



# 2017 ECLIPSE ACROSS AMERICA THROUGH THE EYES OF NASA

## Subject Matter Experts Training Materials

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# Join us in our efforts to engage the public about the August 21, 2017 total solar eclipse by volunteering as a Subject Matter Expert!

**EVERYONE IN NORTH AMERICA WILL BE ABLE TO  
EXPERIENCE THIS ECLIPSE**

This is the first total solar eclipse visible in the contiguous U.S. in 38 years. The path of totality crosses 14 states. The states in the path of totality are: Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Outside the path of totality, the rest of the continental U.S. will be within the Moon's penumbral shadow, where the Moon only partially blocks the sun and creates a partial solar eclipse. The partial eclipse begins in the continental U.S. near Lincoln City, Oregon, at 9:05 a.m. PDT, and totality begins in this location at 10:16 a.m. PDT. The total eclipse will end in Charleston, South Carolina, at 2:48 p.m. EDT, and the partial eclipse ends in the continental U.S. in this location at 4:09 p.m. EDT.



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# SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS



A eclipse subject matter expert, or SME, in this context is a person with knowledge of why eclipses happen, this particular eclipse and NASA's interest and role. A SME should have a basic working knowledge of astronomy, especially eclipses and the sun-Earth-Moon system.

**We are grateful to the scientists, engineers, science writers, amateur astronomers, and science educators who have identified themselves as subject matter experts (SMEs) for the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse.**



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# NASA INVOLVEMENT - 2017 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE



"...The expansion of human knowledge of the Earth and of phenomena in the atmosphere and space..." and to "provide for the widest practicable and appropriate dissemination of information concerning its activities and the results thereof..."

– 1958 NASA Space Act, as amended

- NASA made a decision in September 2016 that the entire agency support the 2017 total solar eclipse.
- Science Mission Directorate (SMD) began intra-Center coordination activities in October 2016 to avoid duplication and ensure awareness of other activities. Five main NASA attributes:
  1. Safety – NASA's #1 core value and the #1 priority during any event
  2. Science – Awareness of missions, science and return on investment
  3. Education – Fundamental learning opportunity of nature's processes
  4. Public Engagement – Unique opportunity for all U.S. to participate
  5. Citizen Science – Several apps for citizens to gather data on nature's processes



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# I. SAFETY FIRST



**NASA's #1 core value is safety. During the event this includes:**

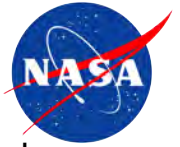
- Eye Safety
- Eye Safety Devices
- When to Wear Eclipse Viewing Glasses
- Event Location Safety Plans and Tips



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# EYE SAFETY DURING AN ECLIPSE



It's NEVER safe to look directly at the sun, except when the sun is completely blocked during the period of a total eclipse known as *TOTALITY*.



## WHERE TO WATCH

Find a nice, clear spot with a good view of the sky.



## HOW TO WATCH

You can see the sun and the eclipse with special eclipse glasses. NEVER look directly at the sun without appropriate eyewear. Regular sunglasses are not safe to view the eclipse.

More:

<http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety>



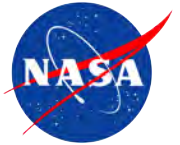
## HOW LONG WILL IT LAST

The total eclipse, when the sun is completely blocked by the Moon, will last up to 2 minutes and 40 seconds, depending on your location.



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# SAFELY observing THE SUN



**WARNING!** Never look directly at the sun without proper eye protection. You can **seriously** injure your eyes.



Check with local science museums, schools and astronomy clubs for eclipse glasses—or purchase an ISO 12312-2 compliant pair of these special shades!

View the eclipse with special eclipse glasses.



Regular sunglasses are not safe to view the eclipse



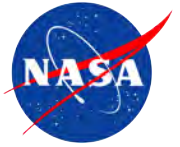
Inexpensive and easy to build, the sun funnel is a device that completely encloses the light coming from a telescope and projects a magnified image of the sun, large enough for many people to view at once.

<http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/make-sun-funnel>



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# EYE SAFETY: WHEN TO WEAR THE GLASSES



## PRACTICE WITH YOUR AUDIENCES!!



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### PARTIAL ECLIPSE • GLASSES ON

The eclipse begins when the sun's disk is partially blocked by the moon. This partial eclipse phase can last over an hour.



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### DIAMOND RING • GLASSES ON

Shortly before totality, the crescent sun converges into a single brilliant "diamond" of sunlight as the last bit of the sun's bright disk shines along the edge of the moon, while the first glimpses of the faint corona create a "ring" around the moon.



3

### BAILY'S BEADS • GLASSES ON

In the last little moment before totality, you may see the "diamond ring" break up into "beads" created as the sun's light shines through the low-lying valleys along the edge of the moon. These are called Bailey's Beads.



4

### TOTALITY • GLASSES OFF

Once the Bailey's Beads disappear and the moon completely covers the entire disk of the sun, you may safely look at the eclipse without a solar filter. Be careful to protect your eyes again before the end of totality—the total eclipse may last less than a minute in some locations.



5

### FINAL STAGES • GLASSES ON

A crescent will begin to grow on the opposite side of the sun from where the diamond ring appeared at the beginning. This crescent is the lower atmosphere of the sun, beginning to peek out from behind the moon and it is your signal to stop looking directly at the eclipse. **Make sure you have safety glasses back on—or are otherwise watching the eclipse through a safe, indirect method—before the first flash of sunlight appears around the edges of the moon.**

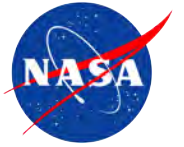


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Image 3 Credit: Arne Danielson



# SAFETY PLANS



- Familiarize yourself with the event's safety plan. The event coordinate should be able to provide you with the details:
  1. Event Safety and Security Planning
  2. Crowd Management
  3. Transportation Management
  4. Emergency Plan
  5. First-Aid Plan
- See sample safety plans provided in the following:
  - <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/Frefor/pdf/event-safety-guidelines-osh-200104.pdf>
  - <https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SpecialEvents/SeattleSpecialEventPublicSafetyPlan.pdf>
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  - <https://www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk/getattachment/Environment/Licensing/Event-Safety-Guide-for-Organisers-pdf.pdf>
- Find additional safety tips at:
  - [https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Safety\\_508.pdf](https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Safety_508.pdf)



## II. SCIENCE

Awareness of science and return on investment in NASA science missions and programs in 5 areas:

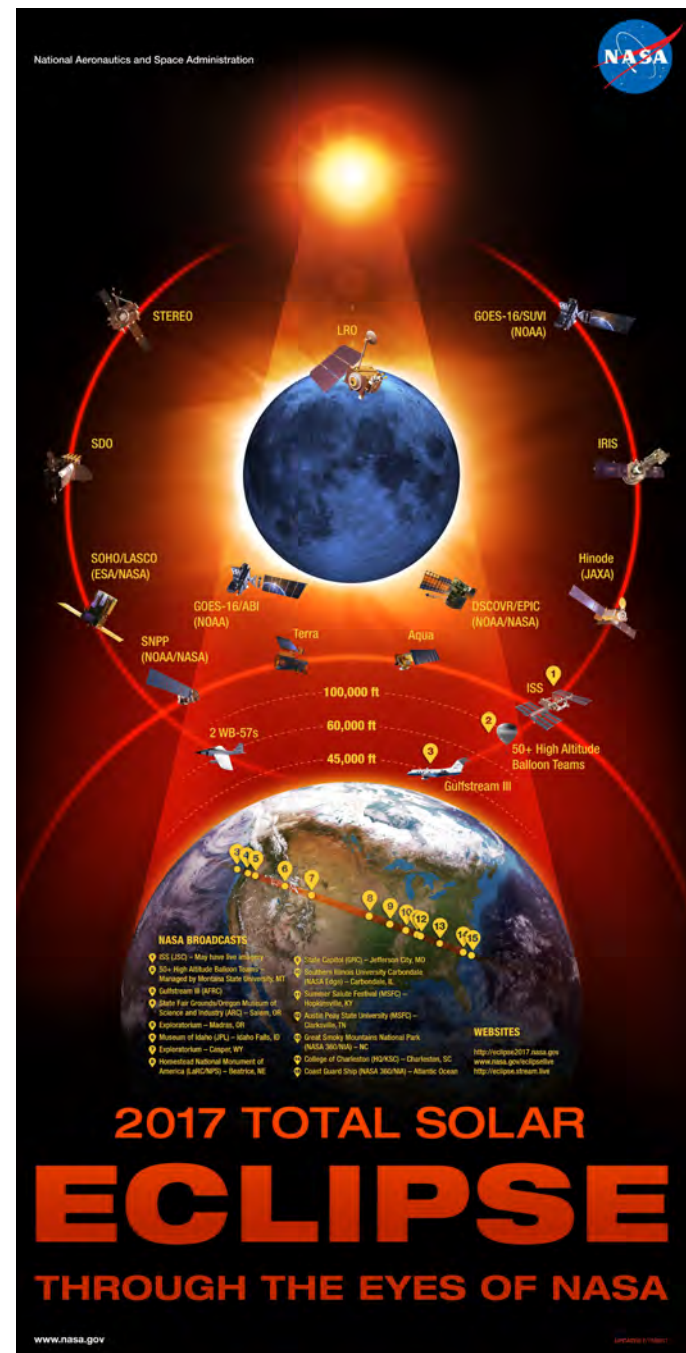
- The Sun
- The Earth
- The Moon
- Transits and Occultations
- Exoplanets

Available at:

[https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Eclipse\\_Infographic.pdf](https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Eclipse_Infographic.pdf)



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Credit: NASA/  
Office of  
Communication

# ECLIPSE 2017: NASA SCIENCE



- To study the sun's corona, scientists create special spacecraft instruments called coronagraphs to block the sun's visible light, but total eclipses provide the best possible observations of the corona in visible light.
- NASA's Parker Solar Probe, which will launch in 2018, will fly right into the sun's atmosphere to provide our first-ever direct observations of the corona.
- In addition to conducting eclipse observations with spacecraft, NASA funds experiments on the ground and from planes to study the sun and Earth, including land and atmospheric responses.
- Total solar eclipses also provide an opportunity to study Earth under uncommon conditions. The sudden blocking of the sun during an eclipse reduces the light and temperature on the ground, and these quick-changing conditions can affect weather, vegetation and animal behavior.
- NASA tests new instruments and leverages the skills of citizen scientists to expand our understanding of the sun-Earth-Moon system.
- An eclipse is a specialized transit—any time one celestial object passes in front of another. Transits are key for discovering exoplanets: missions such as NASA's TESS and Kepler have instruments for determining when a planet passes in front of a star even if the planet itself is far too small for us to see from Earth.



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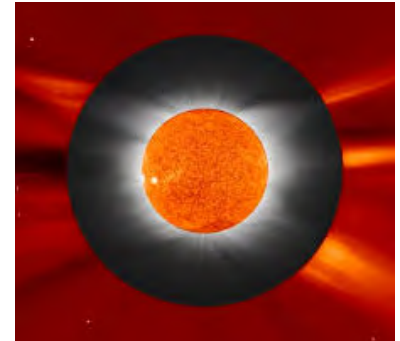
# SEEING THE SUN



Several NASA missions will be capturing observations of the sun or Earth during the 2017 eclipse. Most of the imagery will not be available in real time, but will be shared publicly within the next few days.

- NASA missions to observe the Moon pass in front of the sun:
  - Hinode (joint mission with JAXA) and the Interface Region Imaging Spectrograph (IRIS).
- NASA missions to observe the solar corona (but no image of eclipse):
  - Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO), the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO/LASCO) and the Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory (STEREO).
- NASA's Parker Solar Probe will launch in 2018 to fly right into the sun's atmosphere to directly observe the corona.

<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sun>



A composite of the corona during a total solar eclipse in Greece superimposed on a Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) image. Credit: The Williams College Eclipse Expedition with support from NSF/NASA/National Geographic.

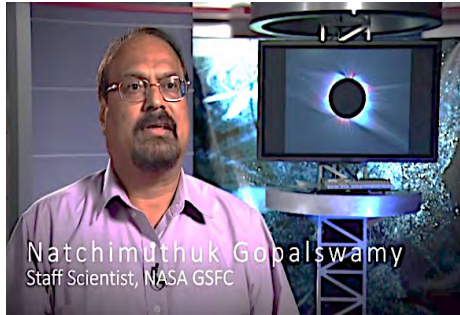
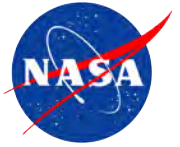


Hinode observed the solar eclipse of May 20, 2012. Credit: Hinode/XRT



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# SEEING THE SUN (continued)



Natchimuthuk Gopalswamy  
Staff Scientist, NASA GSFC



Nelson Reginald  
Research Scientist, NASA GSFC

NASA scientists Drs. Nat Gopalswamy and Nelson Reginald will see the inner corona with their improved instruments during the solar eclipse.

NASA scientist Guoyong Wen will compare observations from two satellites and three ground-based atmospheric instruments to calculate how the eclipse affects the flow of energy into, out of, and throughout Earth's atmosphere.



Credit: National Solar Observatory/Matt Penn

NASA funded a team to train volunteers to collect images of the eclipse for the Citizen Continental-America Telescopic Eclipse (CATE) Experiment to study the dynamics of the inner solar corona.

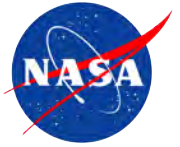
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# SEEING THE SUN (continued)



**Total solar eclipses help us understand the sun-Earth connection. NASA is funding the following sun-focused studies:**

- Physics of the coronal plasma
- Measuring temperature and flow speed in the solar corona
- Interdisciplinary airborne science from two of NASA's WB-57 aircraft
- Measuring the infrared solar corona
- Citizen science: measuring the polarization of solar corona
- Rosetta-stone experiments at infrared and visible wavelengths



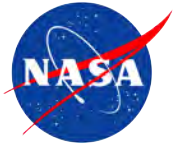
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See more at: <http://go.nasa.gov/2kAbPzu>



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# OBSERVING EARTH



Credit: DSCOVR EPIC

- NASA missions to observe Earth during the eclipse include:
  - Terra, Aqua and EPIC on board DSCOVR
- NASA's missions to capture images of the moon's shadow on Earth include:
  - Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) and the International Space Station (ISS)
- Two NASA and NOAA missions will also capture the eclipse shadow:
  - Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership (S-NPP) and Geostationary Environmental Satellite (GOES –16)

<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/earth>



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# OBSERVING EARTH (continued)



- GLOBE Observer is a citizen science project that uses an app to observe how the eclipse changes atmospheric conditions:
  - Cloud types and cover
  - Air temperature – with a simple thermometer
  - Surface temperature – with an infrared thermometer and online training

Learn more at [observer.globe.gov](https://observer.globe.gov)



Credits: NASA/GLOBE



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# OBSERVING EARTH (continued)



## NASA is funding the following Earth-focused studies:

- Solar eclipse-induced changes in the ionosphere over the continental U.S.
- Contributions of ionization sources on the ionosphere during the eclipse
- Empirically-guided solar eclipse modeling study
- Using DSCOVR/EPIC & NISTAR spacecraft and ground-based instruments for radiative transfer experiment
- Land and atmospheric responses to the eclipse
- High Altitude Balloons: more than 50 teams from 30 states to provide live video and still images of the eclipse and to see how bacteria react to Mars-like conditions



Credit: NASA

See more at:

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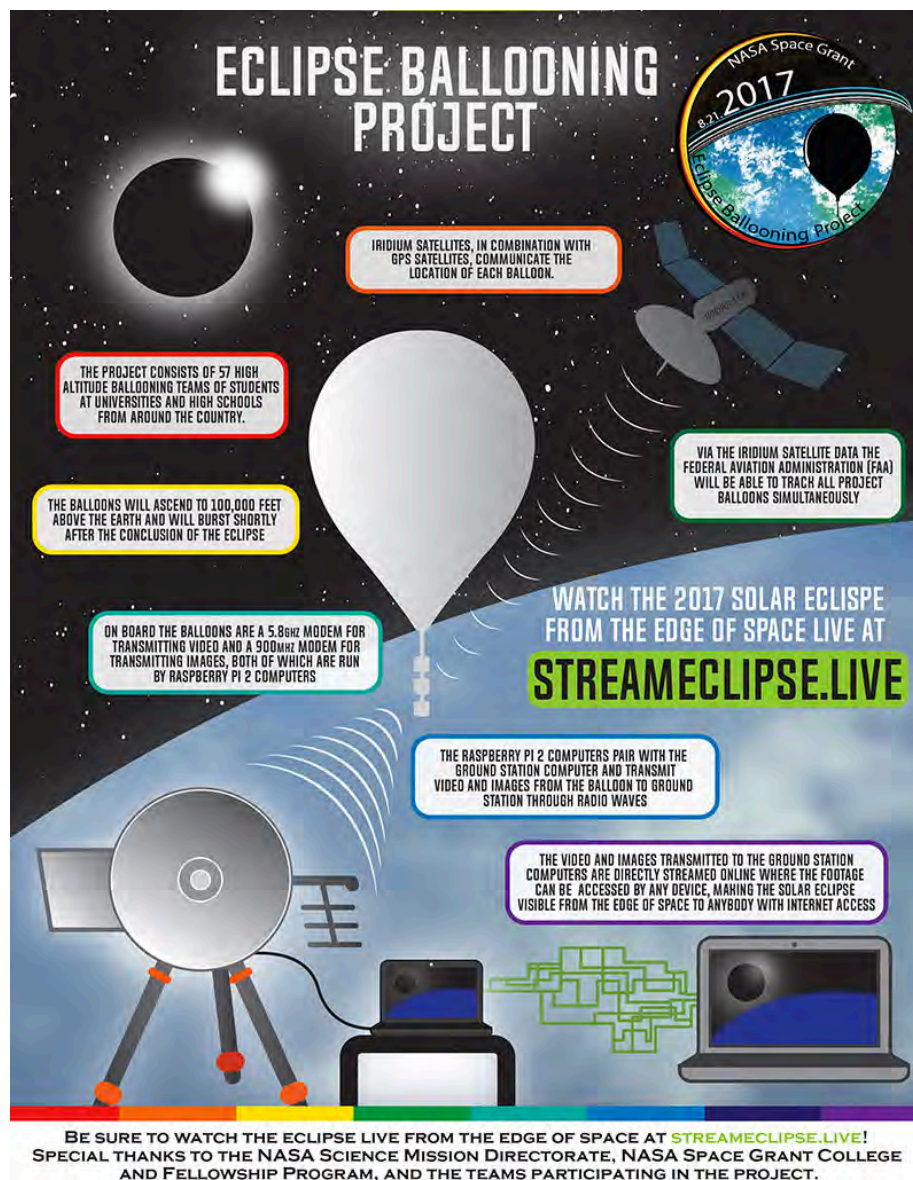


- NASA's Eclipse Balloon Project will livestream aerial footage of the eclipse from the edge of space to NASA's website.

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- Simulating Mars for Microbes

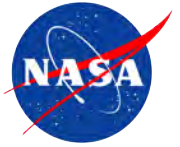
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# STUDYING THE MOON

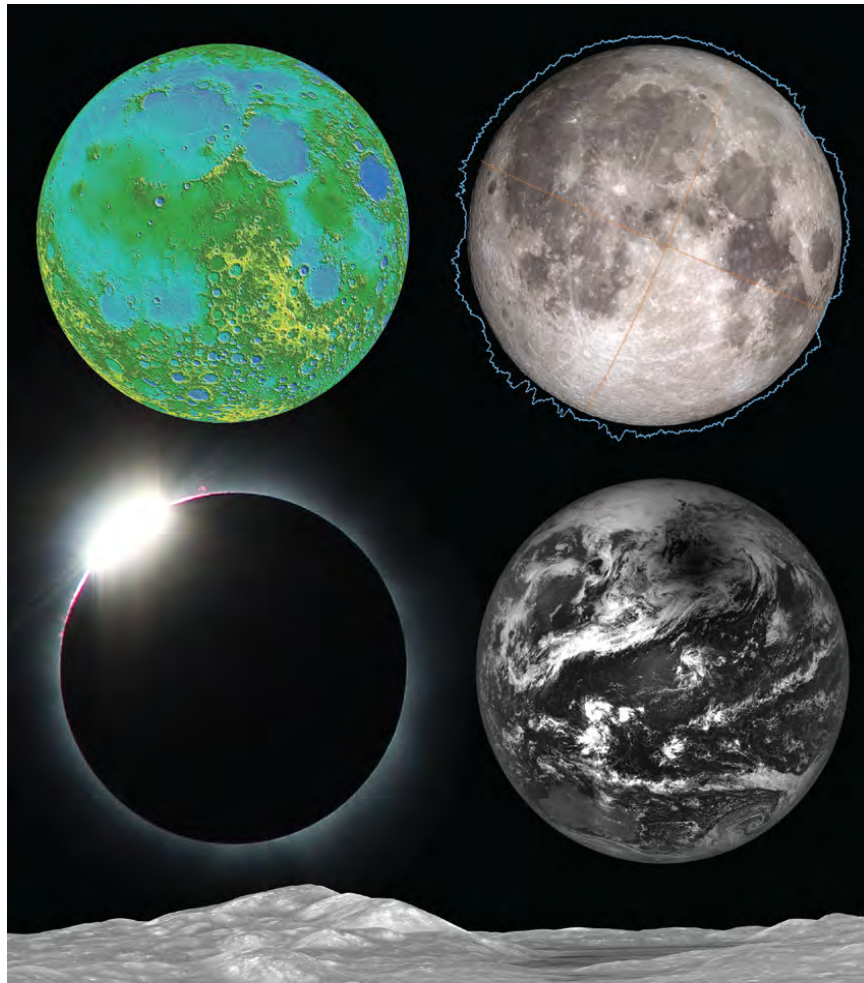


Top left: Topography of the Moon, where cool colors represent low elevations and warm colors show areas with higher elevation.

Credit: NASA/GSFC/  
LRO/LOLA

Bottom left: When sunlight peaks through the low points in the jagged lunar limb during a total solar eclipse, one can see phenomena known as Baily's Beads and the diamond ring effect.

Credit: Rick Fienberg/TravelQuest/  
International/Wilderness Travel



[https://lunar.gsfc.nasa.gov/images/LRO\\_Eclipse\\_Litho.pdf](https://lunar.gsfc.nasa.gov/images/LRO_Eclipse_Litho.pdf)  
<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/moon>

NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter studies the Moon and plans to point its camera at Earth to observe the Moon's shadow during the eclipse.

Top right: The blue line surrounding the Moon shows the outline of the Moon's topographic profile, exaggerated 20 times.

Credit: NASA/SVS

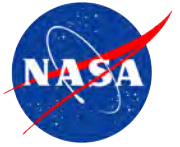
Bottom right: Using LRO's topography data, one can predict precisely and accurately the location and duration of these phenomena, and the shape of the Moon's shadow on Earth.

Credit: NASA/GSFC/ASU

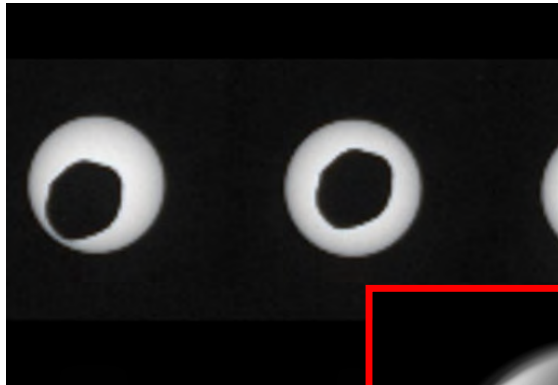


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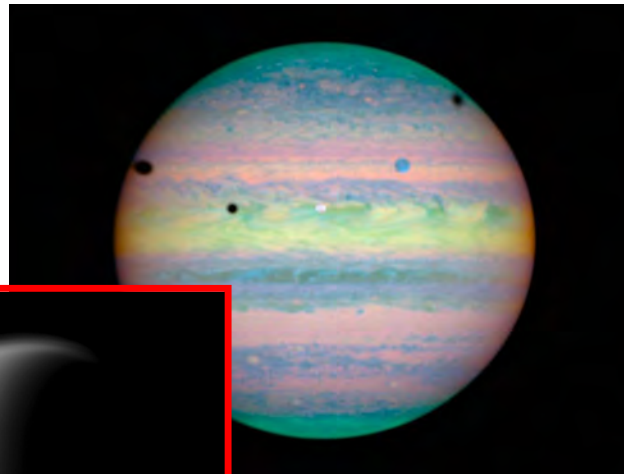
# TRANSITS AND OCCULTATIONS



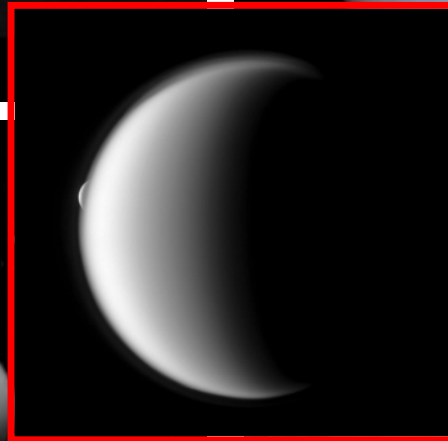
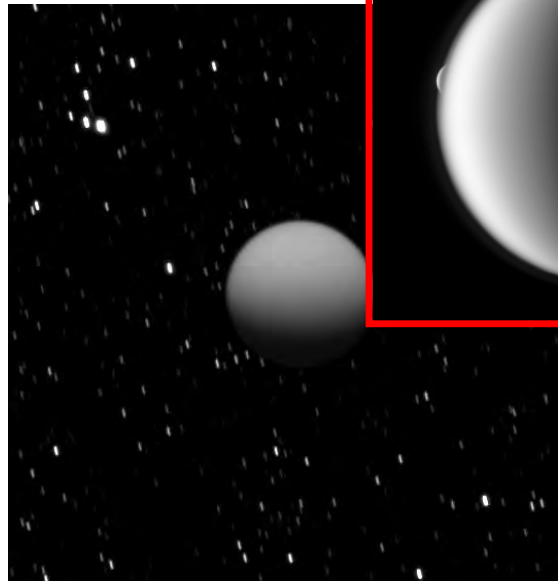
NASA's Mars Curiosity rover viewed eclipse of the sun by Phobos on Aug. 20, 2013  
Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/Malin Space Science Systems/Texas A&M Univ.



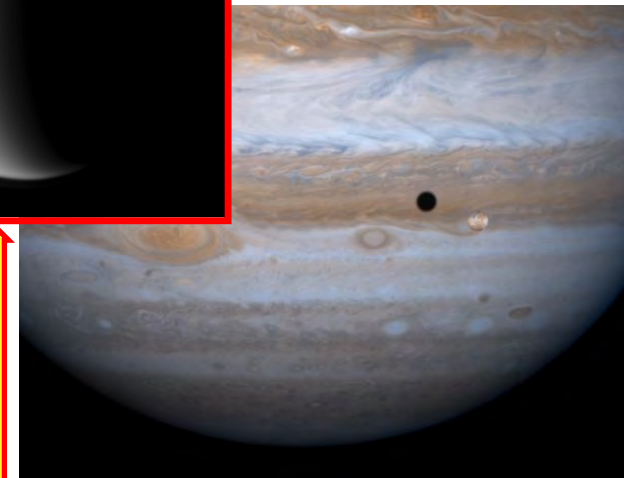
Hubble Space Telescope caught a rare triple eclipse (Io, Ganymede, Callisto) on the cloud tops of Jupiter on March 28, 2004.  
Credit: NASA, ESA, and E. Karkoschka (University of Arizona)



Cassini viewed Titan in eclipse by Saturn on May 7, 2009.  
Credit: NASA/JPL/Space Science Institute



Cassini viewed Io eclipse on Jupiter's cloud tops in 2004.  
Credit: Cassini Imaging Team, Cassini Project, NASA



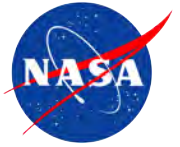
Cassini watched Rhea emerge after being occulted by Titan on Oct. 27, 2009.

Credit: NASA/JPL/Space Science Institute



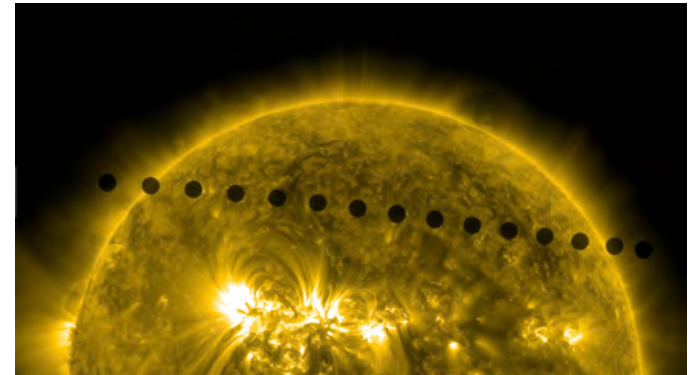
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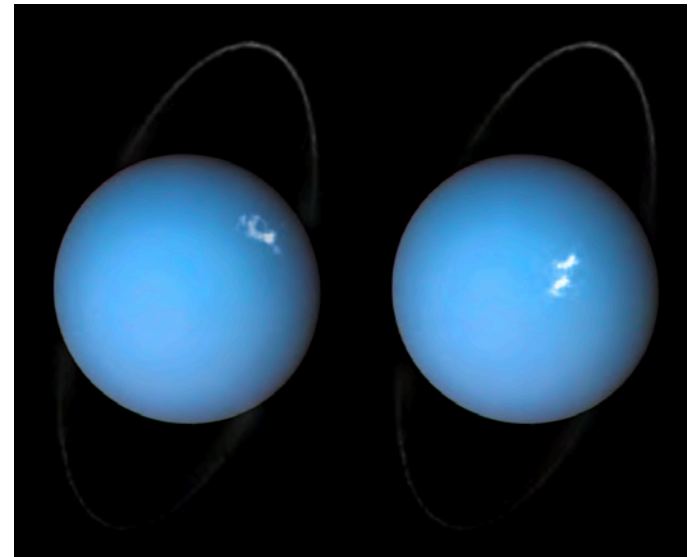
Eclipses are a special kind of transit, which is when one astronomical body passes in front of another. Transits allow scientists to search for exoplanets. NASA missions searching for exoplanets include:

- Kepler Space Telescope, Spitzer Space Telescope
- Hubble and the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)
- [Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite](#) (TESS) in 2018; Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST) in mid-2020s



Occultation happens when an object passes in front of another object with a much smaller apparent size, like the moon passing in front of a distant star. NASA missions observing occultations include:

- Kuiper Airborne Observatory in 1977
- New Horizons on New Year's Day in 2019
- SOFIA in 2015 of Pluto and in 2017 of Triton



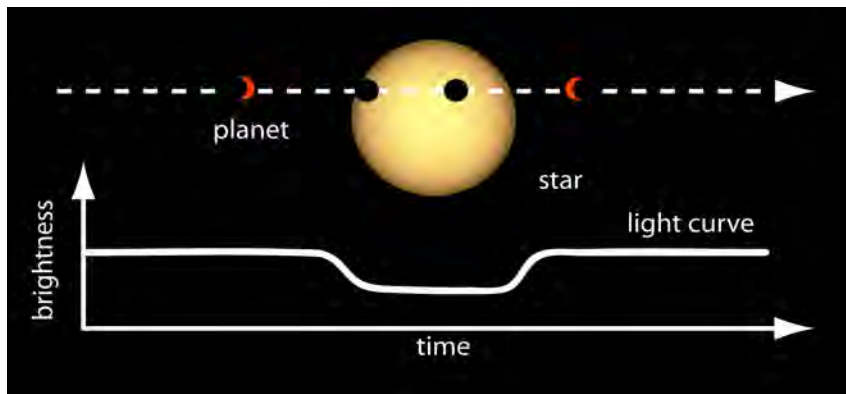
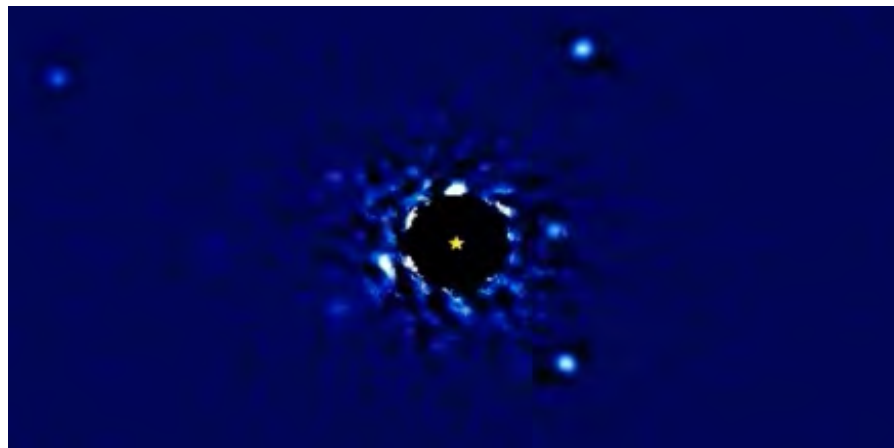
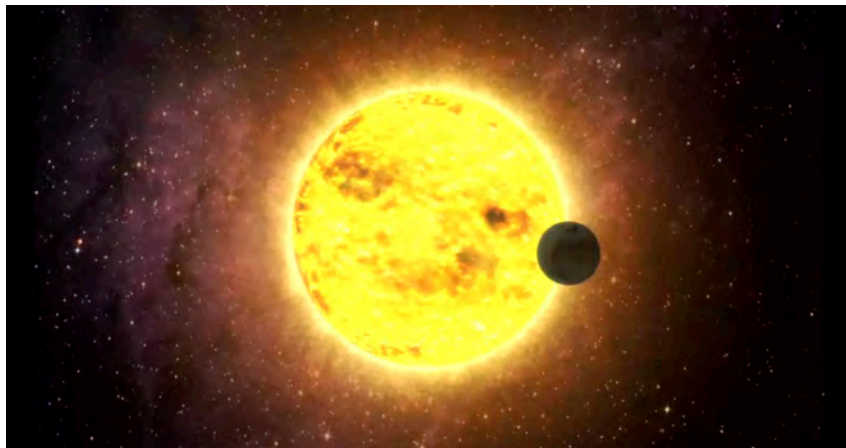
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# FINDING EXOPLANETS



Top left: Transits of planets around distant stars are one way astronomers can detect these extra solar planets.

Credit: NASA GSFC

Bottom left: As the planet moves in front of the star, a small percentage of the light from that the star is blocked and the light curve dips. When the planet moves off the limb of the star, the light curve recovers. This method is only effective when the plane of the orbit of the planet is in our line of sight. Credit: NASA Ames

Top Right: See Four Planets Orbiting Star HR 8799.

Credit: J. Wang (UC Berkeley) & C. Marois (Herzberg Astrophysics), NExSS (NASA), Keck Obs.



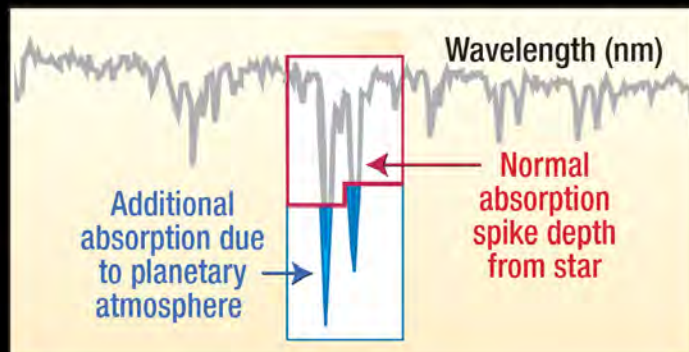
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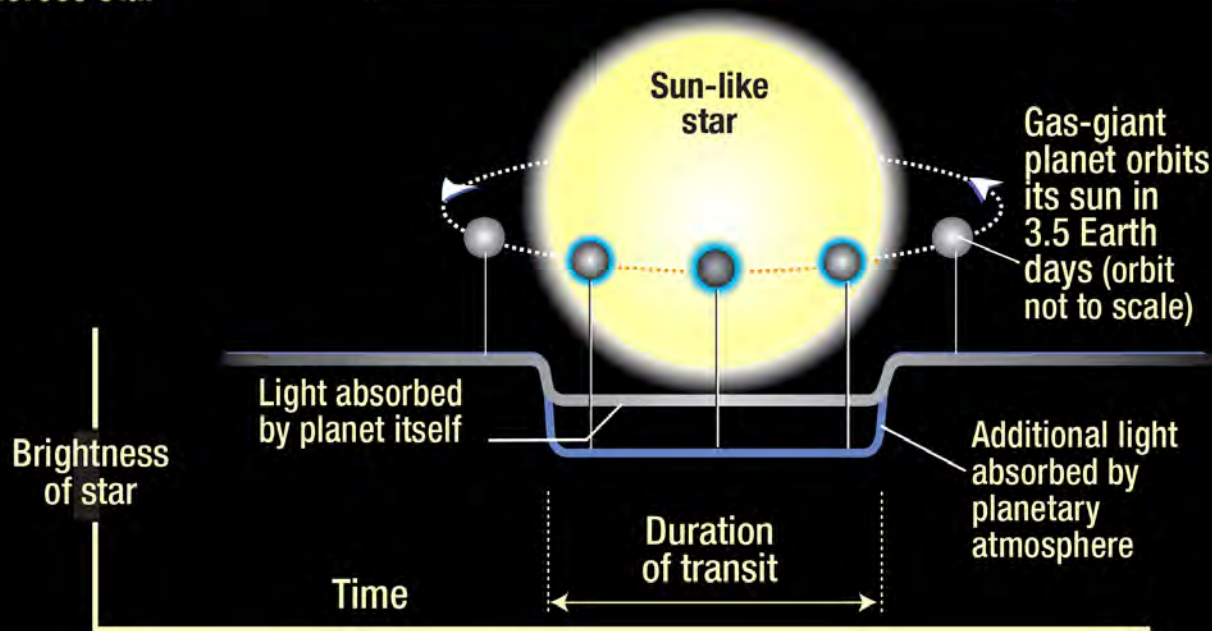
# FINDING EXOPLANETS (continued)



**HST detects additional sodium absorption due to light passing through planetary atmosphere as planet transits across star**



In addition to transits of stars, planets can be detected by detecting gasses in their much cooler atmospheres. Here sodium is detected in the atmosphere of a planet from Hubble Space Telescope spectral observations. This observation of HD209458 (150 light year away) in the constellation of Pegasus was the first direct detection of a planetary atmosphere outside our solar system.



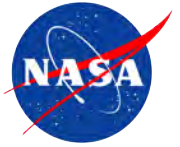
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## Studying The Sun

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## Get Involved in Citizen Science

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## Measuring the Moon

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## Eclipses On Other Planets

[https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Eclipse\\_OtherPlanetarySystems.pdf](https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Eclipse_OtherPlanetarySystems.pdf)

## Simulating Mars for Microbes

[https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Eclipse\\_Balloon\\_Microbes.pdf](https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Eclipse_Balloon_Microbes.pdf)



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# III. EDUCATION



## Improving knowledge of the Solar System and our place in it

- In 2012, 24% of U.S. adults incorrectly answered the question: Does Earth revolve around the sun? (Hint, it does)

## A fundamental learning opportunity of nature's processes:

- Orbital mechanics
- Why are eclipses so rare?
- When and where
- Eclipse phases
- What one may see during totality
- Historical drawing versus spacecraft observations

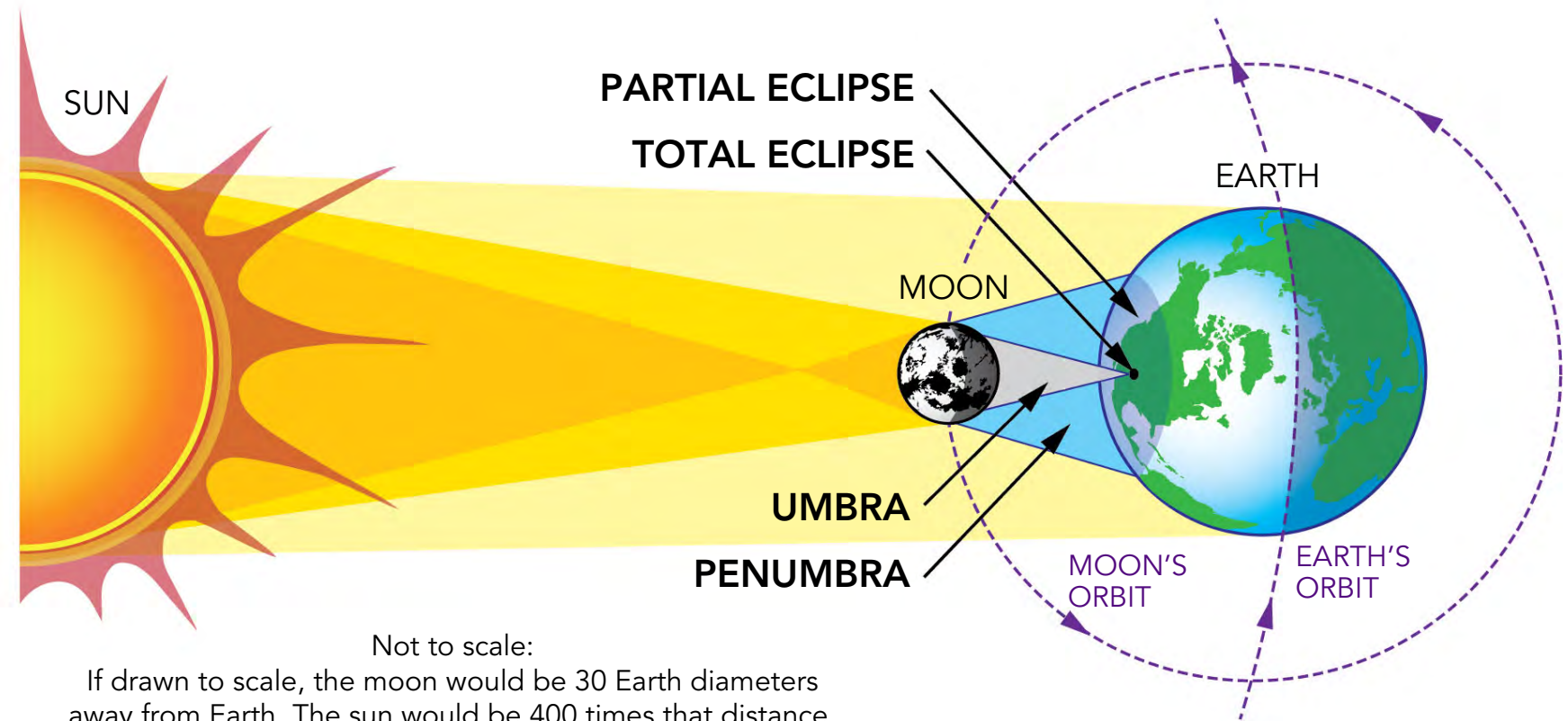


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# TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE: MONDAY • AUGUST 21, 2017



This will be the first total solar eclipse visible in the continental United States in 38 years.



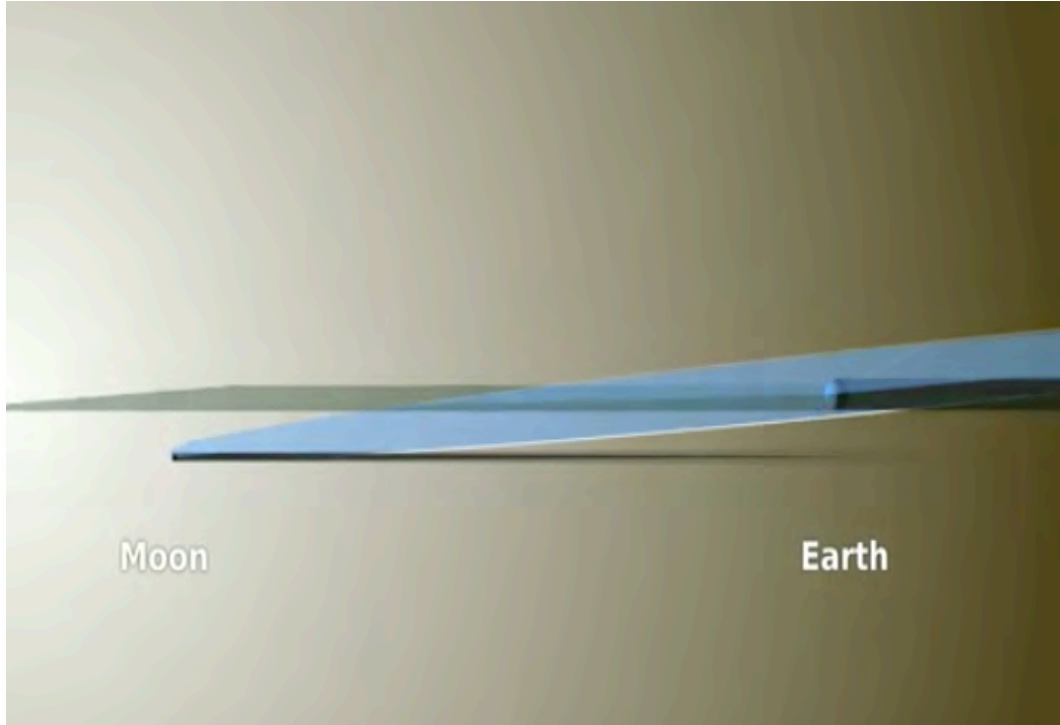
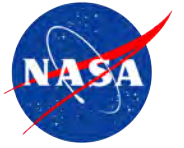
Not to scale:

If drawn to scale, the moon would be 30 Earth diameters away from Earth. The sun would be 400 times that distance.



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# WHY ARE ECLIPSES SO RARE?



The Moon's orbit is tilted 5 degrees from the ecliptic, so it only crosses exactly between the sun and Earth about once every 18 months.

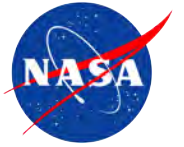
Download this animation at <https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/4324>



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# WHAT IS A SOLAR ECLIPSE?



Credit: Marla Hladiuk

A solar eclipse happens when the Moon casts a shadow on Earth, fully or partially blocking the sun's light in some areas. Observers within the path of totality will be able to see the sun's corona (weather permitting), like the image on the left. Observers outside this path will see a partial eclipse.

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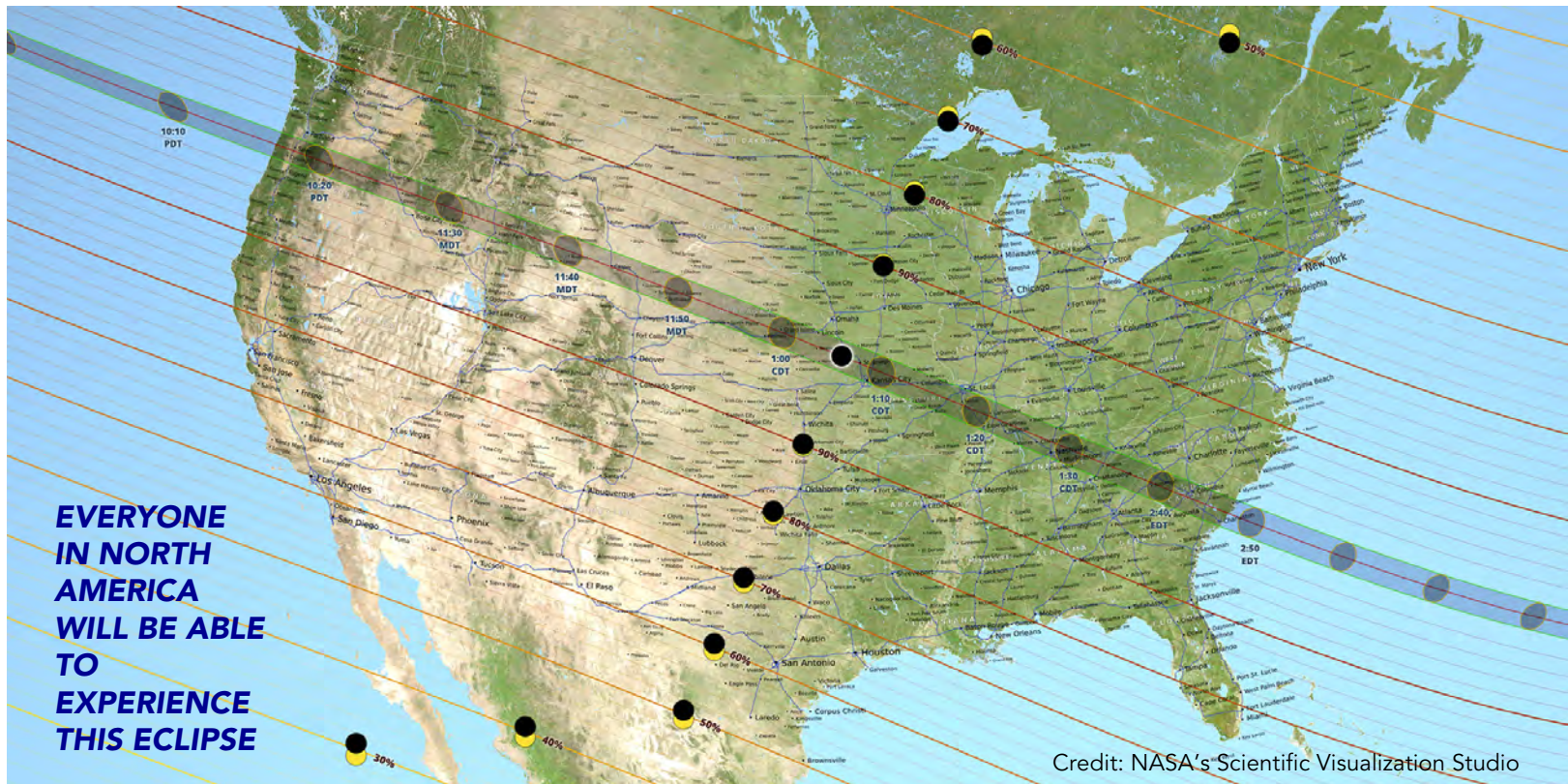
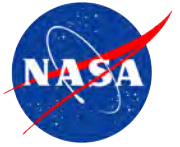
## THE NEXT ECLIPSE

After the 2017 solar eclipse, the next total solar eclipse visible over the continental United States will be on **April 8, 2024.**



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# AUGUST 21, 2017: First total solar eclipse visible in the contiguous United States in 38 years



**EVERYONE  
IN NORTH  
AMERICA  
WILL BE ABLE  
TO  
EXPERIENCE  
THIS ECLIPSE**

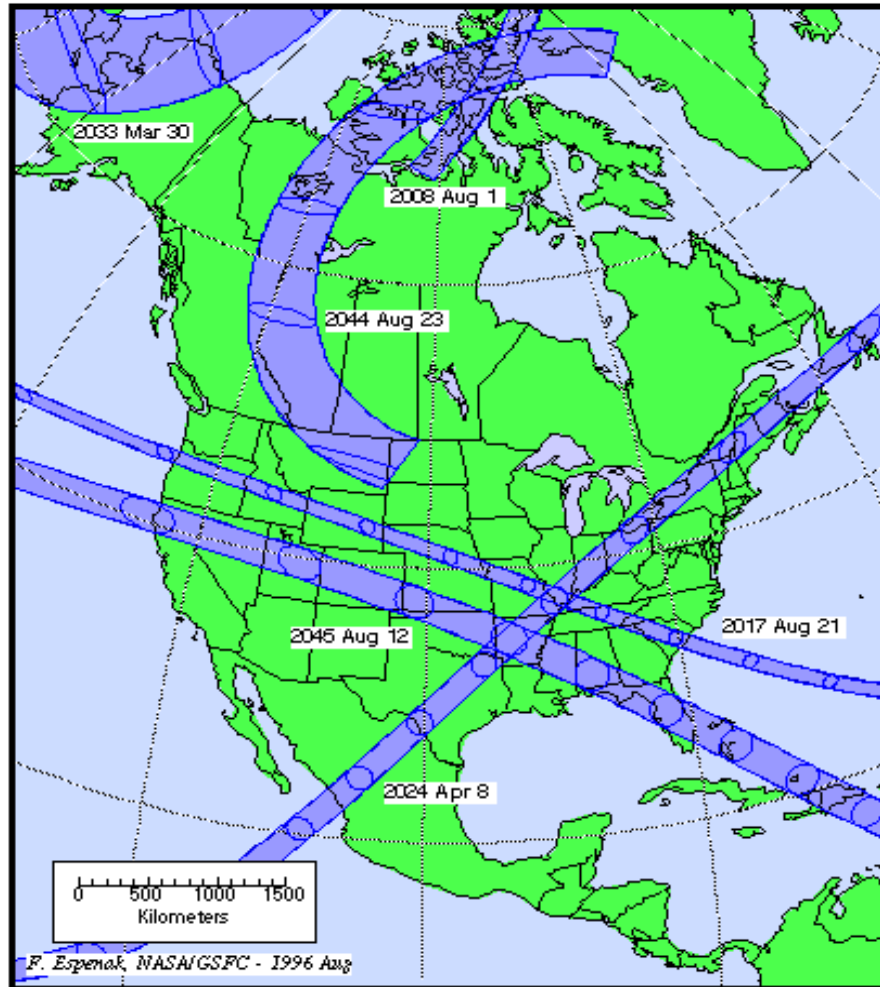
Credit: NASA's Scientific Visualization Studio

This map shows the path of the Moon's umbral shadow—in which the sun will be completely obscured by the Moon, called totality—during the total solar eclipse of Aug. 21, 2017. Outside the path of totality, the rest of the continental U.S. will be within the Moon's penumbral shadow, where the Moon only partially blocks the sun and creates a partial solar eclipse. The partial eclipse begins in the continental U.S. near Lincoln City, Oregon, at 9:05 a.m. PDT, and totality begins in this location at 10:16 a.m. PDT. The total eclipse will end in Charleston, South Carolina, at 2:48 p.m. EDT, and the partial eclipse ends in the continental U.S. in this location at 4:09 p.m. EDT. You can search online for eclipse times in your area or with this map, <https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/4515>



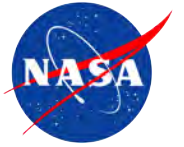
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# TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA 2001 - 2050



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# DIFFERENT PHASES OF A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE



Credit: Rick Fienberg, TravelQuest International and Wilderness Travel

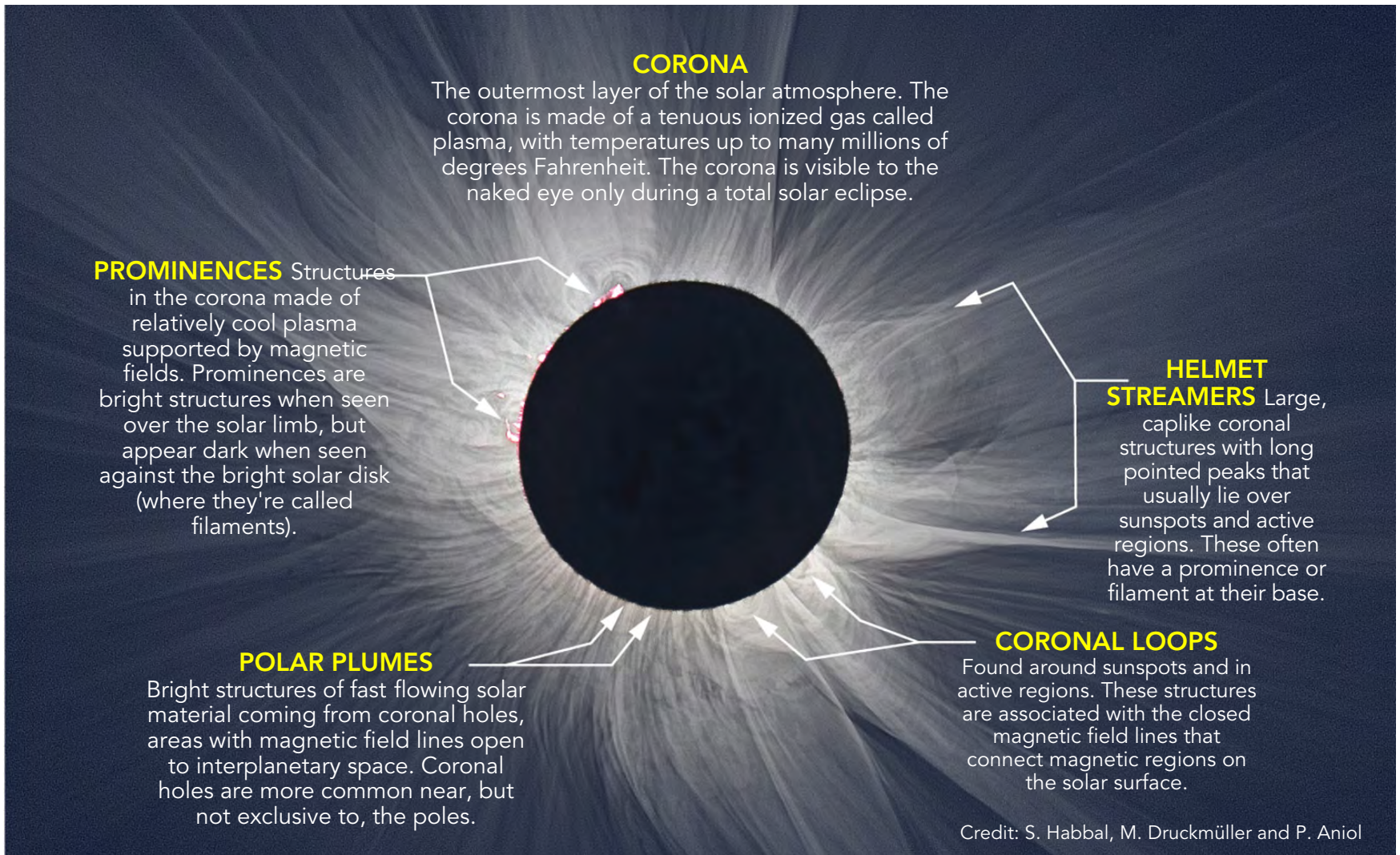
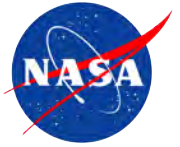
In this series of stills from 2013, the eclipse sequence runs from right to left. The center image shows totality; on either side are the 2nd contact (right) and 3rd contact (left) diamond rings that mark the beginning and end of totality respectively.



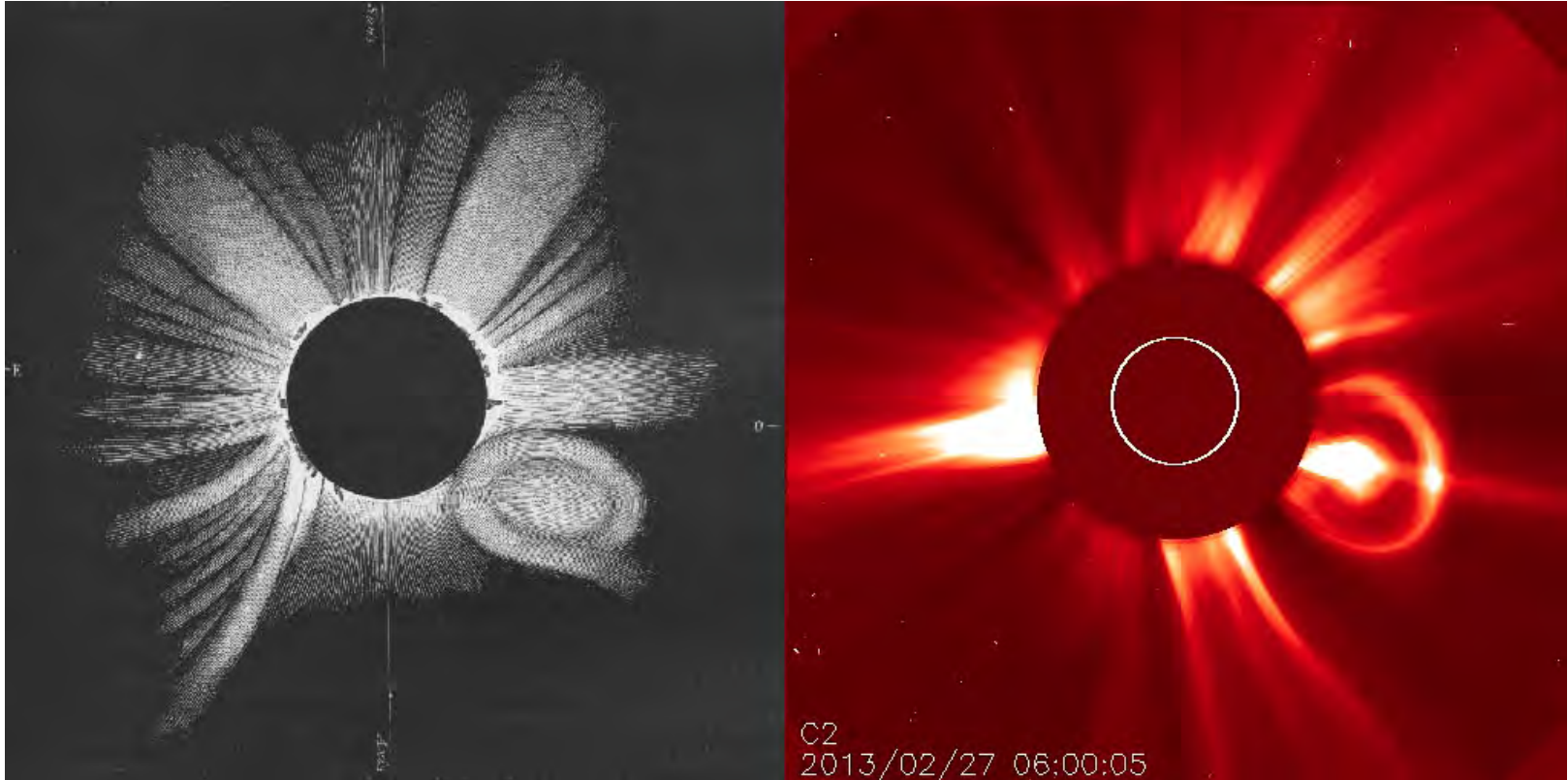
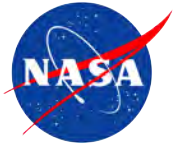
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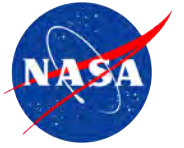
# STRUCTURES IN THE SUN'S FAINT ATMOSPHERE VISIBLE DURING A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE



# CORONAL MASS EJECTIONS FIRST SPOTTED DURING A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE (1860)



Left: Drawings of the 1860 eclipse by G. Tempel. Right: Modern-day instrument called a "coronagraph," which simulates a solar eclipse, blocking the sun to reveal the sun's outer atmosphere. Eruptions like the one depicted in Tempel's drawing are common observations in coronagraph images. Credit: ESA/NASA/SOHO



## IV. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### Unique opportunity for all U.S. to participate:

- Make your own cardboard projector
- Mirror the solar eclipse image in an envelope
- Use 2D/3D printed pinhole projectors as eclipse projectors
- Make a eclipse pinhole handheld fan & postcard
- Try citizen explorer activities
- Download more from <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/downloadables>
- Additional resources for the eclipse and beyond
- Add or find your own general event, <http://go.nasa.gov/2mjxHfW>
- Find NASA official events, <http://go.nasa.gov/2n1oD34>



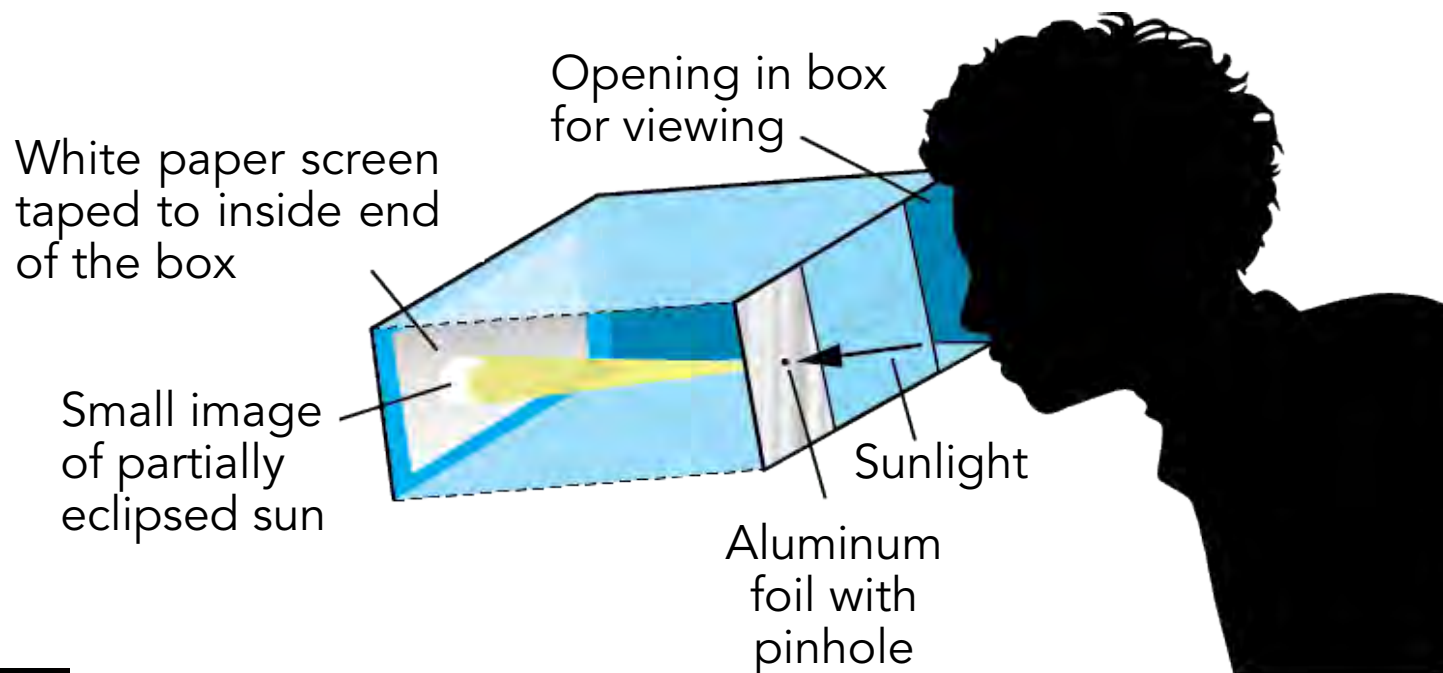


# MAKE YOUR OWN ECLIPSE PROJECTOR



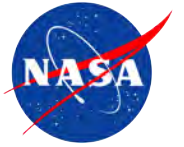
You can make this simple eclipse projector with almost any cardboard box, paper, tape and foil. The longer the distance from the pinhole to screen, the larger the image of the sun will be.

**NEVER look directly at the sun without appropriate eyewear**



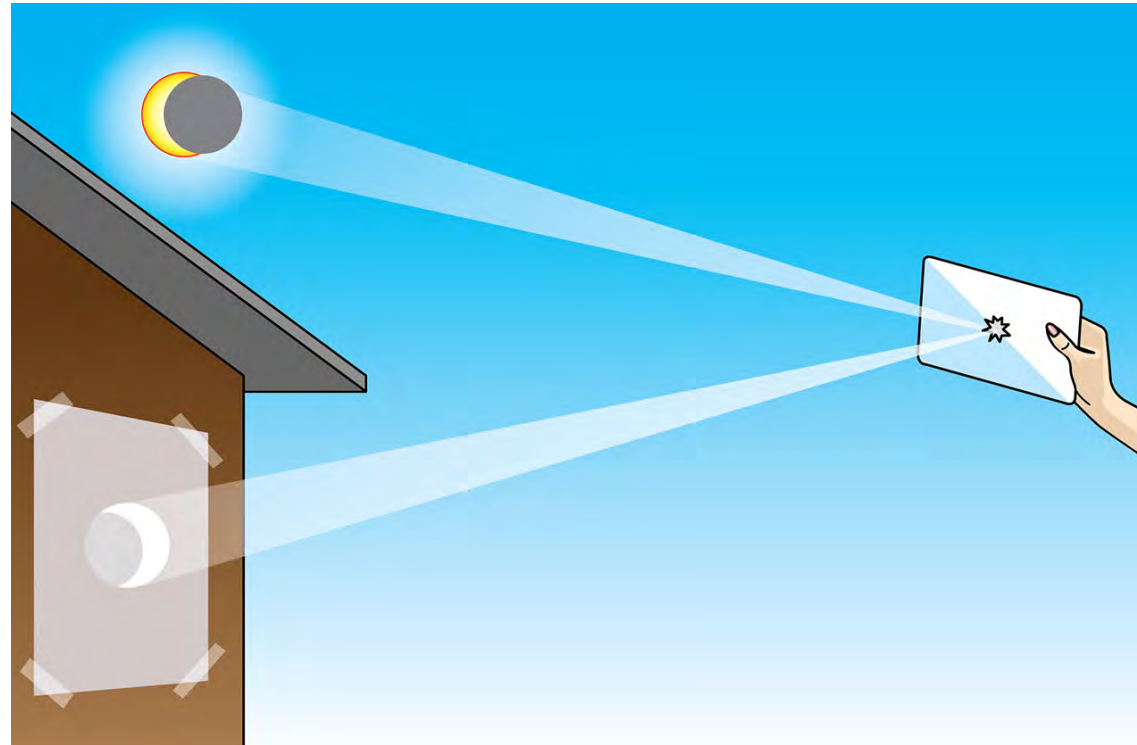


# MIRROR IN AN ENVELOPE

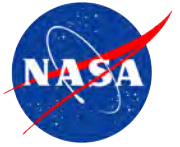


Slide a mirror into an envelope with a ragged hole about 5/8 inch (1.5 cm) cut into the front. Point the mirror toward the sun so that an image is reflected onto a screen about 15 feet (5 meters) away. The longer the distance, the larger the image.

**DO NOT  
LOOK  
AT THE  
MIRROR,  
ONLY AT  
THE  
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# 2D/3D PRINTED PINHOLE PROJECTORS



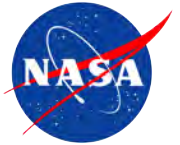
Design your own pinhole projector  
or download one from  
<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/2d3d-printable-pinhole-projectors>

- STL/PDF files are available in the shape of all 50 states, Washington DC, Cherokee Nation, US Virgin and Puerto Rico.
- Print one or more pinhole projection projectors in advance, and decorate them.
- Place a pinhole near your viewing location or home town.
- Use your 2D/3D printed pinhole projector on August 21, 2017.
- Mark the occasion with a selfie of your shadow next to the shadow of your state and projected partial eclipse.
- Upload to flickr:  
<https://www.flickr.com/groups/nasa-eclipse2017>

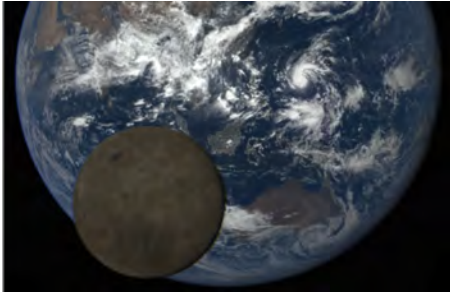


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# CITIZEN EXPLORERS

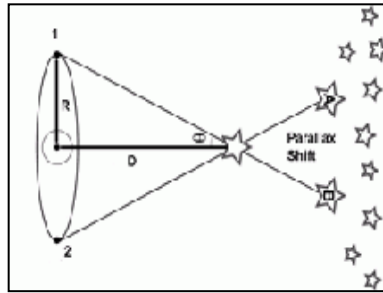


## Mass of Earth



Credit: NASA/NOAA

## Lunar Distance by Parallax



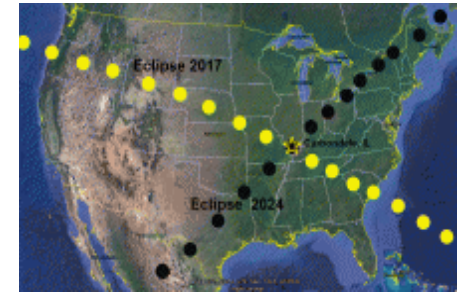
Credit: NASA

## Dimming of the Daylight



Credit: Olav Jon Nesvold/EPA

## X Marks the Spot



Credit: NASA

## Lunar Shadow



Credit: MIR Cosmonauts

## Measuring Temperature



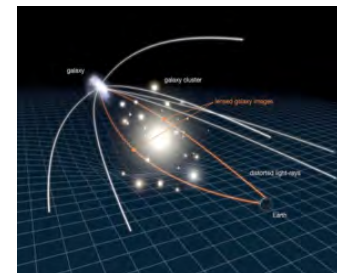
Credit: NASA/GLOBE

## Lunar Distance from Speed



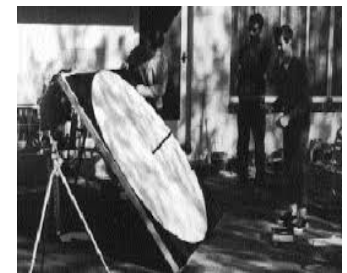
Credit: Fred Espenak

## Testing General Relativity



Credit: NASA/ESA

## Shadow Bands



Credit: Karl Simmons, Mike Reynolds

<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/citizen-explorers>



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# ECLIPSE HANDHELD PINHOLE FAN AND POSTCARD



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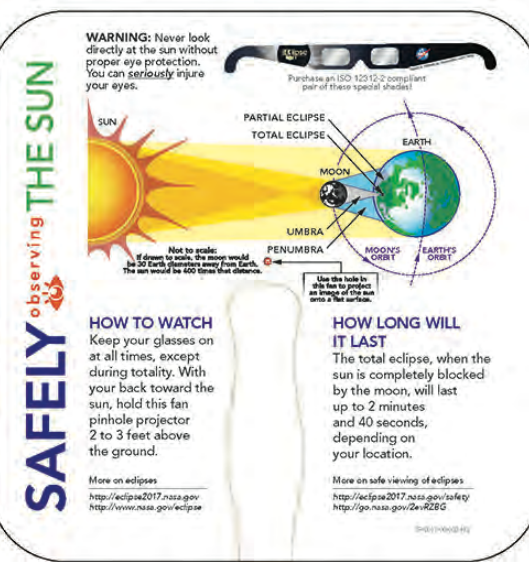
**Materials:** (you provide)  
 • Scissors (to cut out the fan template)  
 • Hole Punch (to punch out pinhole)  
 • Two Pieces of Thick Stock Paper  
 • Printer  
 • Glue  
 • Stapler  
 • Stick (approx. 7" in height)  
 • Small Thermometer (height 6" or smaller)  
 • Black Permanent Marker

**Construction:**  
 • Print the handheld fan template on thick stock paper (FRONT and BACK)  
 • Cut out the fans  
 • Place the stick in between the stock paper  
 • Glue the fan on the stick  
 • Staple the stick and paper together for more support  
 • Punch a hole for the pinhole (red dot located in the middle of the fan)

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**To Do:** (during the eclipse)  
 • Use the pinhole in this fan to project an image of the sun on the ground.  
 • Turn so the sun is to your back, and hold the fan 3-4 feet above the ground. (The small hole will make an image of the sun on the ground. We found this provided the strongest and clearest pinhole projection of a partial eclipse.)

**More Science Fun:** (temperature gauging)  
 • On the BACK of the stick, glue the thermometer onto the stick.  
 • On the FRONT of the stick, use the permanent marker to draw three vertical lines (top to bottom) and label the lines: 1) Start \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Max \_\_\_\_\_ and 3) End \_\_\_\_\_  
 • Using the thermometer on the back of the stick, read the temperature and record it on the appropriate line on the FRONT of the stick.  
 • Enjoy the partial phases of the eclipse!



**WARNING:**  
 NEVER look directly at the sun without proper eye protection. NEVER look directly at the sun or through optical devices such as pinhole projectors, binoculars or telescopes! You can seriously injure your eyes.

BACK



## View the Solar Eclipse Safely With This Card

**NEVER Look Directly at the Sun!** Try these methods instead:

**View With Filters or Project an Image of the Sun**



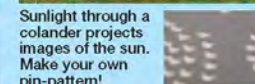
Welder's Glasses #14 Only



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Use the hole in this card to project an image of the sun onto a flat surface.



Sunlight through a colander projects images of the sun. Make your own pin-pattern!

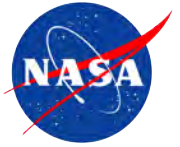
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# NASA ECLIPSE RESOURCES



**Do you need ideas to engage your audiences? Try the following:**

- **Activities:** try some for outdoor and indoor:
  - <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/activities>
  - [https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/NASA\\_Eclipse\\_Activity\\_Guide.pdf](https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/NASA_Eclipse_Activity_Guide.pdf)
- **NASA's Eyes on the 2017 Eclipse:** see a 3D simulation
  - <http://eyes.jpl.nasa.gov/eyes-on-eclipse.html>
- **Resources:** Check NOAA weather forecast, DOT travel information, Español documents, mobile apps, eclipse music; watch videos, download banners, fact sheet, safety bulletin, star chart/bookmark, and tips to organize eclipse parties
  - <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/resources>
- **Event Maps:** find museums, libraries, parks, zoos and other organized eclipse events closest to you
  - <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/event-locations>

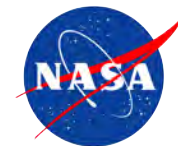
Post your pictures and captions on social media:

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# NASA RESOURCES FOR ECLIPSE AND BEYOND



- **Apply to become a Solar System Ambassador or invite one to your event:**
  - <http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/ssa/home.cfm>
- **NASA's Eyes on the Solar System:** learn about the solar eclipse, your home planet, our solar system, the universe beyond and the spacecraft exploring them
  - <https://eyes.jpl.nasa.gov/eyes-on-eclipse.html>
- **NASA's Night Sky Network:** join a nationwide coalition of amateur astronomy clubs
  - <https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/>
- **Astronomical League:** find astronomy clubs near you and joint NASA observing challenges
  - <https://www.astroleague.org/>
- **Celebrate International Observe the Moon Night:**
  - <http://observetheMoonnight.org/>
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## V. CITIZEN SCIENCE



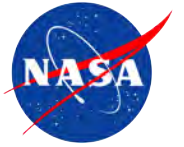
**Use free mobile apps to track nature's processes:**

- iNaturalist App
- GLOBE Observer App
- Google Science Journal
- Other free apps!!



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# GATHER DATA ON NATURE'S CHANGES



- iNaturalist App: Observe and record plant and animal behavior changes



Credit: The GLOBE Program

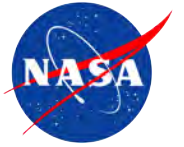
- GLOBE Observer App: Join the GLOBE community and contribute scientific data to NASA and GLOBE, your local community, and students and scientists worldwide
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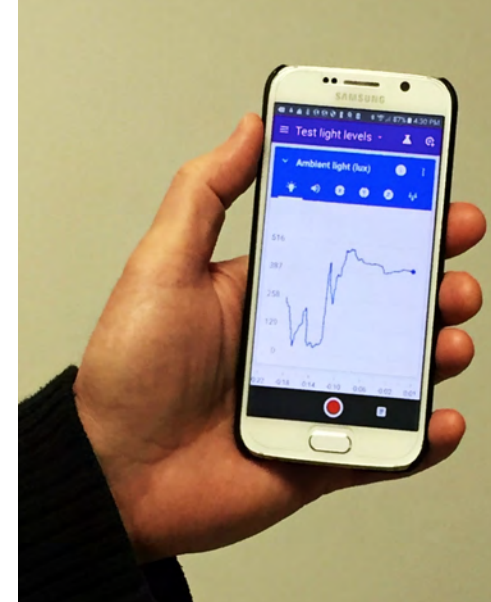
# GOOGLE SCIENCE JOURNAL



Credit: Science Journal app store



Credit: NASA KSC



Credit: NASA

- Collect data in the palm of your hand
- Use phone sensors as accelerometer, magnetometer, light and sound sensors
- Open source code
- Can attach external sensors
- Eclipse applications include light level and sound
- Find this free app from the appropriate Android store



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# ECLIPSE SOUNDSCAPES



- The Eclipse Soundscapes Project app is specially designed so that people who are blind and visually impaired can share in the awe and wonder of astronomical events in real time with their sighted peers.
- Features include an interactive “Rumble map”; audio descriptions of key features of the eclipse; a play-by-play description of the total solar eclipse as it is happening in the user’s area; and a countdown clock to the next upcoming eclipse. The “Rumble Map” gives the user the sensation of “feeling” the Sun during an eclipse.
- Our technology translates images of key eclipse features into a series of unique frequency modulated tones that map out variations in light and dark as the user explores the image with their fingertips. These tones are specially designed to make the user’s mobile device shake, or rumble, in response to the changes.
- After the eclipse, the Eclipse Soundscapes app will provide access to a database of soundscape recordings from U.S. National Parks and other urban and rural locations so that users can experience how eclipses change the behavior of different species, including humans. During the next five years, the app will expand to include other eclipses and astronomical objects of interest giving people who are blind and visually impaired—and everyone else—a new way to engage with the universe around them. Find in Apple store



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# OTHER FREE APPS

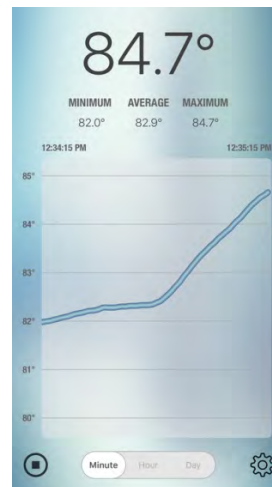


- **Explore Eclipse Mobile Apps**

<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/apps>

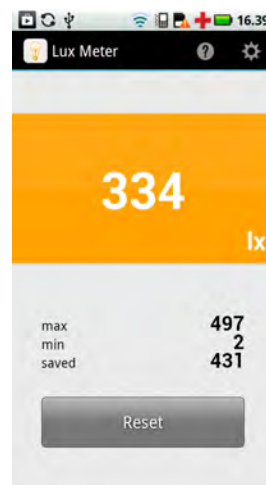
- NASA Television
- NASA App
- Total Solar Eclipse 2017 App from Exploratorium
- Smithsonian Solar Eclipse App
- iNaturalist
- GLOBE Observer
- Stream - Live Video Community
- Science Journal
- NASA App for Amazon Fire and Fire TV
- NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory Eclipse Apps

*Find these free apps from the appropriate app stores.*



- **OmniTemp** – Use this free app with its inexpensive, external temperature probe to measure temperature changes during the eclipse.

Screenshot of temperature on a smart phone

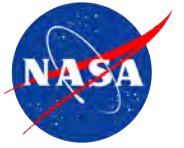


- **LuxMeter** – Use this free app to measure daylight brightness changes during the eclipse.

Screenshot of luminosity on a smart phone



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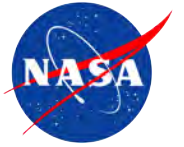
- Safety first!!
- Plan ahead
- Watch
- Enjoy



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# ON AUGUST 21, 2017



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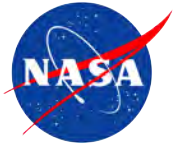
Whether or not you are in the path of totality:

- Practice safe eclipse observations
- Find a free "Total Solar Eclipse" app from <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/apps>
- Watch NASA live broadcasts from multiple locations:
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  - <http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov>
  - <http://www.nasa.gov/eclipselive>
  - <http://eclipse.stream.live>
- Enjoy a great eclipse party with your audiences!



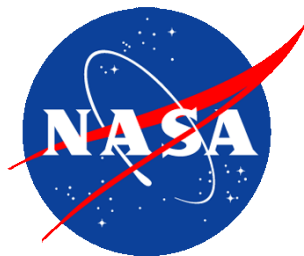
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**Thank you for volunteering as  
a subject matter expert!**

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