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For Patrick and Joanne Poitevin's 2014 Solar Eclipse Conference

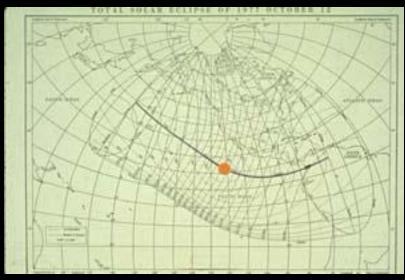
The October 23, 2014, partial solar eclipse imaged as part of the conference from Sac Peak (Jay M. Pasachoff and Austin Shea '15)

1977 eclipse in the Pacific









1977 eclipse in the Pacific: the youngest viewers of eclipses: Deborah Pasachoff, age 5 months Eloise Pasachoff, age 2 years 7 months



Lily [Pasachoff] Kezsbom at Kids Klub, Pasadena October 23, 2014



3 classes of 18 at Kids Klub, Pasadena, 2014



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Reference Materials

- Eclipse Map Sites
 - 2014: October 23 Partial Eclipse in Western US/Canada, Pacific, and Siberia
 - Jubier's Clickable Map
 - Espenak's EclipseWise Page
 - Sky and Telescope Posting
 - 2015: March 20 Total Eclipse in Arctic, including Svalbard and Faroes; Partial Throughout Europe
 - 2016: March 9 Total Eclipse in Indonesia
 - 2016: September 1 Annular Eclipse in Africa
 - 2017: August 21 Total Eclipse in the U.S.
 - Jay Anderson's Weather Statistics for Future Eclipses
- Eclipse Web Sites
- Eye Safety & Solar Filters



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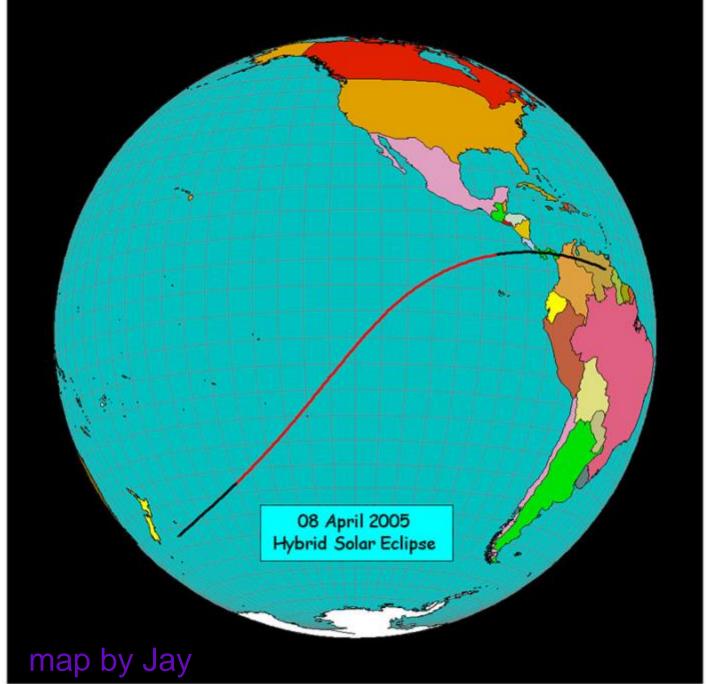
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IAU Working Group on Eclipses Members

Eclipse Web Sites

- Fred Espenak's Eclipsewise Website
- Fred Espenak's World Atlas of Solar Eclipse Paths
- Fred Espenak's Solar Eclipses
- Fred Espenak's Lunar Eclipses
- Fred Espenak's NASA Eclipse Resources
- Xavier Jubier's Google Maps Eclipse Maps
- Xavier Jubier's Interactive maps for upcoming solar eclipses
- Xavier Jubier's Google Earth KMZ files for eclipse tracks
- Xavier Jubier's 5MCSE "Five Millennium (–1999 to +3000) Canon of Solar Eclipses"
 Using the 5MCSE link will get you to any eclipse type
- For TSE 2017 it will generate an URL such as http://xjubier.free.fr/en/site_pages/solar_eclipses/xSE_GoogleMap3.php?
 Ecl=+20170821&Acc=2&Umb=1&Lmt=1&Mag=1
- &Lmt=x (x set to 1 or 0) will display or not the penumbral limits, maximum on horizon and rise/set curves
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- Michael Zeiler: eclipse-maps.com
- Glenn Schneider's site
- The Cosmic Mirror: Daniel Fischer looks into the Universe
- Arnold Barmettler: Interactive Eclipse Maps 1900-2100
- Eclipse Chasers (Bill Kramer), with list of statistics
- Jay M. Pasachoff: Williams College Solar Eclipse Expeditions
- Miloslav Druckmüller: Eclipse Photography
- Stanford Solar Center
- Eclipse statistics and other links (Sheridan Williams)
- spaceweather.com
- Solar Monitor

http://www.eclipses.info/



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Dava Sobel

from the Galápagos Legend arranged by Jen Winter



Miloslav Druckmüller, Shelby Kimmel, Jay Pasachoff, Vojtech Rusin

based on images from the Galápagos Legend and the World Discoverer

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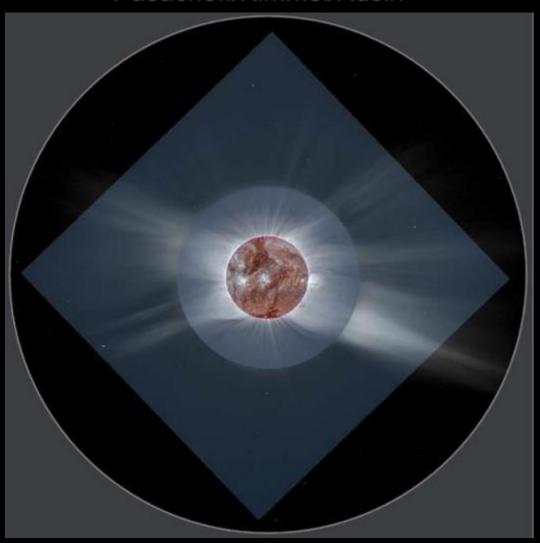
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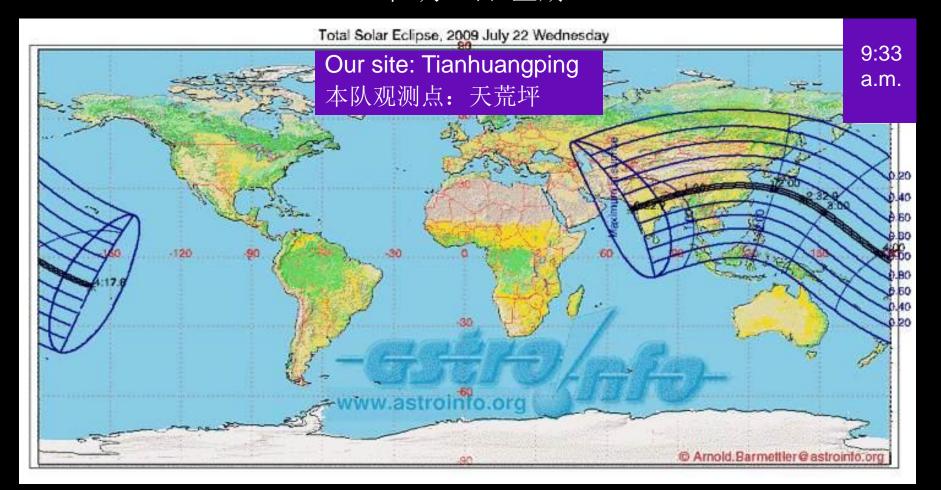
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composite by Miloslav Druckmüller of 40 images by the authors: Pasachoff/Kimmel/Rusin



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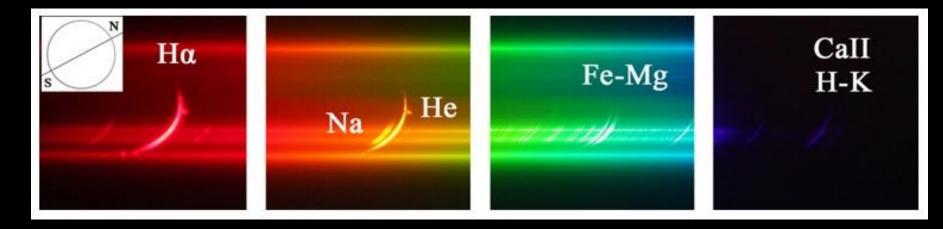
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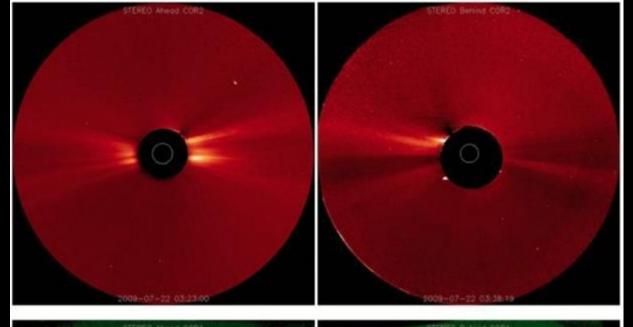


Spectra by Aris Voulgaris and John Seiradakis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

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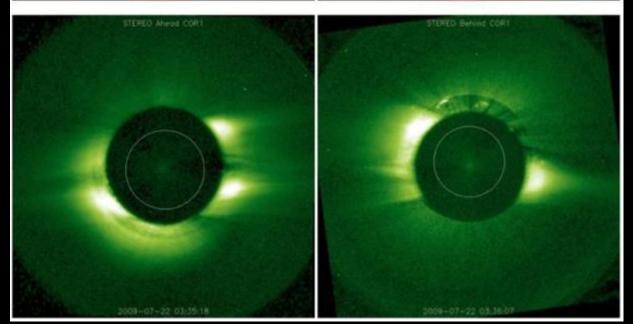
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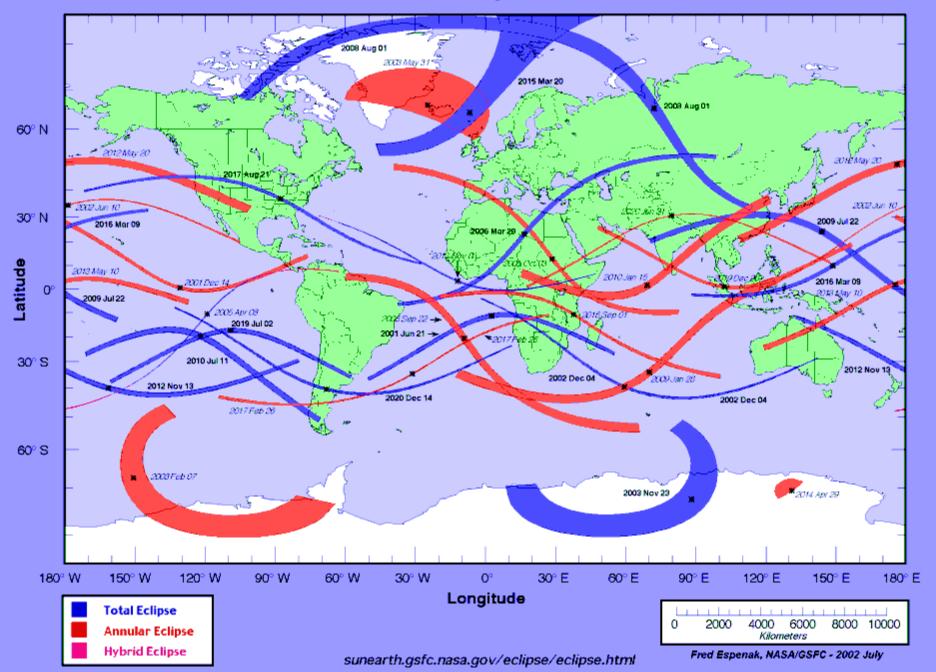
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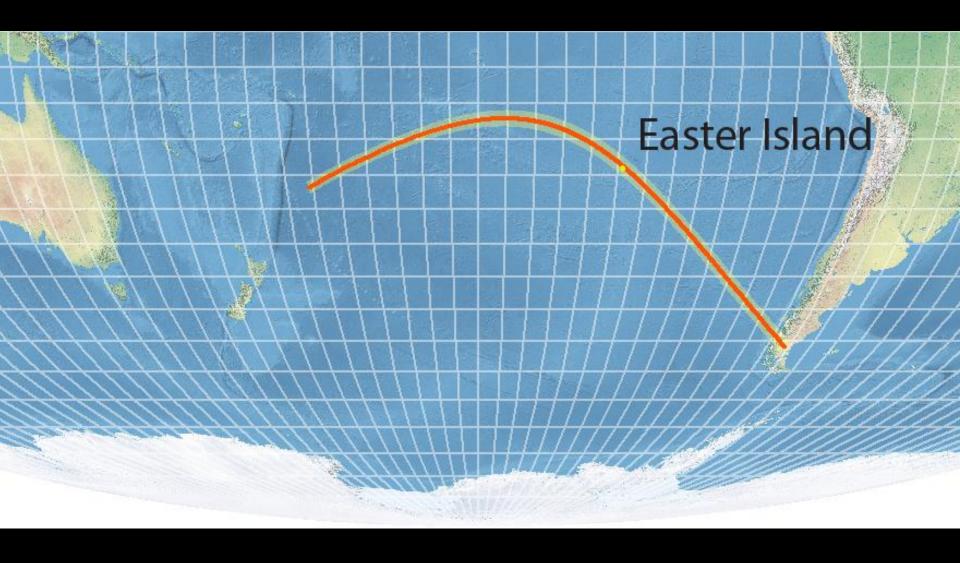
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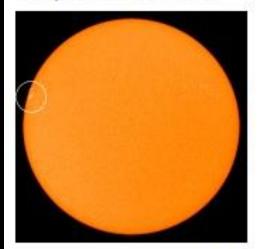
Total and Annular Solar Eclipse Paths: 2001 - 2020 日全食、日环食轨迹





Map by Michael Zeiler, eclipse-maps.com

Daily Sun: 09 Jul 10



A region of high magnetic activity is emerging at the circled location. Credit: SOHO/MDI

Sunspot number: 11 What is the sunspot number? Updated 08 July 2010

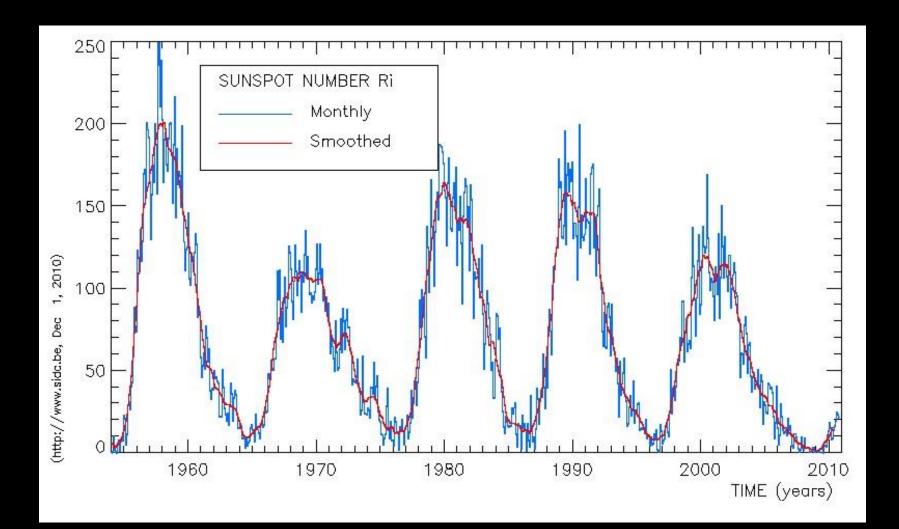
Spotless Days

Current Stretch: 0 days 2010 total: 35 days (18%) 2009 total: 260 days (71%)

Since 2004: 803 days

Typical Solar Min: 486 days

spaceweather.com



Tahai



July 10

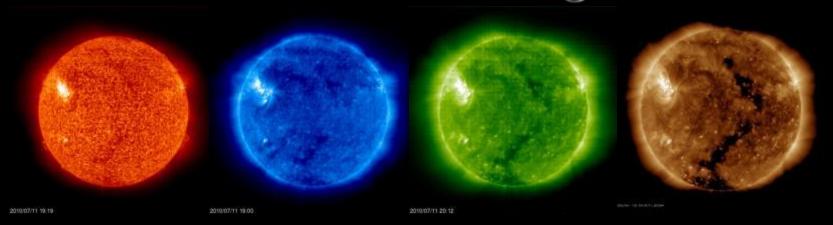


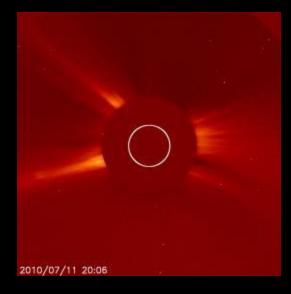


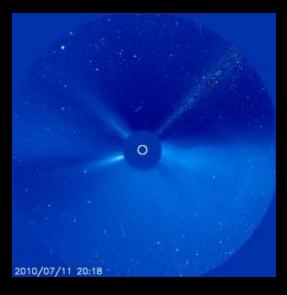
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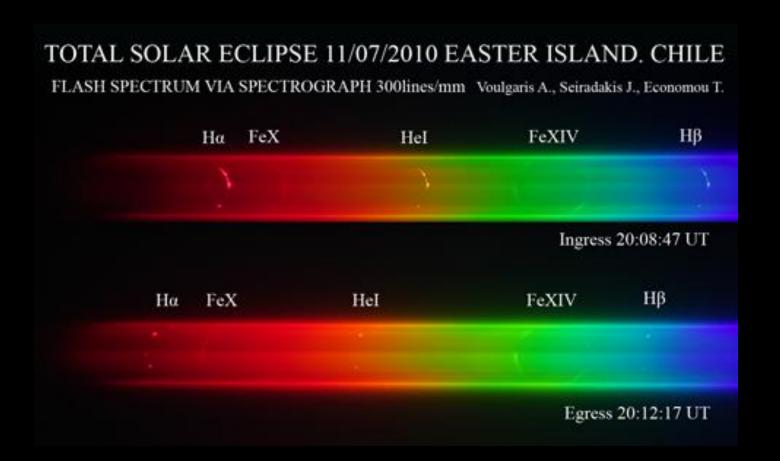


NASA Images









- Stronger coronal green line (Fe XIV) relative to the coronal red line (Fe X)
 - Indication that the corona is heating up again
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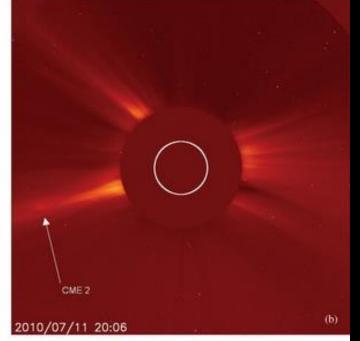
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200mm lens equiv.

(Druckmüller, Dietzel, Habbal Rusin)

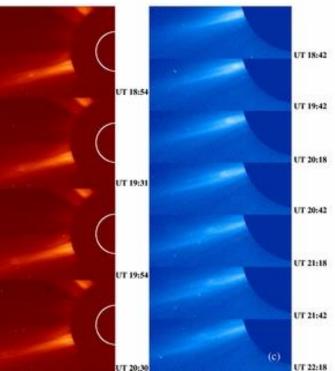
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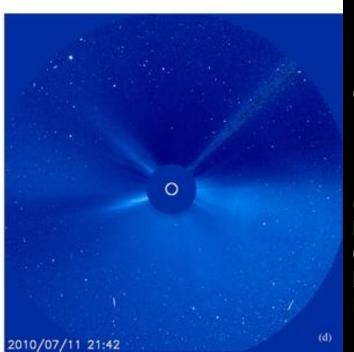




C2/SO HO

(courtesy of LASCO Consortium/ NRL/NASA/ ESA)





C3/SO HO

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November 14, 2012: Australia



Expedition Members:	Sterling's group:	Also:
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Phyllis Babcock	(Florida Tech)	Gretchen Wittenmyer
Rob Lucas	Roderick Gray	ElijahWittenmyer (age 3)
Helen Robinson	(Alabama A&M)	Isaac Wittenmyer (age 9 months)
Aram Friedman		Eliana Wittenmyer (age months)
Ron Dantowitz		Edw. Ginsburg (U Mass Boston)
Nicholas Weber	Group from Slovakia:	Mike Durst
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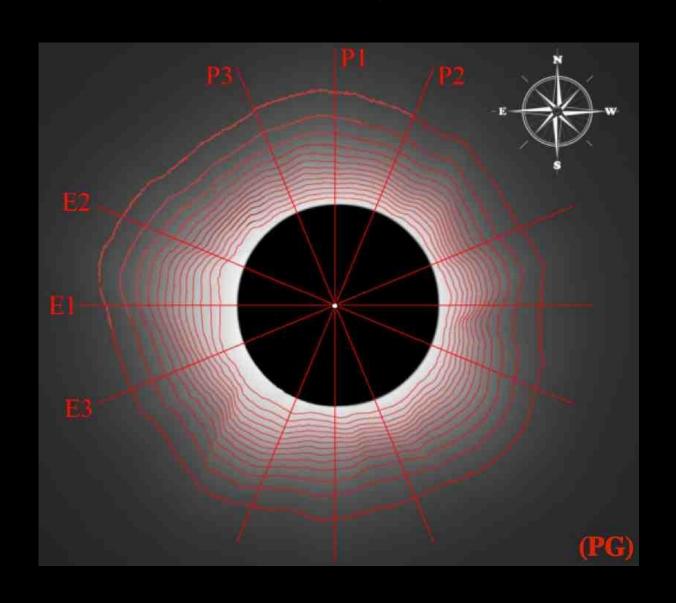


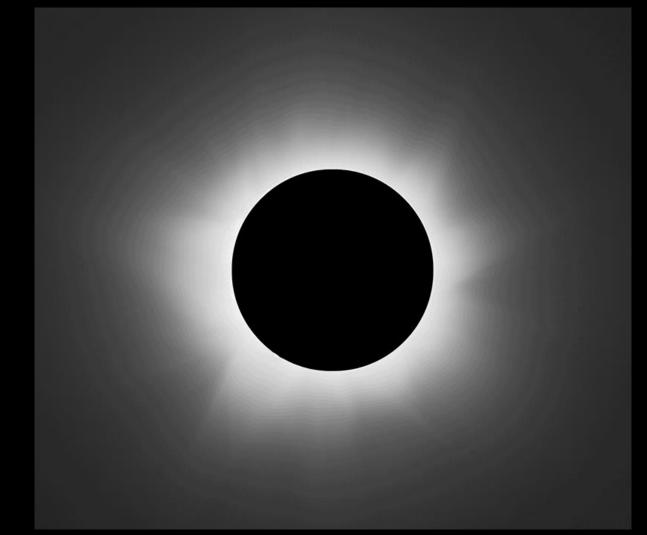


Takahashi Fsq 106mm f=530 red epic 5k ("imax" camera)

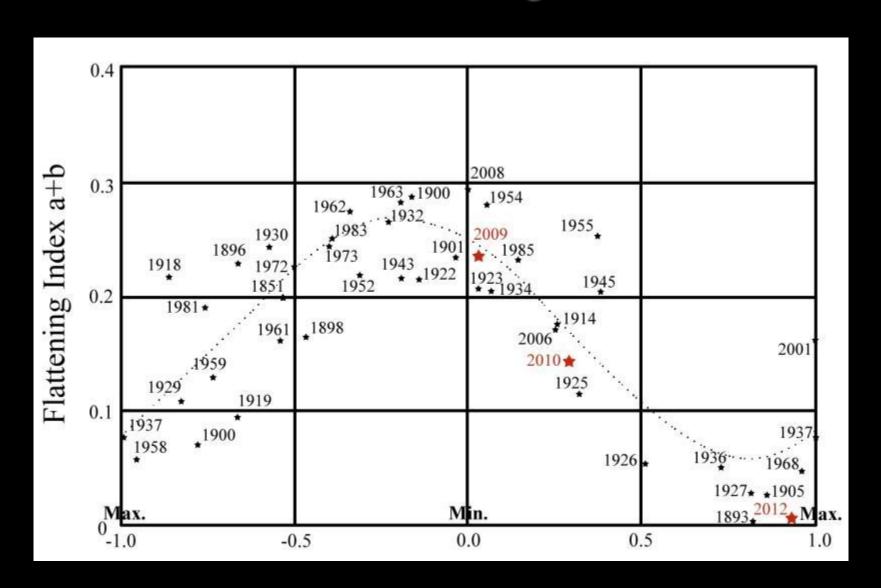


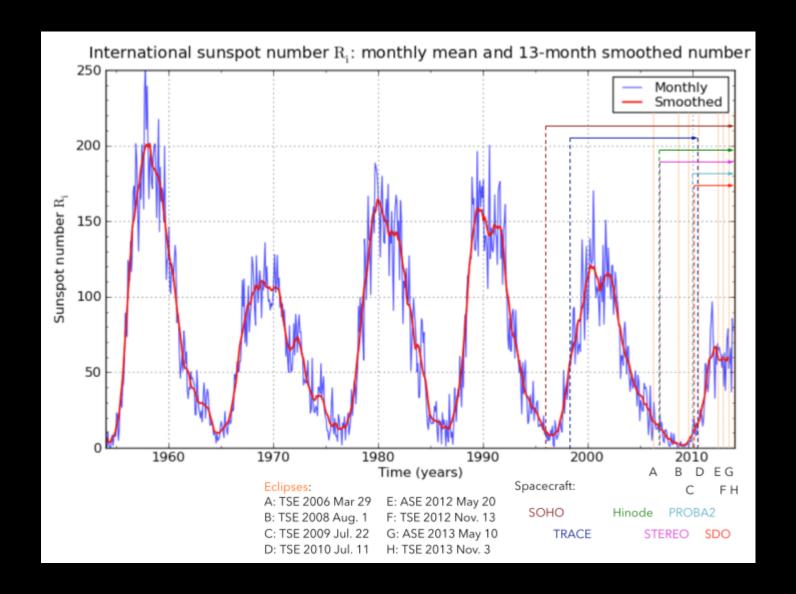
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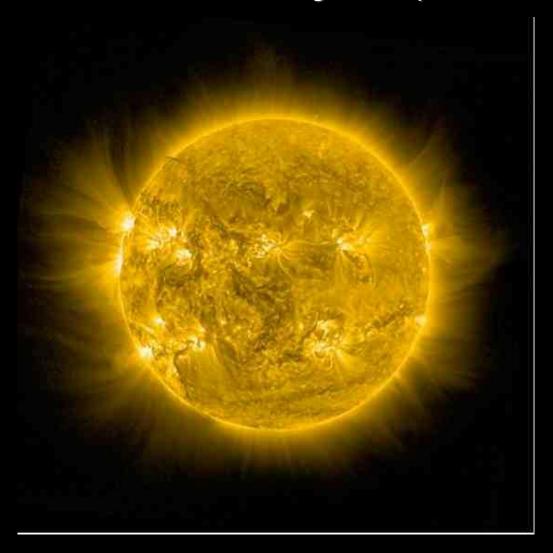


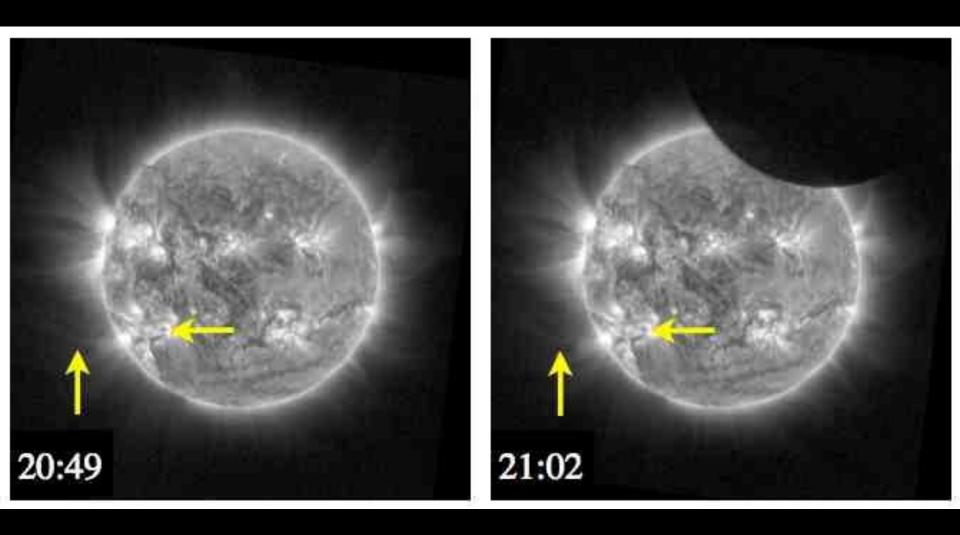
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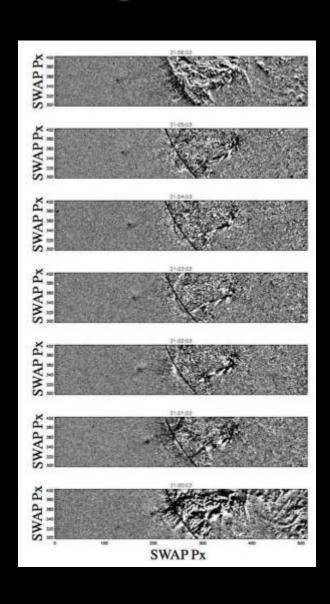
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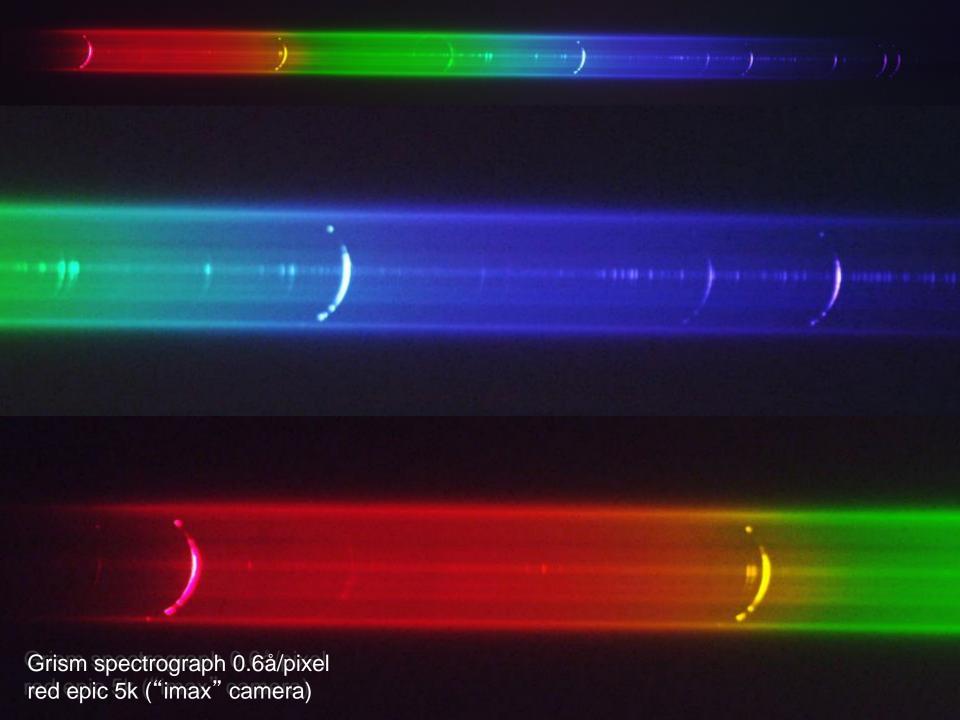




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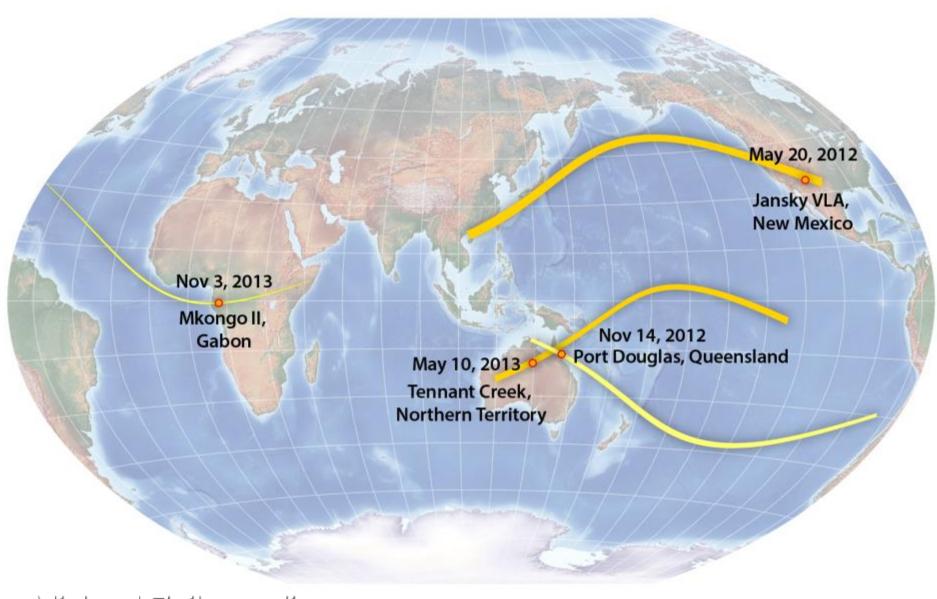
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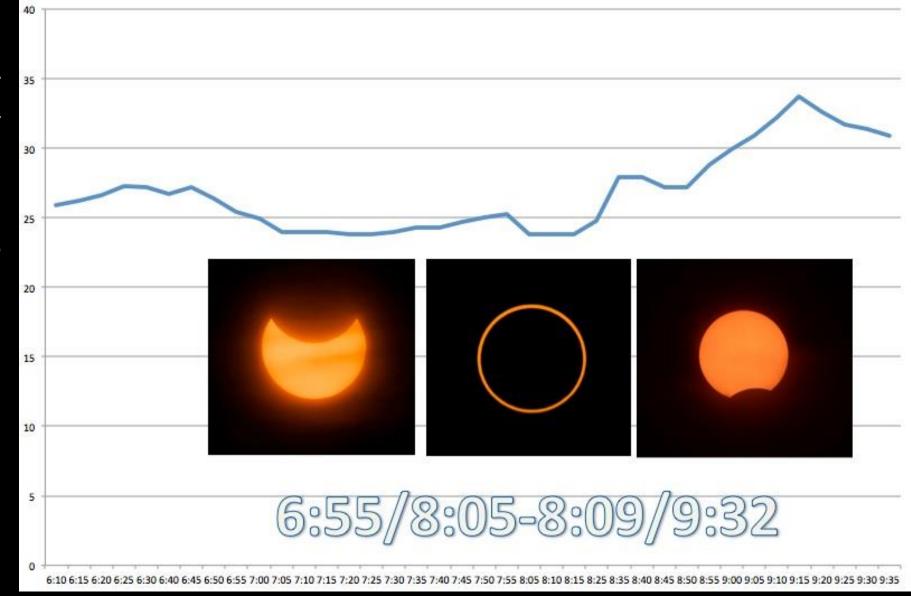
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Michael Zeiler, eclipse-maps.com



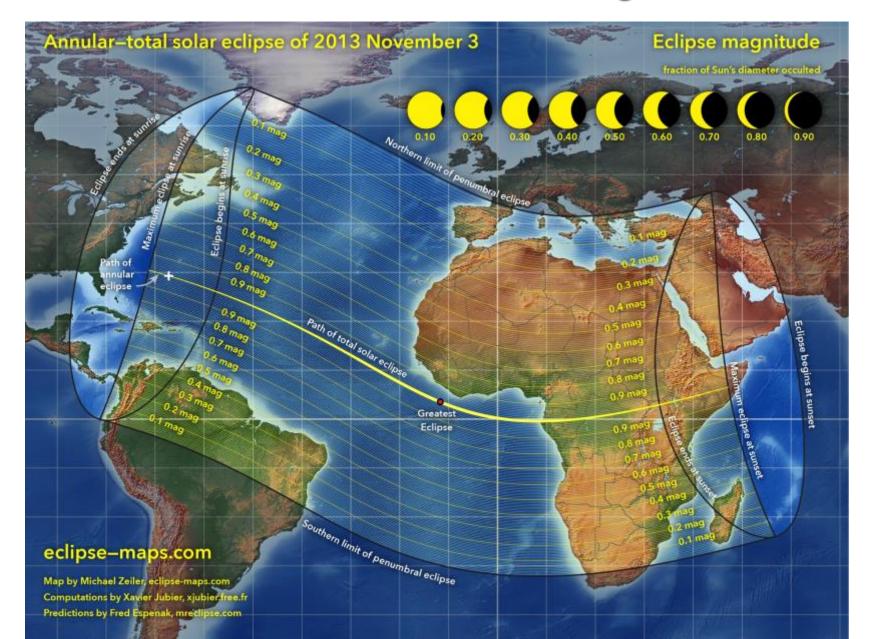


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November 3, 2013



ASE/TSE Nov. 3, 2013 - Mkongo II, Gabon









alongside La Lopé National Park, Gabon





The Williams College Team

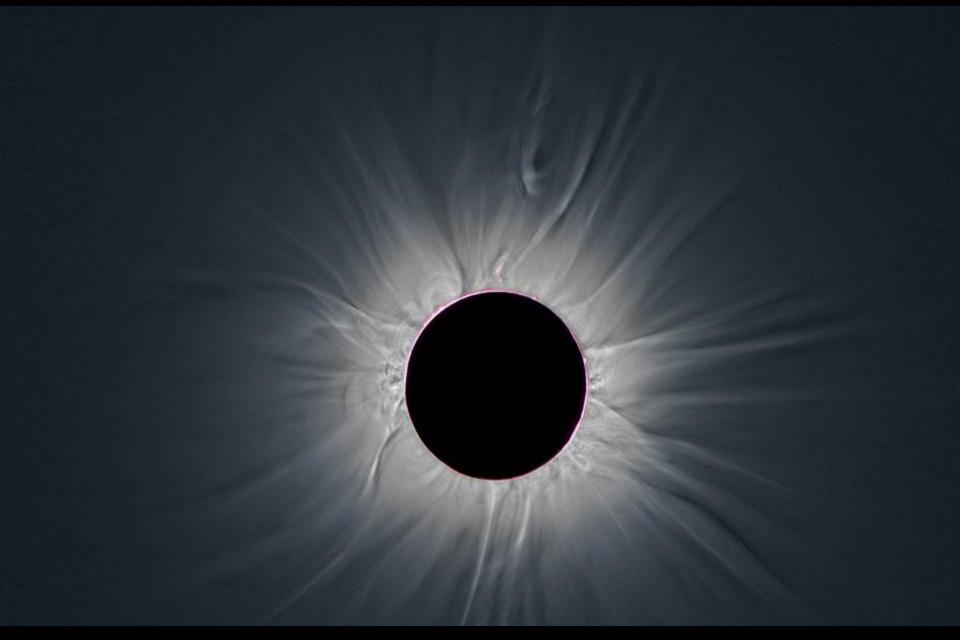
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3 November 2013, Gabon



Williams College Eclipse Expedition; combination by Paul Gaintatzis from images by Allen Davis and Jay Pasachoff

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE 2013, GABON FLASH SPECTRUM, AFTER THIRD CONTACT13:56:41UT

SLITLESS SPECTROGRAPH 300I/mm

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE 3TH NOVEMBER 2013 GABON, MIKONGO II

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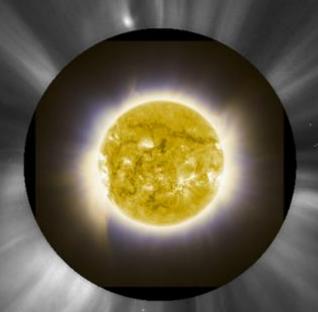


Aris Voulgaris/Aristotle U. Thessaloniki; Williams College Expedition

Inner: SWAP

Middle: ground-based

Outer: LASCO

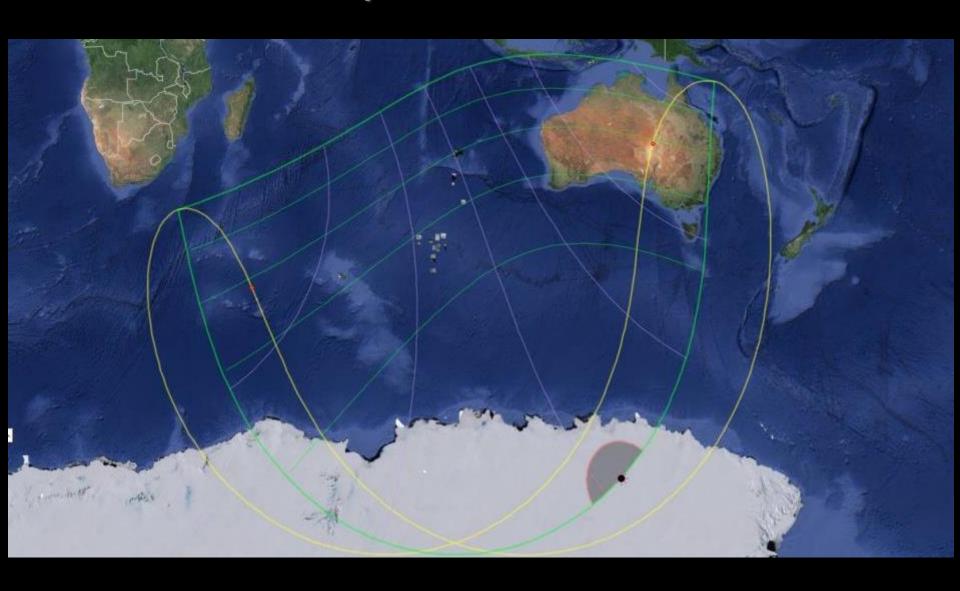


NASA's Astronomy Picture of the Day for November 11

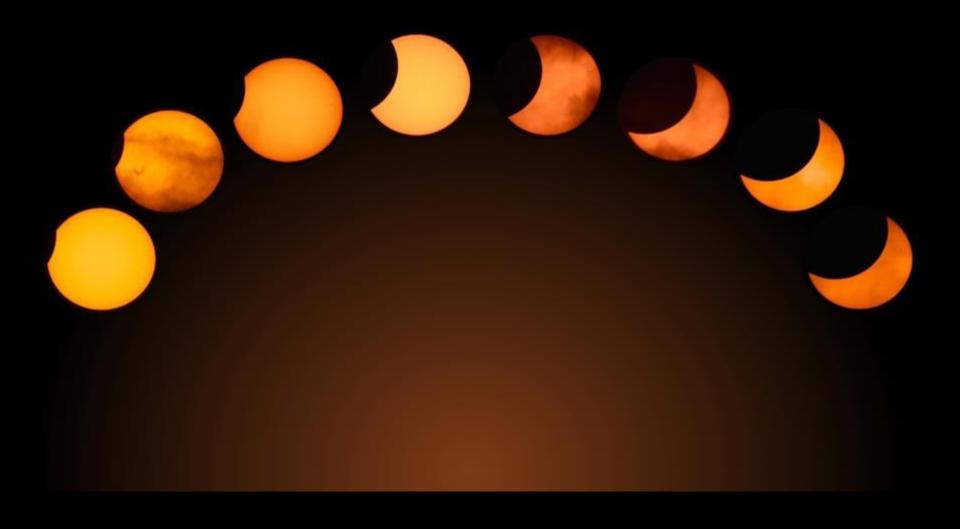


Williams College Expedition: Jay Pasachoff, Allen Davis '14, Vojtech Rusin, processing by Miloslav Druckmüller

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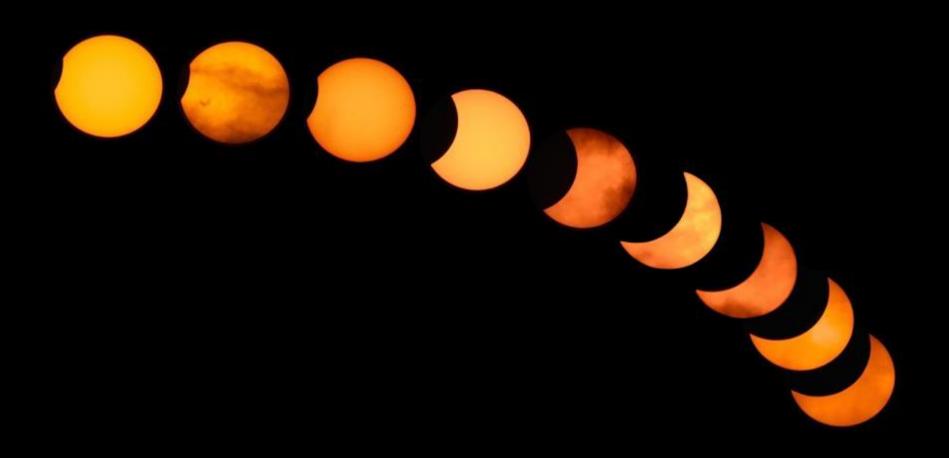
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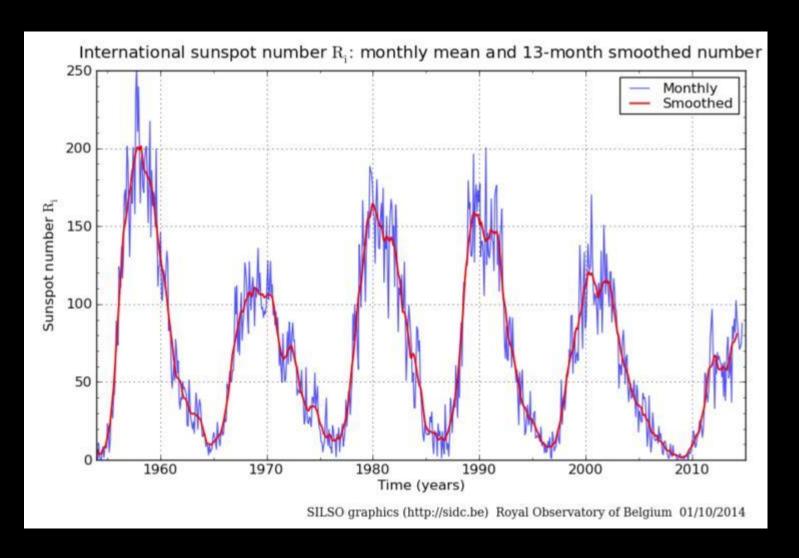
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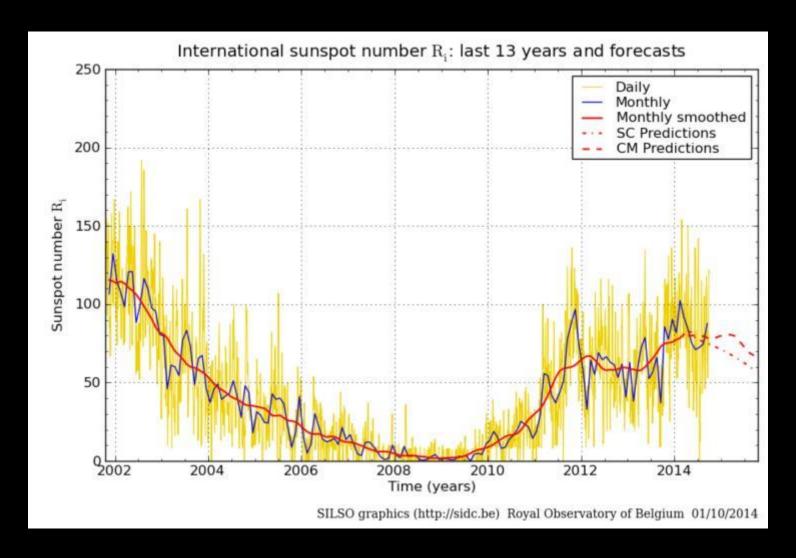
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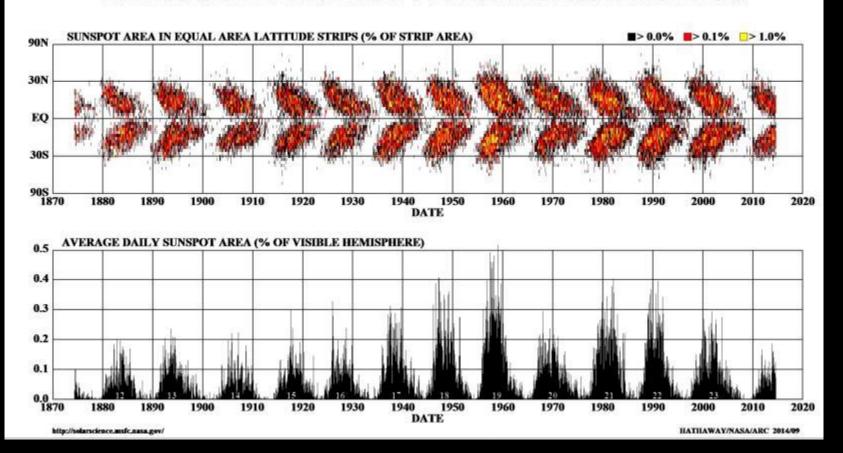


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DAILY SUNSPOT AREA AVERAGED OVER INDIVIDUAL SOLAR ROTATIONS

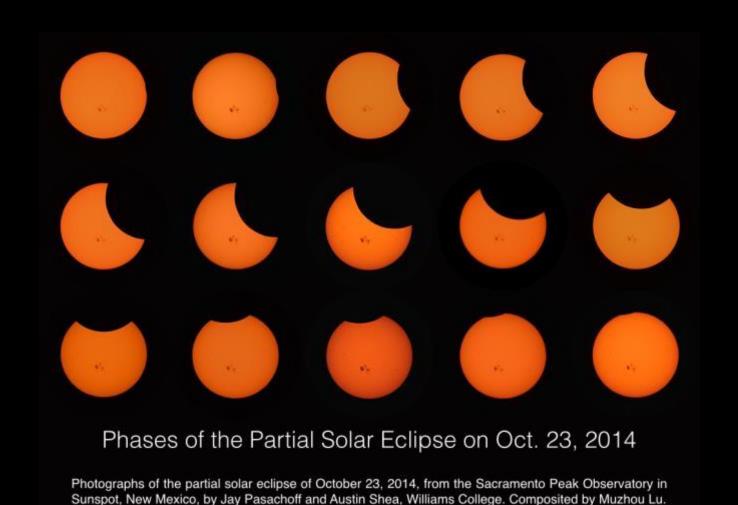


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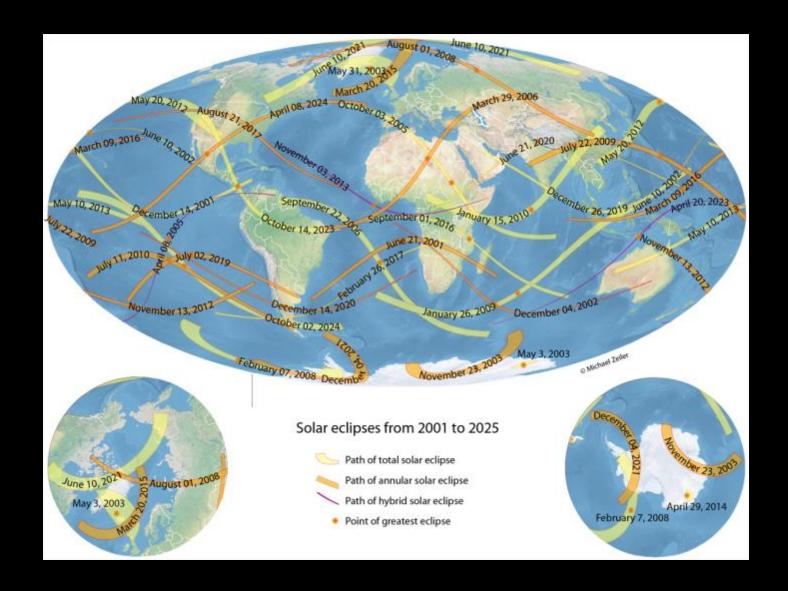


Jay Pasachoff and Austin Shea '15

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