> 00:00:49,600
and we'll start off with

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00:00:53,910 --> 00:00:51,920
christina richie from the osiris-rex

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00:00:57,189 --> 00:00:53,920
deputy program scientist at nasa

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00:00:59,430 --> 00:00:57,199
headquarters in washington

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00:01:01,270 --> 00:00:59,440
jason dworkin the osiris-rex project

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00:01:04,469 --> 00:01:01,280

scientist at nasa's goddard space flight

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00:01:05,590 --> 00:01:04,479

center in greenbelt maryland

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00:01:08,710 --> 00:01:05,600

daniela

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00:01:10,550 --> 00:01:08,720

della justina the osiris-rex lead image

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00:01:12,789 --> 00:01:10,560

processing scientist at the university

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00:01:14,710 --> 00:01:12,799

of arizona in tucson

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00:01:17,350 --> 00:01:14,720

and we'll begin with christina thank you

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nancy so in the mission briefing before

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00:01:21,830 --> 00:01:19,200

this you heard about the launch vehicle

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00:01:23,910 --> 00:01:21,840

the spacecraft the mission objectives

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00:01:25,429 --> 00:01:23,920

you even got to hear about the weather

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00:01:27,910 --> 00:01:25,439

so here what we're going to be talking

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00:01:29,429 --> 00:01:27,920

about is the science so i'm going to

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00:01:32,230 --> 00:01:29,439
start off with talking about why we

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00:01:33,830 --> 00:01:32,240
chose bennu as the target asteroid jason

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00:01:35,910 --> 00:01:33,840
is going to talk about the sample and

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00:01:37,990 --> 00:01:35,920
the analysis that will be done and danny

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00:01:39,590 --> 00:01:38,000
is going to talk to us about the mapping

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00:01:41,270 --> 00:01:39,600
that's going to occur

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00:01:43,350 --> 00:01:41,280
so let's go ahead and begin with talking

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00:01:45,190 --> 00:01:43,360
about why bennu so

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00:01:46,870 --> 00:01:45,200
the ultimate goal of the osiris-rex

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00:01:49,030 --> 00:01:46,880
mission is to collect a sample from an

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00:01:51,270 --> 00:01:49,040
asteroid and bring it back to earth

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00:01:52,710 --> 00:01:51,280
but why was bennu chosen for this

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00:01:54,789 --> 00:01:52,720

exciting endeavor

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00:01:56,550 --> 00:01:54,799

well the science team selected bennu

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00:01:58,389 --> 00:01:56,560

after carefully taking into account

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00:02:00,870 --> 00:01:58,399

three critical factors

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the accessibility of the asteroid

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00:02:05,510 --> 00:02:03,119

the size such that it enables proximity

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00:02:07,429 --> 00:02:05,520

operations and sample collection

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00:02:08,949 --> 00:02:07,439

and the composition of that asteroid so

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00:02:10,550 --> 00:02:08,959

let's get into each one of these

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00:02:12,309 --> 00:02:10,560

individually and we'll start off with

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00:02:13,830 --> 00:02:12,319

accessibility go ahead and start my

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00:02:15,589 --> 00:02:13,840

first graphic

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so we need an asteroid target that a

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00:02:20,070 --> 00:02:17,920
spacecraft could fly to and then return

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00:02:21,510 --> 00:02:20,080
to earth within a few years time

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00:02:23,830 --> 00:02:21,520
the closest asteroids to earth are

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00:02:26,869 --> 00:02:23,840
called near-earth objects and they come

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00:02:28,150 --> 00:02:26,879
within 1.3 astronomical units of the sun

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00:02:30,710 --> 00:02:28,160
for those who don't speak in

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00:02:32,550 --> 00:02:30,720
astronomical units on a regular basis

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00:02:34,229 --> 00:02:32,560
one astronomical unit is the average

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00:02:36,790 --> 00:02:34,239
distance between the earth and the sun

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00:02:38,949 --> 00:02:36,800
it's about 93 million miles

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00:02:40,949 --> 00:02:38,959
for a mission like osiris-rex the most

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00:02:45,670 --> 00:02:40,959
accessible asteroids for a spacecraft to

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00:02:47,910 --> 00:02:45,680

reach are located between 0.8 and 1.6 au

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00:02:50,229 --> 00:02:47,920

the ideal ashtray destination also has

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00:02:52,390 --> 00:02:50,239

an earth-like orbit one that is fairly

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00:02:54,630 --> 00:02:52,400

circular and low in inclination so it's

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00:02:58,710 --> 00:02:54,640

in a similar plane to ours

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00:03:01,110 --> 00:02:58,720

bennu is and bennu orbits between 0.9

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00:03:04,390 --> 00:03:01,120

and 1.36 au

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00:03:06,630 --> 00:03:04,400

it orbits the sun every 1.2 years and it

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00:03:08,470 --> 00:03:06,640

passes by earth every six years with an

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00:03:10,630 --> 00:03:08,480

inclination that's only six degrees

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00:03:12,630 --> 00:03:10,640

different than ours so it really is

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00:03:16,229 --> 00:03:12,640

optimal for accessibility for the

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00:03:18,070 --> 00:03:16,239

spacecraft to go to and then return from

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00:03:19,589 --> 00:03:18,080

the next criteria for selection was

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finding an asteroid that was the right

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size to enable two critical portions of

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the mission the proximity operations

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close to the asteroid and the actual

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collection of the sample and go ahead

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00:03:32,390 --> 00:03:30,319

and start my next graphic

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asteroids with small diameters rotate

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more rapidly than those with large

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diameters

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for an asteroid that has a smaller

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diameter than 200 meters it can rotate

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00:03:44,789 --> 00:03:42,640

rapidly enough that some of the material

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00:03:46,789 --> 00:03:44,799

on the surface will be ejected

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00:03:49,270 --> 00:03:46,799

furthermore it's difficult to match the

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rotation speed of a rapidly rotating

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object so we need an object that's at

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least 200 meters in diameter

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bennu is actually 492 meters in diameter

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at its equatorial bulge and its rotation

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00:04:07,910 --> 00:04:04,720

speed is only 4.3 hours so we'll be able

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00:04:10,149 --> 00:04:07,920

to match the rotation speed of it and do

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00:04:12,869 --> 00:04:10,159

a safe smooth

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00:04:15,270 --> 00:04:12,879

slow high five to collect that sample

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00:04:17,990 --> 00:04:15,280

that we will then return to earth

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00:04:20,469 --> 00:04:18,000

the final criteria that made bennu the

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00:04:22,310 --> 00:04:20,479

choice destination asteroid for us was

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00:04:23,990 --> 00:04:22,320

its composition and go ahead and start

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00:04:25,990 --> 00:04:24,000

my third graphic

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00:04:27,909 --> 00:04:26,000

asteroids are categorized into different

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types based on their observed chemical

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composition

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in the visible and infrared light

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00:04:34,230 --> 00:04:32,560

minerals have unique signatures somewhat

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00:04:36,150 --> 00:04:34,240

like fingerprints

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00:04:38,150 --> 00:04:36,160

depending upon the features observed

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00:04:39,909 --> 00:04:38,160

scientists are able to identify various

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organic materials

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00:04:44,070 --> 00:04:41,840

the most primitive asteroids are carbon

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00:04:46,070 --> 00:04:44,080

rich and are believed to have material

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00:04:48,469 --> 00:04:46,080

preserved from about four and a half

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00:04:50,629 --> 00:04:48,479

billion years ago around the formation

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00:04:52,550 --> 00:04:50,639

of our solar system

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00:04:55,590 --> 00:04:52,560

these asteroids could contain organic

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molecules volatiles and amino acids that

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00:04:59,590 --> 00:04:57,680

may have been the precursors to life on

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00:05:00,790 --> 00:04:59,600

earth or elsewhere within our solar

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00:05:02,629 --> 00:05:00,800

system

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00:05:05,590 --> 00:05:02,639

telescopic measurements suggest that

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00:05:07,749 --> 00:05:05,600

bennu surface is rich in carbon

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00:05:10,230 --> 00:05:07,759

thanks to extensive measurements in the

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00:05:11,830 --> 00:05:10,240

visible infrared as well as in the radar

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00:05:12,870 --> 00:05:11,840

which is what this map of bennu was made

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00:05:14,950 --> 00:05:12,880

off of

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00:05:17,029 --> 00:05:14,960

bennu is the best understood near-earth

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00:05:18,550 --> 00:05:17,039

asteroid that has not been visited by a

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00:05:20,629 --> 00:05:18,560

spacecraft

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00:05:23,189 --> 00:05:20,639

and with the return to earth of these

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00:05:26,310 --> 00:05:23,199

pristine samples with a known geologic

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00:05:28,150 --> 00:05:26,320

context we will enable precise analyses

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00:05:31,350 --> 00:05:28,160

that simply cannot be

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00:05:33,510 --> 00:05:31,360

duplicated by space-based observations

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00:05:34,790 --> 00:05:33,520

or with studying

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00:05:37,430 --> 00:05:34,800

meteorites

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00:05:38,469 --> 00:05:37,440

so bennu's size primitive and rich

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00:05:40,150 --> 00:05:38,479

composition

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00:05:42,550 --> 00:05:40,160

in orbit make it one of the most

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00:05:44,629 --> 00:05:42,560

fascinating accessible asteroids and

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00:05:47,029 --> 00:05:44,639

that is why it was ultimately chosen as

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00:05:48,070 --> 00:05:47,039

the target asteroid for the osiris-rex

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00:05:49,830 --> 00:05:48,080

mission

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00:05:51,110 --> 00:05:49,840

so jason is now going to talk about the

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00:05:53,830 --> 00:05:51,120

actual sample and what we're going to be

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00:05:56,870 --> 00:05:53,840

bringing back so thank you osiris-rex

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00:05:58,309 --> 00:05:56,880

brings back a large bounty of sample for

151
00:06:00,550 --> 00:05:58,319
of the early solar system can have the

152
00:06:02,550 --> 00:06:00,560
first graphic please

153
00:06:04,870 --> 00:06:02,560
so you have heard about how bennu is a

154
00:06:06,469 --> 00:06:04,880
fantastic target asteroid in turn we

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00:06:08,870 --> 00:06:06,479
have a purpose-built fantastic

156
00:06:10,469 --> 00:06:08,880
spacecraft the crux of osiris-rex is

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00:06:13,110 --> 00:06:10,479
origins the search the origin of the

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00:06:15,990 --> 00:06:13,120
solar system and of life itself

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00:06:17,749 --> 00:06:16,000
and for that it's all about the sample

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00:06:19,670 --> 00:06:17,759
meticulous testing and cleaning are

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00:06:21,590 --> 00:06:19,680
necessary to collect and return a

162
00:06:23,430 --> 00:06:21,600
pristine sample with the well understood

163
00:06:25,749 --> 00:06:23,440

well characterized spacecraft from well

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00:06:27,510 --> 00:06:25,759

understood well characterized asteroid

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00:06:29,749 --> 00:06:27,520

the design of the oceanfront spacecraft

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00:06:30,710 --> 00:06:29,759

instruments and operations all serve to

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00:06:33,189 --> 00:06:30,720

return

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00:06:35,909 --> 00:06:33,199

this organic rich sample safely with

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00:06:37,270 --> 00:06:35,919

geological context with the rest of menu

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00:06:39,830 --> 00:06:37,280

then allow comparisons with other

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00:06:41,189 --> 00:06:39,840

asteroids and with meteorites

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00:06:43,029 --> 00:06:41,199

after months of characterization and

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00:06:45,430 --> 00:06:43,039

rehearsals the assassinate spacecraft

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00:06:47,270 --> 00:06:45,440

autonomously descends to safely collect

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00:06:49,430 --> 00:06:47,280

at least 60 grams as much as two

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00:06:51,189 --> 00:06:49,440
kilograms of surface stones and dust

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00:06:52,950 --> 00:06:51,199
this is a huge bounty

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00:06:54,390 --> 00:06:52,960
after the sample is collected is locked

179
00:06:58,390 --> 00:06:54,400
in the sample return capsule until the

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00:07:00,070 --> 00:06:58,400
spacecraft delivers it to earth in 2023

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00:07:02,070 --> 00:07:00,080
to keep this precious sample safe there

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00:07:04,469 --> 00:07:02,080
are no other science operations after

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00:07:05,749 --> 00:07:04,479
the sample is stowed

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00:07:07,350 --> 00:07:05,759
and this will

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00:07:09,270 --> 00:07:07,360
allow us to

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00:07:12,150 --> 00:07:09,280
make sure that the sample is safe and

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00:07:14,629 --> 00:07:12,160
that the spacecraft is safe by not

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00:07:16,469 --> 00:07:14,639

interjecting other possible risks the

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00:07:19,029 --> 00:07:16,479

formation of the solar system was a

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00:07:20,710 --> 00:07:19,039

violent but dimly recorded time although

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00:07:23,350 --> 00:07:20,720

most director of the ancient

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00:07:24,790 --> 00:07:23,360

earth is lost to the dynamic geology

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00:07:26,629 --> 00:07:24,800

that shaped our planet there are lines

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00:07:28,629 --> 00:07:26,639

of evidence that indicate that heavy

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00:07:30,790 --> 00:07:28,639

bombardment by debris from the formation

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00:07:32,309 --> 00:07:30,800

of the solar system

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00:07:33,909 --> 00:07:32,319

around the same time

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00:07:36,710 --> 00:07:33,919

helped form the oceans and then a few

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00:07:39,189 --> 00:07:36,720

hundred million years later life

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00:07:40,629 --> 00:07:39,199

the detailed chemistry of what was on

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00:07:42,230 --> 00:07:40,639

and delivered to the earth on mars

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00:07:44,629 --> 00:07:42,240

europa or enceladus cannot be found in

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earth rocks this history was recorded in

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the minerals compounds and isotopes from

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meteorites and their parent asteroids

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but meteorites land on the ground and we

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never know where they come from

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furthermore organic rich

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meteorites quickly become contaminated

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with the compounds of life

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00:08:00,150 --> 00:07:58,960

these compounds are the are most

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important to understand our origins and

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meteorites and can only be understood by

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00:08:04,869 --> 00:08:03,759

careful and tedious laboratory work if

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00:08:06,869 --> 00:08:04,879

at all

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to maximize the sample of our si of our

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00:08:11,670 --> 00:08:09,680

samples on uh on bennu we have a very

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clean spacecraft and well as a detailed

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record of the materials used to process

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to make it this equips scientists who

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

study the samples with tools directly

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verify what was discovered in bennu's

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rocks are not accidentally carried from

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00:08:23,990 --> 00:08:22,080

earth

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00:08:26,230 --> 00:08:24,000

a scientist in my laboratory dr jamie

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usola recently recently led a team to

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analyze some apollo samples to learn the

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origin of their amino acids she was not

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yet born when the sample was collected

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used instruments not yet invented and

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00:08:37,269 --> 00:08:35,839

answered questions beyond the reach of

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science at the time

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osiris-rex like stardust mission before

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00:08:43,670 --> 00:08:40,719

us

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will answer questions unanticipated at

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00:08:47,350 --> 00:08:45,519

the time of launch

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even questions we didn't design the are

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00:08:50,630 --> 00:08:49,200

sort of rex to answer just as we've

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00:08:52,550 --> 00:08:50,640

learned from

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00:08:54,710 --> 00:08:52,560

the stardust com sample return mission

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00:08:56,150 --> 00:08:54,720

before us and hayabusa and high booster

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2 missions on how to rendezvous with

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comet collect and return samples to

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earth we've learned

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from near and rosette about how to

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

maneuver around the small body

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samples of bending will be studied

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by science instruments too large too

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power hungry or too delicate in

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laboratories around the world we would

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00:09:15,509 --> 00:09:14,160
dissect the sample to the atomic level

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00:09:17,509 --> 00:09:15,519
to better understand the origin of the

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00:09:19,030 --> 00:09:17,519
solar system and our place within it

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00:09:20,550 --> 00:09:19,040
the sample return capsule will enter the

255
00:09:22,470 --> 00:09:20,560
earth's atmosphere to deliver precious

256
00:09:23,750 --> 00:09:22,480
fragments of the early solar system to

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00:09:26,470 --> 00:09:23,760
the utah desert in the morning of

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00:09:28,230 --> 00:09:26,480
september 24th 2023

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00:09:30,070 --> 00:09:28,240
since 75 percent of the sample we

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00:09:32,790 --> 00:09:30,080
archived for scientists to request a

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00:09:34,230 --> 00:09:32,800
study perhaps you your children or your

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00:09:35,829 --> 00:09:34,240
grandchildren will grow up to study the

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00:09:37,829 --> 00:09:35,839

samples collected by the spacecraft we

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00:09:40,790 --> 00:09:37,839

are launching now now danny would tell

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us more about how we choose the sample

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thanks jason

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so bennu is going to be the first

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carbonaceous asteroid that nasa has had

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the opportunity to map the entire

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00:09:54,790 --> 00:09:51,839

surface of and so this is very exciting

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can i get my first graphic please

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so mapping will begin by determining the

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00:10:02,230 --> 00:09:59,360

shape of the asteroid and understanding

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00:10:04,630 --> 00:10:02,240

the shape of bennu is of incredible

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00:10:06,949 --> 00:10:04,640

importance so that we understand how to

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safely navigate around this body

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00:10:09,910 --> 00:10:08,480

navigation will have some challenges

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00:10:11,430 --> 00:10:09,920

because bennu will be the smallest

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object that we've ever orbited a

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00:10:14,949 --> 00:10:13,279

spacecraft around

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one of the primary tools that we will

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00:10:20,230 --> 00:10:17,120

use for mapping the asteroid will be the

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00:10:21,990 --> 00:10:20,240

osiris-rex camera suite or ocams a trio

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00:10:23,110 --> 00:10:22,000

of cameras built by the university of

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00:10:25,430 --> 00:10:23,120

arizona

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00:10:27,509 --> 00:10:25,440

in conjunction with ocams the four other

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00:10:30,550 --> 00:10:27,519

instruments on the spacecraft will go

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00:10:33,110 --> 00:10:30,560

ahead and map bennu first globally and

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00:10:35,750 --> 00:10:33,120

then locally by the end of our local

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00:10:38,389 --> 00:10:35,760

mapping campaign we will be able to see

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00:10:42,310 --> 00:10:38,399

an object the size of a penny

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00:10:48,069 --> 00:10:44,870

next graphic please

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00:10:51,829 --> 00:10:48,079

so before sampling mapping will take

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00:10:53,350 --> 00:10:51,839

place over a year and a half to a two

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00:10:56,310 --> 00:10:53,360

year period

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00:10:58,310 --> 00:10:56,320

and during this two years

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00:11:01,350 --> 00:10:58,320

the osiris-rex spacecraft will be

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00:11:03,590 --> 00:11:01,360

absolutely dedicated to

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00:11:06,389 --> 00:11:03,600

finding the best place on the surface of

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00:11:08,710 --> 00:11:06,399

bennu to collect a sample from

301
00:11:10,790 --> 00:11:08,720
this is pretty incredible because at the

302
00:11:12,710 --> 00:11:10,800
end of this two-year period scientists

303
00:11:15,829 --> 00:11:12,720
will know more about bennu than we know

304
00:11:18,069 --> 00:11:15,839
about any other near-earth asteroids so

305
00:11:20,230 --> 00:11:18,079
we're collecting again an unprecedented

306
00:11:23,269 --> 00:11:20,240
data set

307
00:11:25,190 --> 00:11:23,279
the mapping will take place globally so

308
00:11:27,590 --> 00:11:25,200
that we first can characterize and

309
00:11:30,710 --> 00:11:27,600
understand the major properties of this

310
00:11:33,350 --> 00:11:30,720
small world and then we'll move along to

311
00:11:35,829 --> 00:11:33,360
a local mapping phase in order to

312
00:11:37,829 --> 00:11:35,839
evaluate the suitability of individual

313
00:11:38,870 --> 00:11:37,839

candidate sample sites

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00:11:41,030 --> 00:11:38,880

so

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00:11:44,310 --> 00:11:41,040

the primary importance of mapping at

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00:11:45,110 --> 00:11:44,320

bennu is to find this great sample site

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00:11:49,509 --> 00:11:45,120

and

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00:11:50,949 --> 00:11:49,519

sample from it but once we have a sample

319

00:11:52,870 --> 00:11:50,959

of bennu

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00:11:55,030 --> 00:11:52,880

the maps will also provide critical

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00:11:58,710 --> 00:11:55,040

context for that sample

322

00:12:03,430 --> 00:12:01,509

so maps acquired during this year and a

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00:12:04,470 --> 00:12:03,440

half to two year period

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00:12:06,629 --> 00:12:04,480

will

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00:12:09,590 --> 00:12:06,639

place the sample into critical context

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00:12:12,389 --> 00:12:09,600

and the sample of bennu that will get

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00:12:14,870 --> 00:12:12,399

returned to earth is uh at a minimum

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00:12:16,710 --> 00:12:14,880

going to be 60 grams so to get a visual

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00:12:19,670 --> 00:12:16,720

for that that's about uh four

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00:12:21,910 --> 00:12:19,680

tablespoons of packed brown sugar

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00:12:24,470 --> 00:12:21,920

and because this represents a small

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00:12:26,389 --> 00:12:24,480

portion of the overall asteroid

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00:12:28,230 --> 00:12:26,399

the maps that we collect and the remote

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00:12:30,710 --> 00:12:28,240

sensing data that we collect at the

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00:12:32,710 --> 00:12:30,720

asteroid are going to provide that vital

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00:12:35,829 --> 00:12:32,720

the vital link that we need to connect

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00:12:38,069 --> 00:12:35,839

this sample into the global context for

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00:12:40,069 --> 00:12:38,079

the world that is venue

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00:12:42,310 --> 00:12:40,079

so now that we've had a mission overview

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00:12:44,710 --> 00:12:42,320

talked about the sample and the mapping

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00:12:46,629 --> 00:12:44,720

uh back to you nancy thank you daniella

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00:12:48,710 --> 00:12:46,639

so now we're ready to open the floor for

343

00:12:50,870 --> 00:12:48,720

questions please wait for the microphone

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00:12:53,269 --> 00:12:50,880

and state your name and affiliation

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00:12:58,230 --> 00:12:53,279

okay right here

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00:13:00,710 --> 00:12:58,949

hi

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00:13:02,310 --> 00:13:00,720

bill jelen from we report space a

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00:13:03,670 --> 00:13:02,320

question on the mapping so the the

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00:13:05,350 --> 00:13:03,680

global mapping

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00:13:07,269 --> 00:13:05,360

if they determine through the arkovsky

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00:13:08,310 --> 00:13:07,279

effect that eventually this thing would

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00:13:09,910 --> 00:13:08,320

hit us

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00:13:11,829 --> 00:13:09,920

then we have an opportunity in 2135 when

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00:13:13,750 --> 00:13:11,839

it passes between the earth and the moon

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00:13:15,750 --> 00:13:13,760

to have a close approach

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

how will you save the maps well the

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00:13:19,030 --> 00:13:17,440

global maps be transmitted back to us

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00:13:22,470 --> 00:13:19,040

and and saved in case we ever have to

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00:13:24,069 --> 00:13:22,480

figure out the geography of banu in case

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00:13:25,190 --> 00:13:24,079

we need to try and do something to

361

00:13:27,829 --> 00:13:25,200

divert it

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00:13:29,910 --> 00:13:27,839

that's a great question i mean even

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00:13:31,829 --> 00:13:29,920

security is one of the osiris-rex

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00:13:34,310 --> 00:13:31,839

mission objectives but also from the the

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00:13:35,350 --> 00:13:34,320

spectral interpretation a portion of our

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00:13:36,790 --> 00:13:35,360

acronym

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00:13:38,710 --> 00:13:36,800

the data that we collect and then

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00:13:40,629 --> 00:13:38,720

eventually build into maps for bennu

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00:13:42,949 --> 00:13:40,639

will be archived by nasa's planetary

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00:13:45,269 --> 00:13:42,959

data system and so nasa has a long

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00:13:46,870 --> 00:13:45,279

history of ensuring that data is

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00:13:48,389 --> 00:13:46,880

preserved and archived for future

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00:13:50,949 --> 00:13:48,399

generations to examine

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00:13:53,030 --> 00:13:50,959

and this definitely includes the maps

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00:13:56,230 --> 00:13:53,040

and all of the the instrument data that

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00:14:00,150 --> 00:13:56,240

we will be collected by the spacecraft

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00:14:02,550 --> 00:14:00,160

okay thank you right here in front

378

00:14:05,030 --> 00:14:02,560

i'm jim siegel i'm with the celebration

379

00:14:07,990 --> 00:14:05,040

news and space flight insider i'm

380

00:14:10,550 --> 00:14:08,000

intrigued by the um

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00:14:13,509 --> 00:14:10,560

dust materials that you expect to find

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00:14:15,509 --> 00:14:13,519

on the asteroid for example um

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00:14:17,269 --> 00:14:15,519

what makes you think there's dust there

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00:14:19,750 --> 00:14:17,279

what kind of evidence do you have or

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00:14:22,069 --> 00:14:19,760

experience and then and secondly what

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00:14:24,710 --> 00:14:22,079

would be the texture of this dust would

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00:14:27,269 --> 00:14:24,720

this be like talcum powder or sugar or

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00:14:29,030 --> 00:14:27,279

gravel or what

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00:14:31,430 --> 00:14:29,040

so we have numerous lines of evidence

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00:14:32,790 --> 00:14:31,440

that tell us the texture of the surface

391

00:14:35,189 --> 00:14:32,800

of bennu

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00:14:37,110 --> 00:14:35,199

both from the thermal inertia

393

00:14:39,990 --> 00:14:37,120

where you can look at the uh the

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00:14:43,350 --> 00:14:40,000

temperature of like a beach versus large

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00:14:46,069 --> 00:14:43,360

stones and the temperature changes

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00:14:47,990 --> 00:14:46,079

from day to night uh quickly on smaller

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00:14:51,350 --> 00:14:48,000

textures versus slowly with large

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00:14:53,430 --> 00:14:51,360

textures as well as using uh polarized

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00:14:56,629 --> 00:14:53,440

radar from the goldstone andersebo

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00:14:59,189 --> 00:14:56,639

telescopes to give us a size bin of the

401
00:15:01,189 --> 00:14:59,199
surface of the rocks

402
00:15:02,710 --> 00:15:01,199
we know that there are one centimeter

403
00:15:05,910 --> 00:15:02,720
sized stones

404
00:15:08,389 --> 00:15:05,920
which is ideal for the the tagsam

405
00:15:10,069 --> 00:15:08,399
device to collect and based on a

406
00:15:11,829 --> 00:15:10,079
reasonable size frequency distribution

407
00:15:15,350 --> 00:15:11,839
by looking at other asteroids including

408
00:15:17,590 --> 00:15:15,360
itakawa as visited by uh by hayabusa we

409
00:15:19,350 --> 00:15:17,600
can understand how

410
00:15:22,069 --> 00:15:19,360
smaller and smaller pieces

411
00:15:24,150 --> 00:15:22,079
would would break up into dust and so we

412
00:15:27,110 --> 00:15:24,160
cannot see the dust from the earth

413
00:15:29,350 --> 00:15:27,120

but it almost cannot not be there but

414

00:15:31,269 --> 00:15:29,360

the stones that we need which are the

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00:15:33,189 --> 00:15:31,279

high value samples we have high

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00:15:37,269 --> 00:15:33,199

confidence that they are present based

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00:15:42,470 --> 00:15:40,389

okay right here

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00:15:44,629 --> 00:15:42,480

thanks guys mike wahl from

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00:15:45,749 --> 00:15:44,639

dykespace.com um so so i'm just

420

00:15:47,269 --> 00:15:45,759

wondering it

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00:15:49,430 --> 00:15:47,279

like would there be any advantages to

422

00:15:51,590 --> 00:15:49,440

trying to get more than one sample or

423

00:15:52,629 --> 00:15:51,600

are you just gonna get one sample and

424

00:15:54,870 --> 00:15:52,639

you're sure you've got it then you're

425

00:15:56,389 --> 00:15:54,880

gonna go because there would be more

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00:15:57,829 --> 00:15:56,399

risks involved going back to try to get

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00:16:00,310 --> 00:15:57,839

something else

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00:16:01,910 --> 00:16:00,320

so so if you're sure you have one

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00:16:03,350 --> 00:16:01,920

i mean could you just kind of talk about

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00:16:04,629 --> 00:16:03,360

are there any benefits to trying to get

431

00:16:08,710 --> 00:16:04,639

a second one if you could or is that

432

00:16:13,189 --> 00:16:10,710

so i'll go ahead and take that um

433

00:16:15,269 --> 00:16:13,199

so what we're going to do is after we go

434

00:16:17,189 --> 00:16:15,279

out and do the slow five second high

435

00:16:18,710 --> 00:16:17,199

five maneuver with the nitrogen gas and

436

00:16:20,069 --> 00:16:18,720

collect the sample we're going to

437

00:16:21,829 --> 00:16:20,079

actually maneuver away from the

438

00:16:23,990 --> 00:16:21,839

spacecraft so that we can rotate our

439

00:16:26,310 --> 00:16:24,000

spacecraft to measure the mass

440

00:16:29,030 --> 00:16:26,320

once we know we have 60 grams in there

441

00:16:30,870 --> 00:16:29,040

we're going to snow and move away from

442

00:16:32,949 --> 00:16:30,880

the asteroid enough to where we feel

443

00:16:34,949 --> 00:16:32,959

that our spacecraft's in a safe position

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00:16:37,670 --> 00:16:34,959

our priority is to bring back at least

445

00:16:39,590 --> 00:16:37,680

60 grams of pristine material so once we

446

00:16:41,509 --> 00:16:39,600

have that we're not going to try to

447

00:16:42,949 --> 00:16:41,519

touch that again we've got it it's

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00:16:45,749 --> 00:16:42,959

getting stowed

449

00:16:48,310 --> 00:16:45,759

it's getting ready to come home

450

00:16:50,710 --> 00:16:48,320

if i follow up sure so

451
00:16:51,749 --> 00:16:50,720
as a scientist i always want more

452
00:16:53,269 --> 00:16:51,759
but

453
00:16:55,430 --> 00:16:53,279
um

454
00:16:57,509 --> 00:16:55,440
the science team has been conditioned to

455
00:17:00,310 --> 00:16:57,519
understand how to minimize risk

456
00:17:01,430 --> 00:17:00,320
and have respect for engineering reality

457
00:17:03,110 --> 00:17:01,440
and so

458
00:17:05,590 --> 00:17:03,120
i would love to have a spacecraft that

459
00:17:07,750 --> 00:17:05,600
is covered in semper return capsules

460
00:17:10,710 --> 00:17:07,760
um a friend of mine likes to say scott

461
00:17:12,949 --> 00:17:10,720
sanford who's on the mission uh that if

462
00:17:14,710 --> 00:17:12,959
engineers designed a spacecraft they

463
00:17:17,350 --> 00:17:14,720

would launch a bowling ball and get

464

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

telemetry and declare mission success if

465

00:17:21,189 --> 00:17:19,280

scientists designed missions they would

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00:17:23,350 --> 00:17:21,199

design a spacecraft that's too heavy

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00:17:26,309 --> 00:17:23,360

with instruments to get off the pad so

468

00:17:28,630 --> 00:17:26,319

coming up with with a middle ground

469

00:17:31,110 --> 00:17:28,640

where we can ensure we get one high

470

00:17:32,470 --> 00:17:31,120

value sample instead of risking it all

471

00:17:35,669 --> 00:17:32,480

and getting two

472

00:17:38,549 --> 00:17:35,679

is just not worth the chance

473

00:17:39,909 --> 00:17:38,559

one is a lifetime of data anyway

474

00:17:42,549 --> 00:17:39,919

great thank you we're gonna go to the

475

00:17:49,669 --> 00:17:42,559

phone lines and we have mark garch on

476

00:17:53,510 --> 00:17:51,510

thank you for this informative briefing

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00:17:56,150 --> 00:17:53,520

this afternoon on this historical

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00:17:57,190 --> 00:17:56,160

mission of osiris-rex is going to be

479

00:17:58,870 --> 00:17:57,200

incredible

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00:18:02,070 --> 00:17:58,880

my questions are this

481

00:18:05,430 --> 00:18:02,080

in using the tag sam to take the sample

482

00:18:08,390 --> 00:18:05,440

from the carbon rich asteroid bennu

483

00:18:10,630 --> 00:18:08,400

what will have to be seen or detected by

484

00:18:14,230 --> 00:18:10,640

the visible light cameras and

485

00:18:17,909 --> 00:18:14,240

spectrometer to indicate the exact place

486

00:18:21,430 --> 00:18:17,919

of the sample of regolith to be taken

487

00:18:24,470 --> 00:18:21,440

and how far from the surface of bennu

488

00:18:26,630 --> 00:18:24,480

will the sample location be able to be

489

00:18:28,310 --> 00:18:26,640

detected

490

00:18:30,950 --> 00:18:28,320

okay so i can take the first part of

491

00:18:32,870 --> 00:18:30,960

this question um so one of the

492

00:18:36,549 --> 00:18:32,880

instruments uh on the

493

00:18:39,510 --> 00:18:36,559

osiris-rex spacecraft is called sam cam

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00:18:42,390 --> 00:18:39,520

and the purpose of samcam is to watch

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00:18:44,549 --> 00:18:42,400

the tag event and then later on to

496

00:18:45,830 --> 00:18:44,559

verify that there has been some sample

497

00:18:48,789 --> 00:18:45,840

collected

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00:18:50,310 --> 00:18:48,799

by the tag sam so the tag sam has it's a

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00:18:52,870 --> 00:18:50,320

ring as we saw some of the images

500

00:18:54,549 --> 00:18:52,880

earlier and there's a little bit of

501
00:18:58,310 --> 00:18:54,559
you can think of it almost like steel

502
00:19:00,549 --> 00:18:58,320
velcro at the edge of this annulus and

503
00:19:02,870 --> 00:19:00,559
that will also interface with the

504
00:19:06,390 --> 00:19:02,880
surface of bennu and material will

505
00:19:09,350 --> 00:19:06,400
attach to it so we will not only watch

506
00:19:11,750 --> 00:19:09,360
the sampling event but we will also at

507
00:19:13,990 --> 00:19:11,760
some distance away from bennu go ahead

508
00:19:16,789 --> 00:19:14,000
and turn the tag sam so that we can look

509
00:19:21,909 --> 00:19:16,799
at it with samcam and verify that we

510
00:19:26,070 --> 00:19:23,990
okay we're now going to take some

511
00:19:28,950 --> 00:19:26,080
questions from social media media please

512
00:19:31,029 --> 00:19:28,960
aries okay thanks um this question is

513
00:19:32,789 --> 00:19:31,039

from ada quasar calm

514

00:19:34,950 --> 00:19:32,799

and uh they want to know what is the

515

00:19:37,029 --> 00:19:34,960

added value of retrieving the sample

516

00:19:38,710 --> 00:19:37,039

instead of analyzing it using on-board

517

00:19:40,789 --> 00:19:38,720

instruments

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00:19:43,909 --> 00:19:40,799

uh nasa has a history of developing

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00:19:46,390 --> 00:19:43,919

fantastic onboard instruments such as

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00:19:49,510 --> 00:19:46,400

the the great instrument suite on the

521

00:19:51,590 --> 00:19:49,520

curiosity rover on mars right now

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00:19:53,990 --> 00:19:51,600

the problem is that those instruments

523

00:19:56,630 --> 00:19:54,000

however fantastic they are the design

524

00:19:59,750 --> 00:19:56,640

has to be fixed years before launch to

525

00:20:01,990 --> 00:19:59,760

minimize uh risk of change and also to

526
00:20:04,390 --> 00:20:02,000
make sure that the instruments are light

527
00:20:06,070 --> 00:20:04,400
and robust to the launch environments

528
00:20:08,630 --> 00:20:06,080
and that they don't need frequent

529
00:20:10,310 --> 00:20:08,640
tune-ups like laboratory instruments do

530
00:20:12,789 --> 00:20:10,320
in the case when you bring a sample back

531
00:20:14,789 --> 00:20:12,799
to earth you can use laboratories the

532
00:20:17,029 --> 00:20:14,799
size of the spacecraft even the size of

533
00:20:18,710 --> 00:20:17,039
buildings like like synchrotron

534
00:20:21,669 --> 00:20:18,720
facilities that were used to study

535
00:20:23,590 --> 00:20:21,679
stardust samples and you can take uh

536
00:20:25,190 --> 00:20:23,600
rocks and slice them up into tiny tiny

537
00:20:28,549 --> 00:20:25,200
fragments and put them into these beam

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00:20:30,950 --> 00:20:28,559

lines and manipulate them using people

539

00:20:34,149 --> 00:20:30,960

that are that have the ability to adjust

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00:20:35,590 --> 00:20:34,159

these objects in ways that robots can't

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00:20:37,430 --> 00:20:35,600

uh and then

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00:20:39,110 --> 00:20:37,440

interrogate in ways in finer detail than

543

00:20:42,070 --> 00:20:39,120

you ever could and of course as we

544

00:20:44,789 --> 00:20:42,080

mentioned people not yet born with ideas

545

00:20:46,710 --> 00:20:44,799

that we didn't have now can test them in

546

00:20:49,029 --> 00:20:46,720

ways we couldn't even conceive of yeah

547

00:20:50,950 --> 00:20:49,039

just to follow on with that so

548

00:20:53,270 --> 00:20:50,960

60 grams is the smallest amount that

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00:20:54,789 --> 00:20:53,280

we're intending on returning but that's

550

00:20:57,110 --> 00:20:54,799

still going to be the largest sample

551
00:20:59,190 --> 00:20:57,120
return since the apollo era so this

552
00:21:00,470 --> 00:20:59,200
really is a sample return mission that's

553
00:21:02,549 --> 00:21:00,480
going to be the gift that keeps on

554
00:21:04,070 --> 00:21:02,559
giving 25

555
00:21:06,230 --> 00:21:04,080
of this sample will go towards the

556
00:21:08,870 --> 00:21:06,240
science team in order to

557
00:21:10,789 --> 00:21:08,880
fulfill their objectives and then 75

558
00:21:12,470 --> 00:21:10,799
percent is going to be stored in our

559
00:21:14,950 --> 00:21:12,480
curation facility at johnson space

560
00:21:16,950 --> 00:21:14,960
flight center in order to allow future

561
00:21:18,230 --> 00:21:16,960
generations of scientists to use

562
00:21:19,590 --> 00:21:18,240
instruments that haven't even been

563
00:21:21,909 --> 00:21:19,600

invented yet

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

so as jason mentioned earlier one of his

565

00:21:26,630 --> 00:21:23,760

colleagues at goddard is still working

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00:21:28,789 --> 00:21:26,640

on the apollo samples now so this sample

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00:21:30,549 --> 00:21:28,799

return osiris-rex is going to keep

568

00:21:32,710 --> 00:21:30,559

giving back to future and future

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00:21:33,990 --> 00:21:32,720

generations of scientists it's really

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00:21:37,510 --> 00:21:34,000

going to help us understand the solar

571

00:21:41,430 --> 00:21:39,510

to the next question we had which is uh

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00:21:43,190 --> 00:21:41,440

how could this mission have an impact on

573

00:21:48,710 --> 00:21:43,200

future missions and which future

574

00:21:52,470 --> 00:21:49,990

so

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00:21:54,470 --> 00:21:52,480

we're willing to share the answers here

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00:21:56,630 --> 00:21:54,480

so we're really actually going to be

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00:21:58,470 --> 00:21:56,640

able to the technologies that we have

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00:22:01,029 --> 00:21:58,480

developed are going to help with several

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00:22:03,270 --> 00:22:01,039

different types of missions to say small

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00:22:04,789 --> 00:22:03,280

bodies in the future the first of which

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00:22:06,950 --> 00:22:04,799

is going to be doing those close

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00:22:10,310 --> 00:22:06,960

proximity operations being in that low

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00:22:11,669 --> 00:22:10,320

gravity near the actual small body

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00:22:14,549 --> 00:22:11,679

our mission has been specifically

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00:22:16,390 --> 00:22:14,559

designed for that and our our type of

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00:22:18,390 --> 00:22:16,400

research and design that we've done can

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00:22:21,669 --> 00:22:18,400

be implemented towards future missions

588

00:22:24,149 --> 00:22:21,679

um the actual tag sam arm and then the

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00:22:26,390 --> 00:22:24,159

the sample return capsule which was from

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00:22:28,710 --> 00:22:26,400

stardust previously so we used a design

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00:22:30,710 --> 00:22:28,720

that we know is tested and in well

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00:22:32,710 --> 00:22:30,720

validated and works

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00:22:35,350 --> 00:22:32,720

we will continue to keep using that

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00:22:37,830 --> 00:22:35,360

design as we move forward so it's it's

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00:22:39,350 --> 00:22:37,840

really the great thing about osiris-rex

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00:22:40,789 --> 00:22:39,360

is the instrumentation on board the

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00:22:42,870 --> 00:22:40,799

spacecraft is at the forefront of

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00:22:44,630 --> 00:22:42,880

technology the sample return is at the

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00:22:46,950 --> 00:22:44,640

forefront of technology the fact that

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00:22:49,669 --> 00:22:46,960

we're able to actually be in low gravity

601
00:22:51,270 --> 00:22:49,679
around this small body and still

602
00:22:53,750 --> 00:22:51,280
maneuver and operate is at the forefront

603
00:22:55,669 --> 00:22:53,760
of technology so all of that from nasa

604
00:22:56,870 --> 00:22:55,679
is going to continue moving forward into

605
00:22:59,430 --> 00:22:56,880
more and more

606
00:23:01,430 --> 00:22:59,440
missions afterwards

607
00:23:07,510 --> 00:23:01,440
okay great right here in the front row

608
00:23:11,590 --> 00:23:09,430
hi ken kramer for universe today in the

609
00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:11,600
northeast astronomy forum um i have a

610
00:23:15,430 --> 00:23:13,440
question for um

611
00:23:18,549 --> 00:23:15,440
jason and um

612
00:23:19,990 --> 00:23:18,559
christina jason i think you mentioned

613
00:23:23,029 --> 00:23:20,000

after you collect the samples you're not

614

00:23:25,990 --> 00:23:23,039

going to do any more science um

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00:23:27,270 --> 00:23:26,000

no no imaging is that is that why why

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00:23:29,110 --> 00:23:27,280

would that be

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00:23:30,630 --> 00:23:29,120

we move to after we collect the samples

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00:23:31,669 --> 00:23:30,640

we move to a safe distance from the

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00:23:33,669 --> 00:23:31,679

asteroid

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00:23:34,630 --> 00:23:33,679

and all the primary objectives have

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00:23:36,070 --> 00:23:34,640

already been done we've already

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00:23:38,390 --> 00:23:36,080

thoroughly mapped and imaged and

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00:23:40,230 --> 00:23:38,400

characterized the asteroid

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00:23:42,230 --> 00:23:40,240

it's all about keeping that precious

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00:23:45,350 --> 00:23:42,240

sample safe doing nothing that can

626
00:23:47,029 --> 00:23:45,360
possibly jeopardize it

627
00:23:48,630 --> 00:23:47,039
there

628
00:23:51,269 --> 00:23:48,640
we need to make sure that we can return

629
00:23:53,190 --> 00:23:51,279
the sample and not undergo any risk by

630
00:23:55,029 --> 00:23:53,200
getting closer to get better images we

631
00:23:57,350 --> 00:23:55,039
already have everything we need we need

632
00:23:59,510 --> 00:23:57,360
to show the same restraint that we have

633
00:24:02,230 --> 00:23:59,520
all along the program that's kept us on

634
00:24:04,789 --> 00:24:02,240
schedule under budget to make sure that

635
00:24:06,070 --> 00:24:04,799
we don't grow our scope and do things

636
00:24:08,390 --> 00:24:06,080
that we don't really need to do only

637
00:24:10,390 --> 00:24:08,400
what we have to do

638
00:24:11,669 --> 00:24:10,400

and that's for a few weeks or a few

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00:24:13,430 --> 00:24:11,679

months

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00:24:16,230 --> 00:24:13,440

it depends on exactly when we collect

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00:24:18,310 --> 00:24:16,240

the sample there's a window

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00:24:20,310 --> 00:24:18,320

but it could be several months okay for

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00:24:22,070 --> 00:24:20,320

christina can can you show with your

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00:24:25,190 --> 00:24:22,080

asteroid model there

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00:24:27,590 --> 00:24:25,200

roughly uh how how will we be doing how

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00:24:29,830 --> 00:24:27,600

you'll be doing the sample collection

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00:24:31,430 --> 00:24:29,840

with the spacecraft what's the approach

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00:24:33,669 --> 00:24:31,440

so i only have two hands and one of them

649

00:24:35,510 --> 00:24:33,679

has to hold the asteroid yeah so right

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00:24:36,230 --> 00:24:35,520

it's probably a two guys start rotating

651
00:24:38,149 --> 00:24:36,240
us

652
00:24:39,669 --> 00:24:38,159
so basically what's going to happen is

653
00:24:42,149 --> 00:24:39,679
our spacecraft is going to go into the

654
00:24:44,070 --> 00:24:42,159
rotation period with it it's going to do

655
00:24:45,750 --> 00:24:44,080
lots of detailed mapping

656
00:24:47,830 --> 00:24:45,760
and then eventually when we feel safe

657
00:24:50,310 --> 00:24:47,840
and ready we're going to lock in and

658
00:24:53,029 --> 00:24:50,320
we're going to come down and do a very

659
00:24:54,789 --> 00:24:53,039
safe smooth high five

660
00:24:56,149 --> 00:24:54,799
and then we're going to back away from

661
00:24:58,870 --> 00:24:56,159
the asteroid

662
00:25:00,630 --> 00:24:58,880
make sure we have the mass we need and

663
00:25:04,789 --> 00:25:00,640

then we are going to stow that once we

664

00:25:05,830 --> 00:25:04,799

have it so stowed ready for departure

665

00:25:08,230 --> 00:25:05,840

and

666

00:25:10,789 --> 00:25:08,240

do you think it is more likely from the

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00:25:12,149 --> 00:25:10,799

equator or from another area you know

668

00:25:14,710 --> 00:25:12,159

we're going to actually do detailed

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00:25:16,710 --> 00:25:14,720

mapping of the entire surface of bennu

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00:25:18,470 --> 00:25:16,720

as danny described and so what we're

671

00:25:20,230 --> 00:25:18,480

going to do is narrow that down to 12

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00:25:21,750 --> 00:25:20,240

different selection sites i'm not going

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00:25:23,029 --> 00:25:21,760

to say definitively where any of those

674

00:25:24,710 --> 00:25:23,039

sites are

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00:25:26,549 --> 00:25:24,720

because the great news is we have the

676
00:25:28,789 --> 00:25:26,559
instrumentation on board to be able to

677
00:25:36,630 --> 00:25:28,799
be definitive about that after we do the

678
00:25:40,549 --> 00:25:38,549
hi jeff file space news

679
00:25:42,310 --> 00:25:40,559
if you hit the jackpot with tag sam

680
00:25:44,310 --> 00:25:42,320
instead of getting that minimum 60 grams

681
00:25:46,470 --> 00:25:44,320
you end up with several hundred grams do

682
00:25:47,830 --> 00:25:46,480
you change how you portion the sample

683
00:25:49,750 --> 00:25:47,840
once you return it to earth you're still

684
00:25:52,149 --> 00:25:49,760
going to set 75 percent aside or will

685
00:25:53,750 --> 00:25:52,159
you set aside more or less of that for

686
00:25:55,510 --> 00:25:53,760
future study if you end up with much

687
00:25:57,510 --> 00:25:55,520
more than 60

688
00:25:59,430 --> 00:25:57,520

our agreement right now is for 25 for

689

00:26:01,269 --> 00:25:59,440

the science team and 75 for future

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00:26:03,830 --> 00:26:01,279

generations so

691

00:26:06,390 --> 00:26:03,840

yeah we also have a is it four percent

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00:26:09,350 --> 00:26:06,400

that's going to the canadians

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00:26:11,110 --> 00:26:09,360

and 0.5 percent it's going to jaxa we

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00:26:13,190 --> 00:26:11,120

have an agreement with the hayabusa 2

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00:26:15,830 --> 00:26:13,200

mission as well right now so

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00:26:27,669 --> 00:26:16,710

okay

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00:26:29,350 --> 00:26:27,679

and so now this question um comes from a

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00:26:31,269 --> 00:26:29,360

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00:26:33,029 --> 00:26:31,279

and uh they want to know what

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00:26:36,310 --> 00:26:33,039

instruments will be used to measure the

701
00:26:38,470 --> 00:26:36,320
rokoski effect on bennu and how

702
00:26:40,390 --> 00:26:38,480
okay so i can take this one so we heard

703
00:26:43,510 --> 00:26:40,400
a little bit about the yarkovsky effect

704
00:26:45,510 --> 00:26:43,520
uh in the in the last press briefing and

705
00:26:47,750 --> 00:26:45,520
this is uh that small

706
00:26:49,590 --> 00:26:47,760
force that causes uh the orbit of the

707
00:26:53,269 --> 00:26:49,600
asteroid to change in a way that's

708
00:26:55,669 --> 00:26:53,279
difficult to predict and this comes from

709
00:26:56,870 --> 00:26:55,679
sunlight basically turning the asteroid

710
00:26:59,269 --> 00:26:56,880
into

711
00:27:01,350 --> 00:26:59,279
something with small solar solar sails

712
00:27:02,310 --> 00:27:01,360
is a way to think about it

713
00:27:04,310 --> 00:27:02,320

and so

714

00:27:06,390 --> 00:27:04,320

we have two

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00:27:08,630 --> 00:27:06,400

two antennas on the spacecraft we have a

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00:27:10,789 --> 00:27:08,640

high gain and low gain antenna and we

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00:27:12,070 --> 00:27:10,799

will use those to track the position of

718

00:27:14,310 --> 00:27:12,080

the asteroid

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00:27:17,430 --> 00:27:14,320

as we're flying in formation with it and

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00:27:20,389 --> 00:27:17,440

so any uh any deviation any small

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00:27:23,350 --> 00:27:20,399

changes from what we anticipate

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00:27:25,909 --> 00:27:23,360

the orbit of bennu to be versus

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00:27:27,990 --> 00:27:25,919

what we're tracking will be used to

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00:27:31,590 --> 00:27:28,000

to measure that that small yarkovsky

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00:27:35,510 --> 00:27:34,230

hi uh jared hayworth for we report space

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00:27:36,789 --> 00:27:35,520

i had a question

727

00:27:38,549 --> 00:27:36,799

what's the ultimate fate of the

728

00:27:40,870 --> 00:27:38,559

spacecraft after the sample return

729

00:27:42,389 --> 00:27:40,880

canister has been detached and sent home

730

00:27:44,070 --> 00:27:42,399

so the the spacecraft goes into

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00:27:46,070 --> 00:27:44,080

heliocentric orbits

732

00:27:47,269 --> 00:27:46,080

after the the src

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00:27:50,630 --> 00:27:47,279

goes to earth

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00:27:52,310 --> 00:27:50,640

and remains in orbit um

735

00:27:54,950 --> 00:27:52,320

and could be a very healthy spacecraft

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00:27:57,590 --> 00:27:54,960

could be an asset should nasa uh wish to

737

00:28:01,029 --> 00:27:57,600

use that but after after that point the

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00:28:02,950 --> 00:28:01,039

osiris-rex mission uh ceases operations

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00:28:04,389 --> 00:28:02,960

with the spacecraft

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00:28:06,710 --> 00:28:04,399

okay we're going to go to this side of

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00:28:08,549 --> 00:28:06,720

the room

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00:28:11,190 --> 00:28:08,559

thanks james dean flora today a couple

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00:28:13,110 --> 00:28:11,200

questions um

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00:28:14,389 --> 00:28:13,120

first uh you know i've heard the first

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00:28:17,510 --> 00:28:14,399

u.s sampling mission we've heard

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00:28:18,549 --> 00:28:17,520

reference to phil i and hayabusa apollo

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00:28:21,269 --> 00:28:18,559

i just wonder if you could you know kind

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00:28:22,389 --> 00:28:21,279

of put clearly in context how unique or

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00:28:24,630 --> 00:28:22,399

rare

750

00:28:26,870 --> 00:28:24,640

of a mission of an event is this to not

751

00:28:28,789 --> 00:28:26,880

only you know to first to touch

752

00:28:30,630 --> 00:28:28,799

an object like that

753

00:28:32,789 --> 00:28:30,640

and and bring the sample home and

754

00:28:34,710 --> 00:28:32,799

um secondly i was just wondering if you

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00:28:37,190 --> 00:28:34,720

know regarding whatever sample you get

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00:28:40,149 --> 00:28:37,200

you know i know you're carefully gonna

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00:28:41,669 --> 00:28:40,159

pick the right spot but is there any

758

00:28:43,510 --> 00:28:41,679

outcome that would could be kind of

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00:28:44,630 --> 00:28:43,520

disappointing if it doesn't contain you

760

00:28:46,870 --> 00:28:44,640

know certain compounds that you're

761

00:28:49,590 --> 00:28:46,880

hoping to find that would leave

762

00:28:51,269 --> 00:28:49,600

questions more open about origins or or

763

00:28:53,190 --> 00:28:51,279

is anything a good a good sample i'm

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00:28:54,549 --> 00:28:53,200

gonna quickly answer the second one

765

00:28:56,549 --> 00:28:54,559

which is

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00:28:58,070 --> 00:28:56,559

i think that anytime we get a surprise

767

00:29:00,230 --> 00:28:58,080

it leads to more questions and that's

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00:29:01,830 --> 00:29:00,240

fantastic as a scientist you can't help

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00:29:03,430 --> 00:29:01,840

but want to have more questions in the

770

00:29:05,510 --> 00:29:03,440

end so

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00:29:07,990 --> 00:29:05,520

one of the great things about exploring

772

00:29:10,070 --> 00:29:08,000

and about going to a really an unknown

773

00:29:10,870 --> 00:29:10,080

place is that you get to learn something

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00:29:12,950 --> 00:29:10,880

new

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00:29:14,230 --> 00:29:12,960

so i think that we're fairly confident

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00:29:16,470 --> 00:29:14,240

that we know this is going to it's

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00:29:17,590 --> 00:29:16,480

carbon rich asteroid we're we're fairly

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00:29:19,029 --> 00:29:17,600

confident that there's going to be some

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00:29:20,950 --> 00:29:19,039

of these organic compounds there but

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00:29:22,630 --> 00:29:20,960

until we get it back down to

781

00:29:24,630 --> 00:29:22,640

earth you know we won't have those

782

00:29:28,230 --> 00:29:24,640

definitive answers and so we're looking

783

00:29:29,830 --> 00:29:28,240

forward to that in terms of context with

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00:29:32,389 --> 00:29:29,840

other nations jason do you want to take

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00:29:34,230 --> 00:29:32,399

that or sure um yeah so again we have

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00:29:36,630 --> 00:29:34,240

multiple lines of evidence that tell us

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00:29:38,070 --> 00:29:36,640

this is a carbon-rich asteroid but if it

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00:29:39,590 --> 00:29:38,080

isn't

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00:29:41,669 --> 00:29:39,600

that means that we have to we have to

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00:29:43,269 --> 00:29:41,679

rewrite the textbooks on how we

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00:29:46,149 --> 00:29:43,279

understand those lines of evidence and

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00:29:48,149 --> 00:29:46,159

that's exciting too um so

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00:29:51,110 --> 00:29:48,159

but as far as learning from other

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00:29:52,070 --> 00:29:51,120

missions uh we draw the spacecraft from

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00:29:55,350 --> 00:29:52,080

um

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00:29:59,029 --> 00:29:55,360

uh the juna and juno and maven heritage

797

00:30:02,950 --> 00:29:59,039

uh we've learned a lot from nir's

798

00:30:04,549 --> 00:30:02,960

encounters with asteroid eros

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00:30:07,190 --> 00:30:04,559

we have uh

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00:30:09,350 --> 00:30:07,200

exchanged information with jaxa on

801
00:30:11,590 --> 00:30:09,360
hayabusa operations

802
00:30:13,909 --> 00:30:11,600
we've exchanged team members with jaxa

803
00:30:17,269 --> 00:30:13,919
for hayabusa2 operations and we work

804
00:30:19,430 --> 00:30:17,279
closely with esa for rosetta operations

805
00:30:21,510 --> 00:30:19,440
to learn how to operate around

806
00:30:23,830 --> 00:30:21,520
a small object

807
00:30:25,110 --> 00:30:23,840
understand the thermal properties of of

808
00:30:27,110 --> 00:30:25,120
asteroids

809
00:30:28,710 --> 00:30:27,120
uh and try and get every piece of

810
00:30:31,350 --> 00:30:28,720
information we can

811
00:30:32,470 --> 00:30:31,360
uh to understand this strange

812
00:30:34,630 --> 00:30:32,480
environment

813
00:30:37,590 --> 00:30:34,640

and use as much engineering logic as we

814

00:30:39,350 --> 00:30:37,600

can from as i said these other missions

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00:30:41,430 --> 00:30:39,360

as well as of course stardust

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00:30:43,590 --> 00:30:41,440

uh on how to bring a sample back from

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00:30:46,470 --> 00:30:43,600

space

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00:30:51,190 --> 00:30:49,590

hi i'm stacy severn star talk radio just

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00:30:53,430 --> 00:30:51,200

a question um we keep hearing about the

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00:30:55,269 --> 00:30:53,440

carbon richness and i wondered if there

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00:30:57,509 --> 00:30:55,279

were any other objects that we know of

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00:30:59,509 --> 00:30:57,519

that are as carbon rich that we might

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00:31:01,110 --> 00:30:59,519

think of studying was it just the

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00:31:05,669 --> 00:31:01,120

trajectory and the orbit of this that

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00:31:09,430 --> 00:31:06,870

um so

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00:31:11,509 --> 00:31:09,440

we we heard earlier um during the the

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00:31:13,990 --> 00:31:11,519

last press briefing about the small

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00:31:16,389 --> 00:31:14,000

handful of objects that were suitable uh

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00:31:18,870 --> 00:31:16,399

both because they had favor favorable

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00:31:20,310 --> 00:31:18,880

orbital characteristics but also because

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00:31:22,870 --> 00:31:20,320

these asteroids had the right

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00:31:23,990 --> 00:31:22,880

composition this this carbon-rich

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00:31:26,870 --> 00:31:24,000

material

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00:31:31,269 --> 00:31:26,880

so actually another great candidate

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00:31:33,590 --> 00:31:31,279

was an object called ju3 and that is

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00:31:37,830 --> 00:31:33,600

coincidentally the object that hayabusa

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00:31:39,830 --> 00:31:37,840

ii uh the jaxa japanese space agency um

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00:31:42,549 --> 00:31:39,840

that that's become their target asteroid

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00:31:45,350 --> 00:31:42,559

for sample return so there are a small

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00:31:48,470 --> 00:31:45,360

handful of objects in the solar system

841

00:31:49,990 --> 00:31:48,480

and in fact in near-earth space that did

842

00:31:51,909 --> 00:31:50,000

have the right characteristics but

843

00:31:53,509 --> 00:31:51,919

ultimately venue was so well

844

00:31:55,750 --> 00:31:53,519

characterized that we

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00:31:57,509 --> 00:31:55,760

we wanted to go there because we already

846

00:32:00,950 --> 00:31:57,519

had enough data to help us start

847

00:32:02,310 --> 00:32:00,960

mitigating risk

848

00:32:06,070 --> 00:32:02,320

okay we're going to go back to the phone

849

00:32:11,509 --> 00:32:08,710

mark gotch do you have a question yes uh

850

00:32:12,789 --> 00:32:11,519

mark gotch historical aerospace news

851
00:32:15,509 --> 00:32:12,799
another question

852
00:32:18,149 --> 00:32:15,519
once the osiris met rex mission has been

853
00:32:22,470 --> 00:32:18,159
launched the rocket going forward

854
00:32:25,909 --> 00:32:22,480
once the uh final stage has gone through

855
00:32:27,669 --> 00:32:25,919
and the spacecraft enters into space the

856
00:32:30,310 --> 00:32:27,679
fairing has been shed

857
00:32:33,509 --> 00:32:30,320
it going forward what is the distance

858
00:32:34,549 --> 00:32:33,519
from the the planet earth to

859
00:32:35,509 --> 00:32:34,559
bennu

860
00:32:37,350 --> 00:32:35,519
and

861
00:32:40,230 --> 00:32:37,360
will it be traveling it will be

862
00:32:42,870 --> 00:32:40,240
traveling on rocket fuel going forward

863
00:32:45,750 --> 00:32:42,880

on that distance can you also tell me

864

00:32:47,990 --> 00:32:45,760

how solar power will play into this

865

00:32:49,909 --> 00:32:48,000

mission

866

00:32:52,310 --> 00:32:49,919

i can answer some of those for you off

867

00:32:55,269 --> 00:32:52,320

off of my head uh so the the the

868

00:32:57,590 --> 00:32:55,279

majority of the uh of the push we get is

869

00:32:59,509 --> 00:32:57,600

from the launch vehicle from the booster

870

00:33:00,470 --> 00:32:59,519

and from the centaur the center gives us

871

00:33:03,110 --> 00:33:00,480

most of the

872

00:33:04,789 --> 00:33:03,120

of the the push we need to get to bennu

873

00:33:07,590 --> 00:33:04,799

the centaur itself goes into

874

00:33:10,230 --> 00:33:07,600

heliocentric orbit uh becoming another

875

00:33:12,710 --> 00:33:10,240

pseudo-asteroid if you wish

876

00:33:15,909 --> 00:33:12,720

the the spacecraft uses uh hydrazine

877

00:33:19,269 --> 00:33:15,919

mono propellant and we undergo a deep

878

00:33:20,549 --> 00:33:19,279

deep space maneuver uh in january of

879

00:33:23,110 --> 00:33:20,559

next year

880

00:33:24,549 --> 00:33:23,120

followed by the earth gravity assist

881

00:33:26,950 --> 00:33:24,559

a year from now to put us in the same

882

00:33:29,990 --> 00:33:26,960

plane as bennu

883

00:33:31,269 --> 00:33:30,000

the solar arrays are used to power our

884

00:33:34,549 --> 00:33:31,279

electronics

885

00:33:36,310 --> 00:33:34,559

it's not a solar electric spacecraft so

886

00:33:38,389 --> 00:33:36,320

again a monoprop we have

887

00:33:40,389 --> 00:33:38,399

both the main thrusters and a large

888

00:33:42,950 --> 00:33:40,399

number of other thrusters for very fine

889

00:33:46,070 --> 00:33:42,960

maneuvering around such a small object

890

00:33:47,590 --> 00:33:46,080

uh but we have uh plenty of power margin

891

00:33:50,549 --> 00:33:47,600

uh uh

892

00:33:52,230 --> 00:33:50,559

depending on where we are uh

893

00:33:54,230 --> 00:33:52,240

either closer to the sun or further from

894

00:33:55,590 --> 00:33:54,240

the sun because bennu is on is on an

895

00:33:57,909 --> 00:33:55,600

elliptical orbit

896

00:33:59,669 --> 00:33:57,919

um benny was chasing the earth right now

897

00:34:02,470 --> 00:33:59,679

and will soon catch up but i don't

898

00:34:04,549 --> 00:34:02,480

recall the distance today i believe the

899

00:34:06,230 --> 00:34:04,559

total distance of this mission that it

900

00:34:07,830 --> 00:34:06,240

will have traveled is four and a half

901
00:34:09,669 --> 00:34:07,840
billion miles

902
00:34:11,750 --> 00:34:09,679
so it's got it's got a ways to go but

903
00:34:13,030 --> 00:34:11,760
we're really excited about that

904
00:34:14,790 --> 00:34:13,040
yeah

905
00:34:16,389 --> 00:34:14,800
okay we're gonna take one more question

906
00:34:18,149 --> 00:34:16,399
from social media and then we're gonna

907
00:34:20,950 --> 00:34:18,159
wrap up

908
00:34:24,230 --> 00:34:20,960
okay this question is from uh

909
00:34:26,030 --> 00:34:24,240
cranati um and the question is uh does

910
00:34:28,149 --> 00:34:26,040
nasa have a

911
00:34:30,629 --> 00:34:28,159
osiris-rex twin

912
00:34:31,909 --> 00:34:30,639
like the mars rovers do

913
00:34:33,589 --> 00:34:31,919

i think that question's for jason

914

00:34:34,950 --> 00:34:33,599

because you know we have a lab at

915

00:34:35,829 --> 00:34:34,960

goddard

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00:34:38,550 --> 00:34:35,839

um

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00:34:41,909 --> 00:34:38,560

i used to joke that ideally we would

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00:34:44,629 --> 00:34:41,919

launch two identical spacecraft uh one

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00:34:46,869 --> 00:34:44,639

collect the sample and one be a blank

920

00:34:49,430 --> 00:34:46,879

to do a proper double-blind study when

921

00:34:51,109 --> 00:34:49,440

the sample comes back

922

00:34:52,550 --> 00:34:51,119

that's really how to do the mission

923

00:34:54,790 --> 00:34:52,560

right but

924

00:34:56,790 --> 00:34:54,800

no one would believe me and and that um

925

00:34:58,790 --> 00:34:56,800

that would drive our costs considerably

926
00:35:00,710 --> 00:34:58,800
like i said scientists want always want

927
00:35:02,790 --> 00:35:00,720
more

928
00:35:04,069 --> 00:35:02,800
there we built one spacecraft and we

929
00:35:06,870 --> 00:35:04,079
built it right

930
00:35:09,109 --> 00:35:06,880
uh we have this is a piled cost cap

931
00:35:11,109 --> 00:35:09,119
mission and we built within that cost

932
00:35:13,349 --> 00:35:11,119
and there's not margin to build a second

933
00:35:15,030 --> 00:35:13,359
just-in-case spacecraft

934
00:35:16,390 --> 00:35:15,040
no matter how much i want one yeah that

935
00:35:18,230 --> 00:35:16,400
being said we're going to use the

936
00:35:20,069 --> 00:35:18,240
technology that was used here to develop

937
00:35:22,310 --> 00:35:20,079
further missions in the future so we

938
00:35:24,230 --> 00:35:22,320

look forward to potential future

939

00:35:25,510 --> 00:35:24,240

missions you know nasa is still here

940

00:35:27,109 --> 00:35:25,520

it's alive and strong so we're going to

941

00:35:29,270 --> 00:35:27,119

keep on going

942

00:35:31,829 --> 00:35:29,280

okay all right great thank you christina