



HUBBLE SCIENCE

EINSTEIN RINGS
Optical Illusions

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00:00:00,050 --> 00:00:09,110

[Music]

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00:00:13,490 --> 00:00:11,450

an Einstein ring is a very cool feature

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00:00:15,110 --> 00:00:13,500

of gravitational lensing where a

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00:00:17,870 --> 00:00:15,120

background Galaxy gets stretched out

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00:00:18,950 --> 00:00:17,880

into a full ring around the foreground

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00:00:21,470 --> 00:00:18,960

lens

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00:00:23,750 --> 00:00:21,480

molten ring is a really interesting case

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00:00:26,509 --> 00:00:23,760

where it's one of the largest galaxies

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00:00:28,250 --> 00:00:26,519

that forms a near complete Einstein ring

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00:00:30,170 --> 00:00:28,260

the molten ring you have a very large

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00:00:33,229 --> 00:00:30,180

cluster of galaxies that has magnified

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00:00:37,610 --> 00:00:35,270

Einstein's theory of general relativity

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00:00:39,889 --> 00:00:37,620

is really sort of what predicted these

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00:00:42,590 --> 00:00:39,899

Einstein rings in the first place he

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00:00:44,569 --> 00:00:42,600

created this whole machinery for how

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00:00:46,430 --> 00:00:44,579

gravity is supposed to work matter would

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00:00:48,350 --> 00:00:46,440

tell space-time how to curve and

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00:00:50,330 --> 00:00:48,360

space-time would tell matter how to move

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00:00:52,250 --> 00:00:50,340

and then as you have light moving

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00:00:54,049 --> 00:00:52,260

through this curved space time that

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00:00:56,270 --> 00:00:54,059

those equations led to the prediction

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00:00:58,790 --> 00:00:56,280

that this light would almost move on

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00:01:00,650 --> 00:00:58,800

what seems like curved paths and caused

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00:01:02,750 --> 00:01:00,660

the phenomenon of gravitational lensing

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00:01:04,910 --> 00:01:02,760

which is where this light gets

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00:01:07,130 --> 00:01:04,920

essentially bent and distorted by a

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00:01:09,289 --> 00:01:07,140

foreground lens like your Galaxy cluster

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00:01:11,149 --> 00:01:09,299

and creates these these stretched out

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00:01:13,190 --> 00:01:11,159

images that are magnified of these

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00:01:15,350 --> 00:01:13,200

distant galaxies that we see

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00:01:18,050 --> 00:01:15,360

it's definitely a bit of an optical

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00:01:20,929 --> 00:01:18,060

illusion so if you were to take the

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00:01:22,429 --> 00:01:20,939

gravitational lens completely away then

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00:01:23,990 --> 00:01:22,439

these background galaxies would just

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00:01:25,910 --> 00:01:24,000

look like you know the normal everyday

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00:01:28,190 --> 00:01:25,920

galaxies that we see at these distances

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00:01:30,170 --> 00:01:28,200

and it'd be a lot harder to to pick

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00:01:32,870 --> 00:01:30,180

apart what's going on in their their

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00:01:34,249 --> 00:01:32,880

inner workings so the the gravitational

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00:01:35,990 --> 00:01:34,259

lensing effect it is kind of like

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00:01:37,730 --> 00:01:36,000

looking you know at a fun house mirror

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00:01:40,010 --> 00:01:37,740

it makes the the background object

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00:01:42,050 --> 00:01:40,020

appear a little bit bigger a little bit

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00:01:44,330 --> 00:01:42,060

distorted you know just like you go to a

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00:01:46,730 --> 00:01:44,340

fun house and you see you know your head

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00:01:48,710 --> 00:01:46,740

looks gigantic your body looks tiny it's

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00:01:50,450 --> 00:01:48,720

a similar effect but we can use it for

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00:01:51,950 --> 00:01:50,460

science as opposed to just you know

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00:01:53,510 --> 00:01:51,960

looking at ourselves and saying oh wow

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00:01:55,010 --> 00:01:53,520

that's kind of funny

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00:01:57,170 --> 00:01:55,020
the Hubble Space Telescope has

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00:01:59,090 --> 00:01:57,180
definitely taken the clearest images of

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00:02:00,770 --> 00:01:59,100
the Einstein rings and they've really

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00:02:02,149 --> 00:02:00,780
you know verified this part of

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00:02:04,249 --> 00:02:02,159
Einstein's theories of general

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00:02:05,990 --> 00:02:04,259
relativity they've really you know shown

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00:02:08,270 --> 00:02:06,000
us a lot more about how gravitational

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00:02:09,889 --> 00:02:08,280
lensing works and really sort of push

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00:02:11,150 --> 00:02:09,899
the limits of what we can learn about