

A detailed illustration of the Herschel Space Observatory in space. The observatory is a complex, multi-layered structure with a large, flat, circular primary mirror at the top. It is surrounded by a protective sunshield and various instruments. In the background, a bright yellow sun is visible on the left, with a small blue planet (Earth) positioned between the sun and the observatory. The rest of the background is a dark, star-filled space.

Herschel Space Observatory

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00:00:06,499 --> 00:00:04,519
what's up for July hello and welcome I'm

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00:00:07,849 --> 00:00:06,509
Jane Houston Jones at NASA's Jet

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00:00:12,020 --> 00:00:07,859
Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena

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00:00:14,509 --> 00:00:12,030
California 2009 is international year of

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00:00:17,540 --> 00:00:14,519
astronomy and each month this year were

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00:00:21,439 --> 00:00:17,550
showcasing a great celestial object this

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00:00:23,359 --> 00:00:21,449
month it's our Milky Way galaxy Galileo

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00:00:25,310 --> 00:00:23,369
aimed his telescope towards some of the

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00:00:28,519 --> 00:00:25,320
fuzzy patches of our galaxy and

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00:00:30,980 --> 00:00:28,529
discovered they were made of stars using

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00:00:33,500 --> 00:00:30,990
ptolemies 2nd century catalog of stars

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00:00:35,630 --> 00:00:33,510
as a starting point he observed several

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00:00:41,119 --> 00:00:35,640

well-known star clusters like the

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00:00:42,979 --> 00:00:41,129

beehive cluster and the Pleiades Ptolemy

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00:00:46,069 --> 00:00:42,989

had identified the six brightest stars

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00:00:48,590 --> 00:00:46,079

in the Pleiades but Galileo saw 36 stars

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00:00:50,630 --> 00:00:48,600

through his telescope he drew the Stars

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00:00:52,520 --> 00:00:50,640

using four different sizes to

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00:00:56,830 --> 00:00:52,530

distinguish their different brightnesses

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00:00:58,810 --> 00:00:56,840

and he published his findings in 1610

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00:01:00,799 --> 00:00:58,820

through the next two centuries

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00:01:03,049 --> 00:01:00,809

astronomers used bigger and bigger

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00:01:06,649 --> 00:01:03,059

telescopes to study and map the Milky

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00:01:08,960 --> 00:01:06,659

Way galaxy they observed nebula clusters

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00:01:11,840 --> 00:01:08,970

and even areas where no stars could be

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00:01:14,030 --> 00:01:11,850

seen today spacecraft and orbiting

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00:01:17,539 --> 00:01:14,040

telescopes joined ground-based observers

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00:01:19,370 --> 00:01:17,549

to learn more about our galaxy ESA's

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00:01:21,830 --> 00:01:19,380

recently launched Herschel mission will

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00:01:24,109 --> 00:01:21,840

explore the earliest stages of star and

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00:01:26,450 --> 00:01:24,119

galaxy birth in the universe and will

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00:01:30,020 --> 00:01:26,460

help answer questions about how our own

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00:01:32,330 --> 00:01:30,030

Sun and milky way galaxy came to be the

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00:01:34,490 --> 00:01:32,340

Spitzer Space Telescope created the most

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00:01:37,789 --> 00:01:34,500

detailed infrared picture of our galaxy

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00:01:40,370 --> 00:01:37,799

ever made and chandras images of the

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00:01:43,310 --> 00:01:40,380

central region reveal white dwarf and

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00:01:47,300 --> 00:01:43,320

neutron stars and black holes in a fog

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00:01:49,370 --> 00:01:47,310

of hot gas from a dark sky you'll see

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00:01:51,200 --> 00:01:49,380

the Milky Way rising in the East and

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00:01:53,810 --> 00:01:51,210

spanning the sky from north to south

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00:01:56,420 --> 00:01:53,820

after 10 p.m. local time

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00:01:59,090 --> 00:01:56,430

back in our own solar system look for

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00:02:01,700 --> 00:01:59,100

Saturn near the western horizon and look

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00:02:04,280 --> 00:02:01,710

for Jupiter rising in the East about ten

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00:02:07,520 --> 00:02:04,290

o'clock as the Milky Way spans the sky

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00:02:12,320 --> 00:02:07,530

you can learn all about NASA's missions