

Solar eclipses and hunting for planets

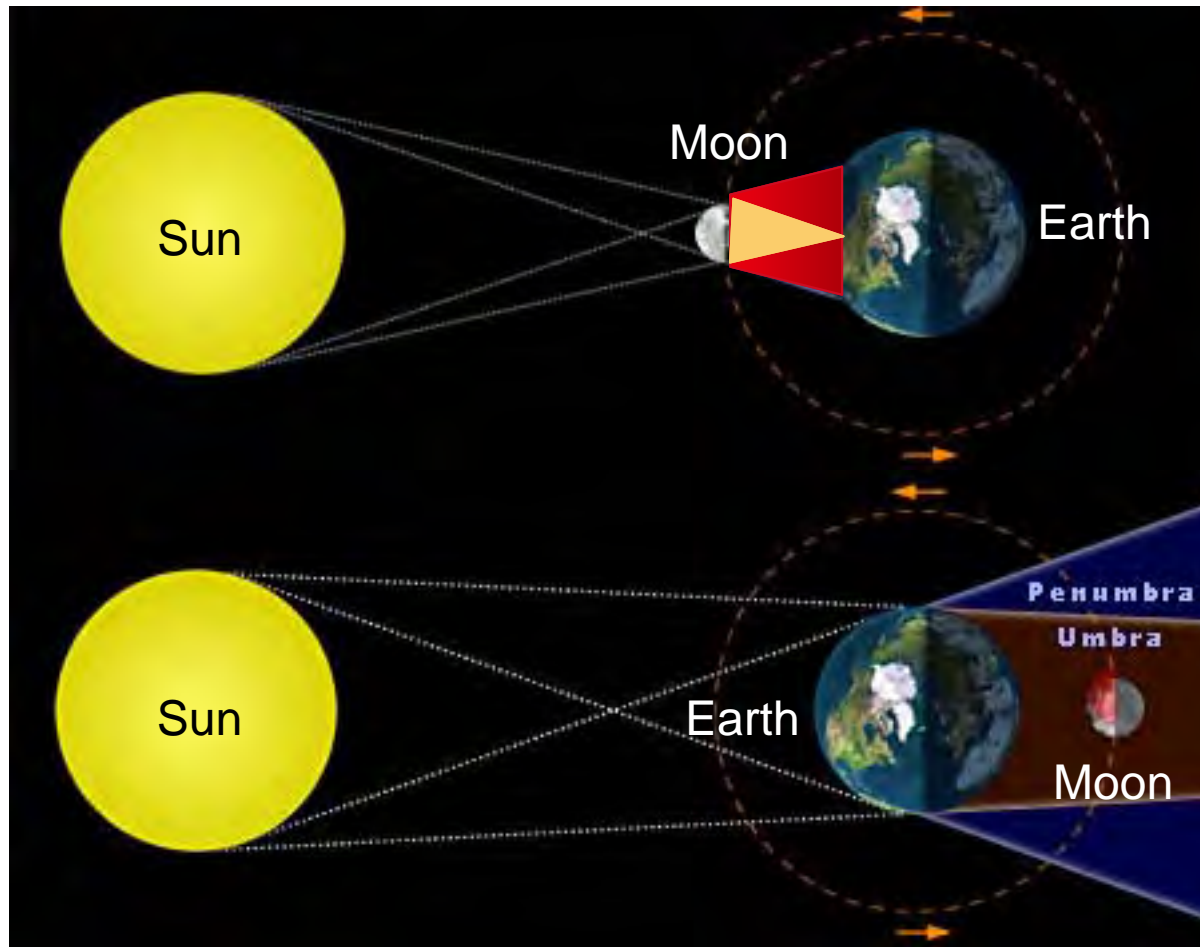
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- › Types of eclipses
- › What an eclipse looks like
- › How to view an eclipse
- › What eclipses can do for us
- › More eclipses
- › Planets outside our solar system





Solar Eclipse

Lunar Eclipse

A solar eclipse seen from space



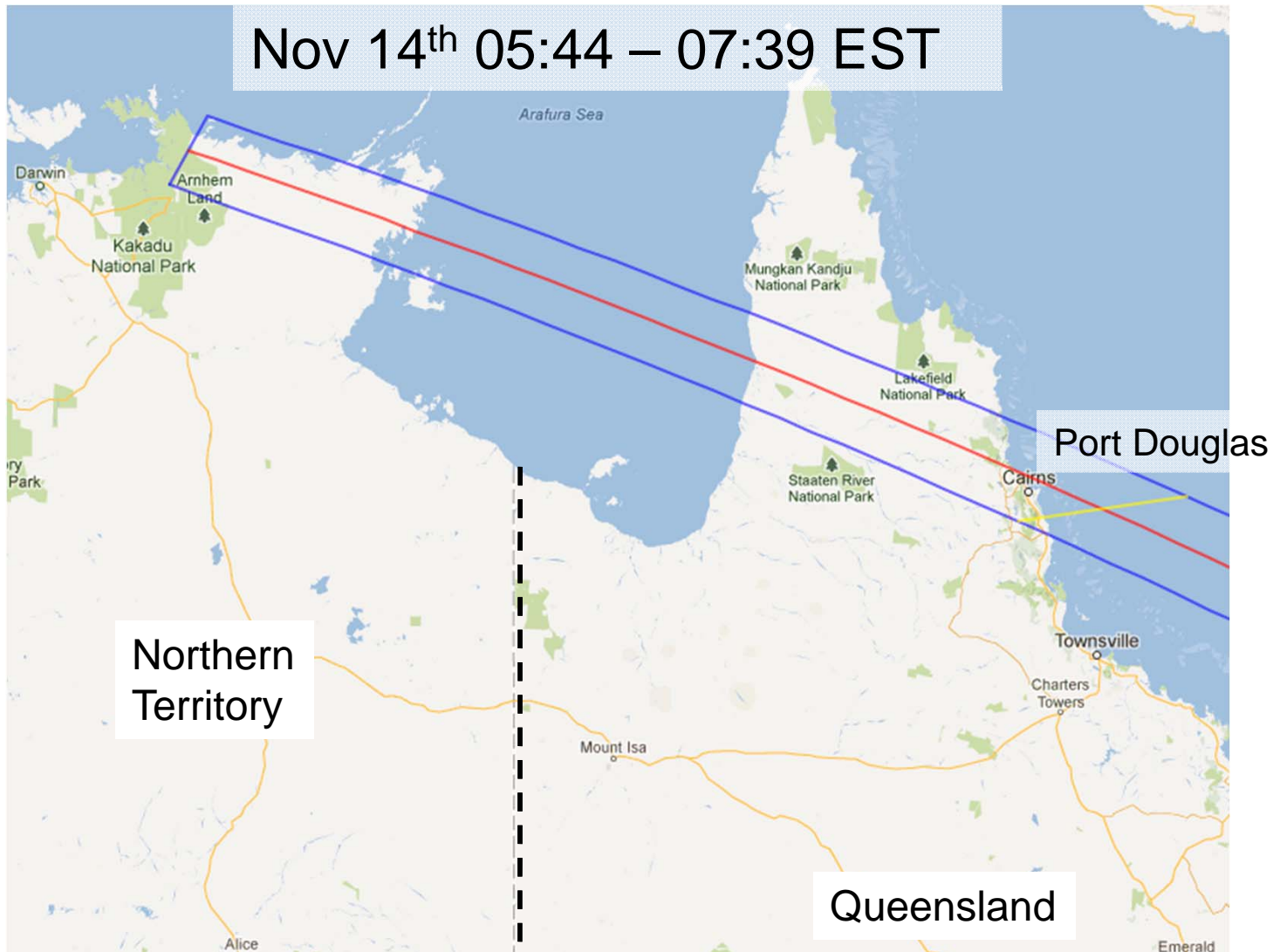


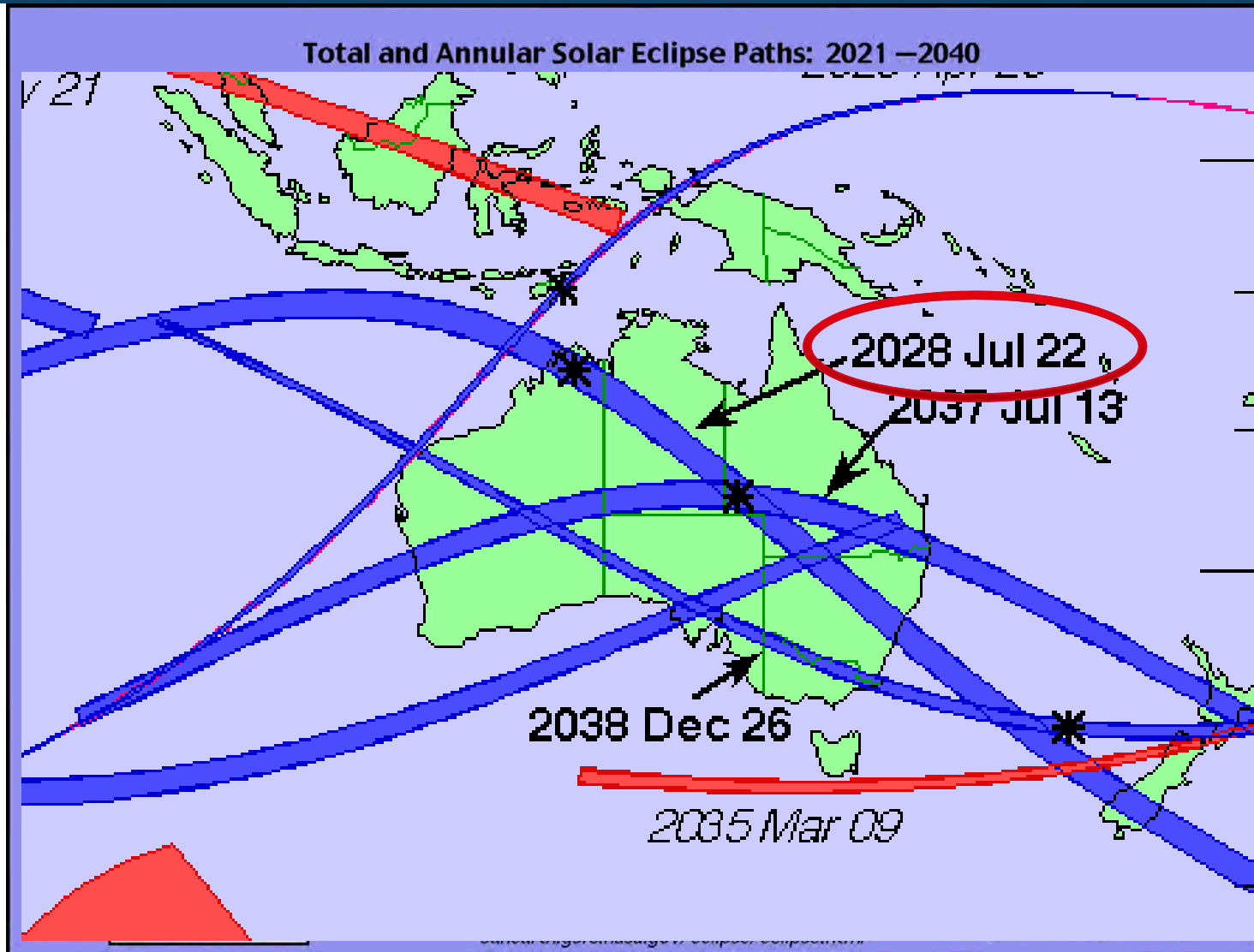
A solar eclipse seen from the Earth

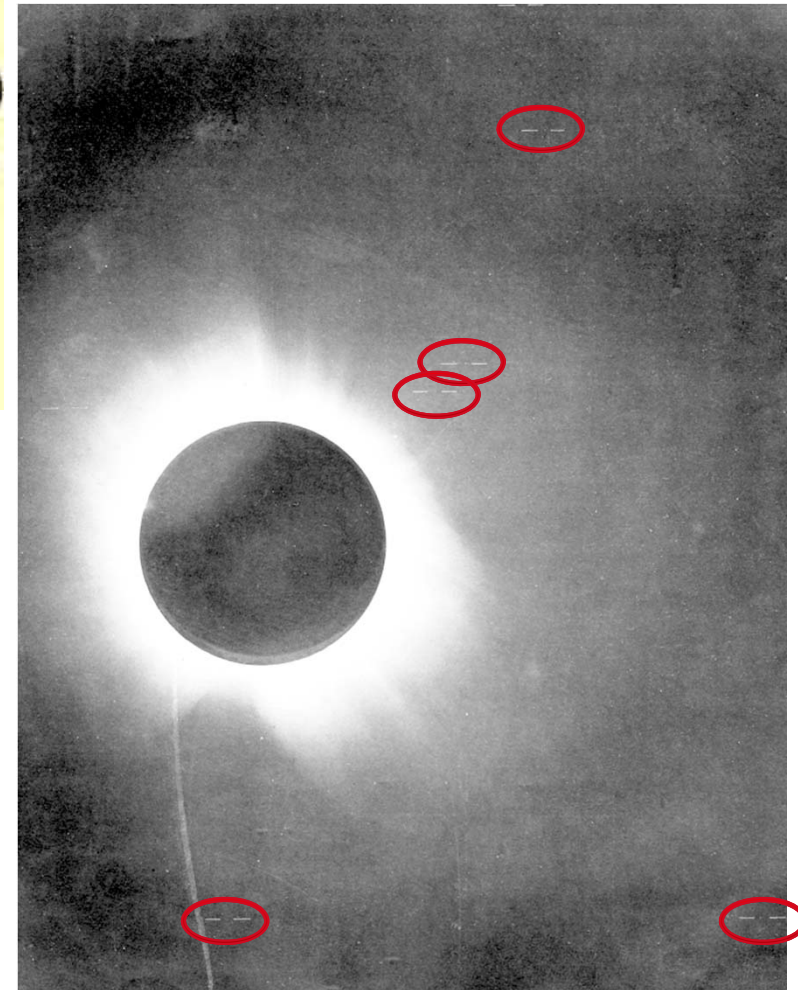
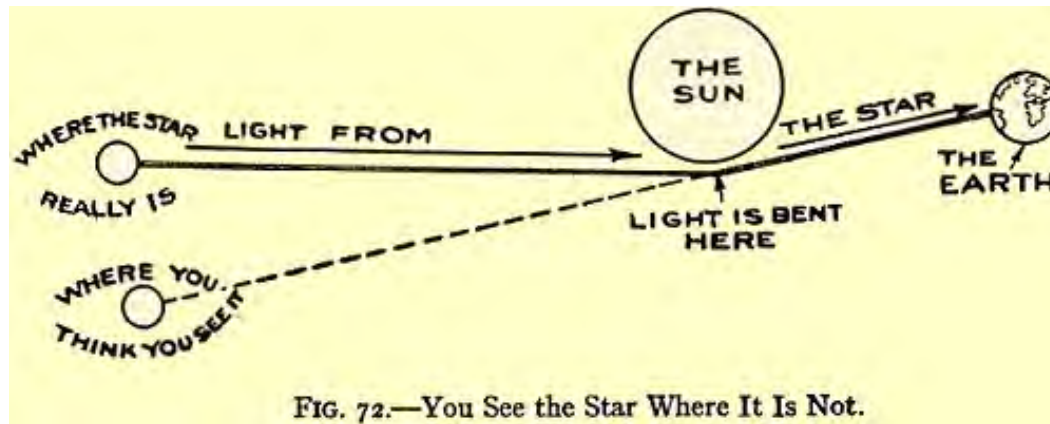




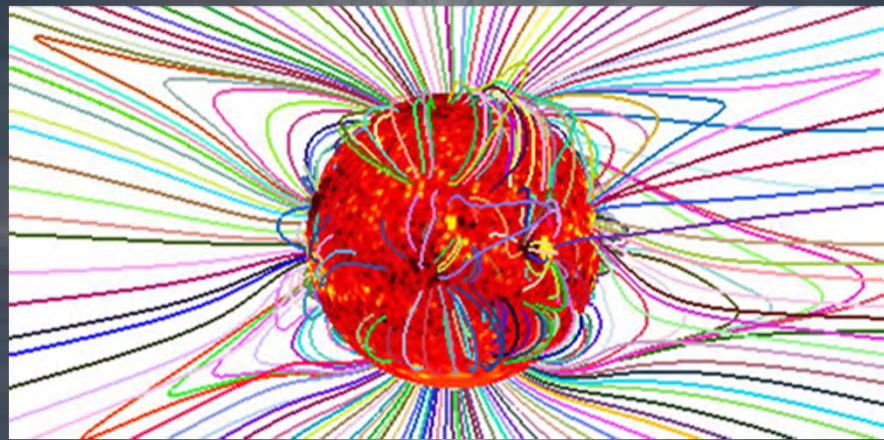
The next solar eclipse







Studying the Sun's corona

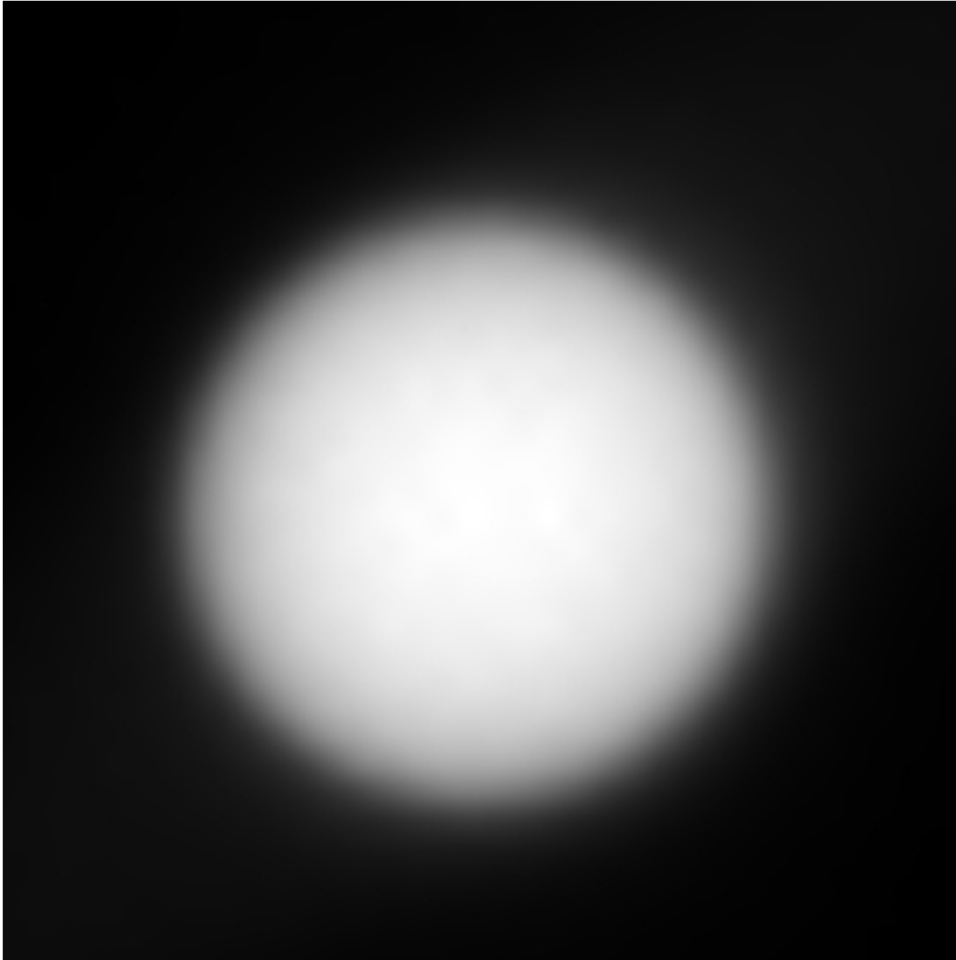


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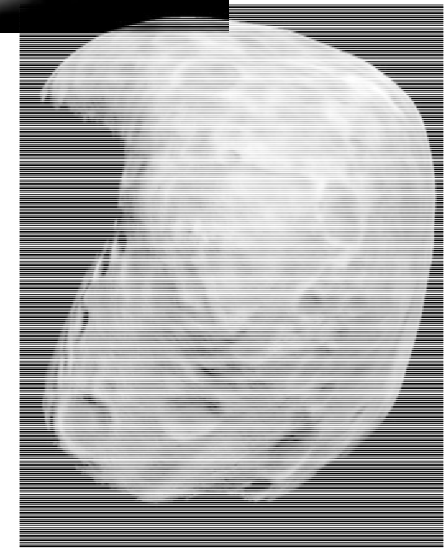


Note: The Incas and Aztecs were actually skilled astronomers!

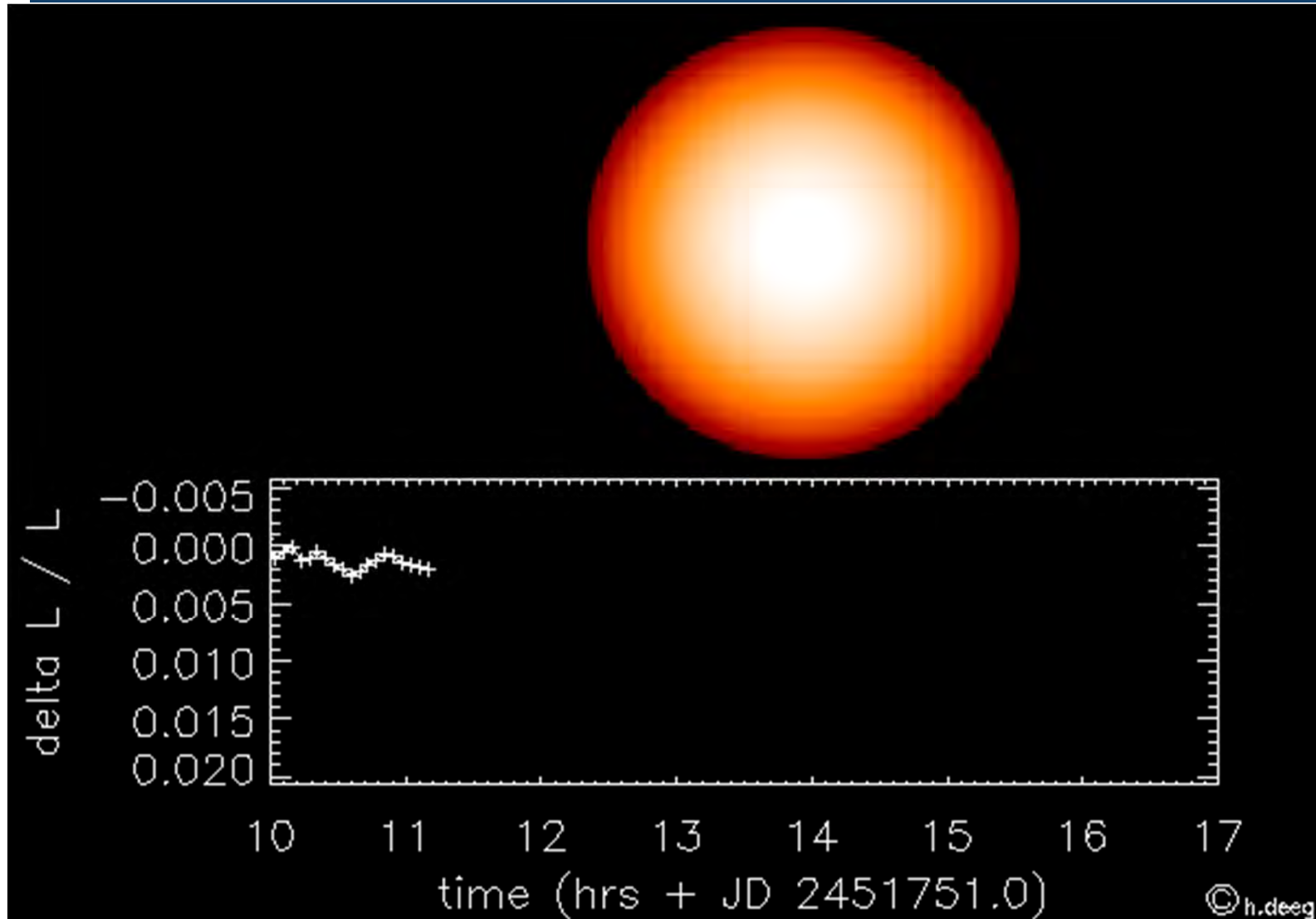
What about other kinds of eclipses?



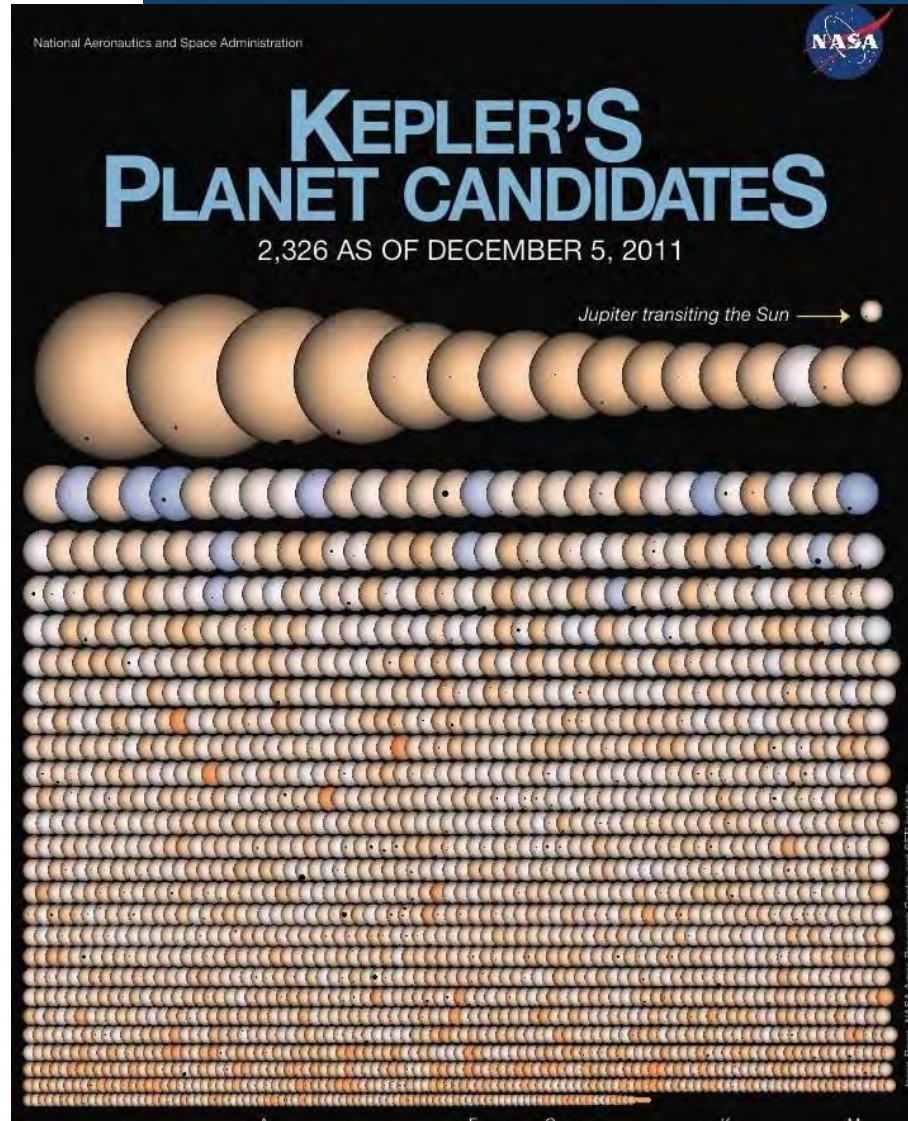
Phobos eclipsing the Sun as seen by the Opportunity rover on Mars



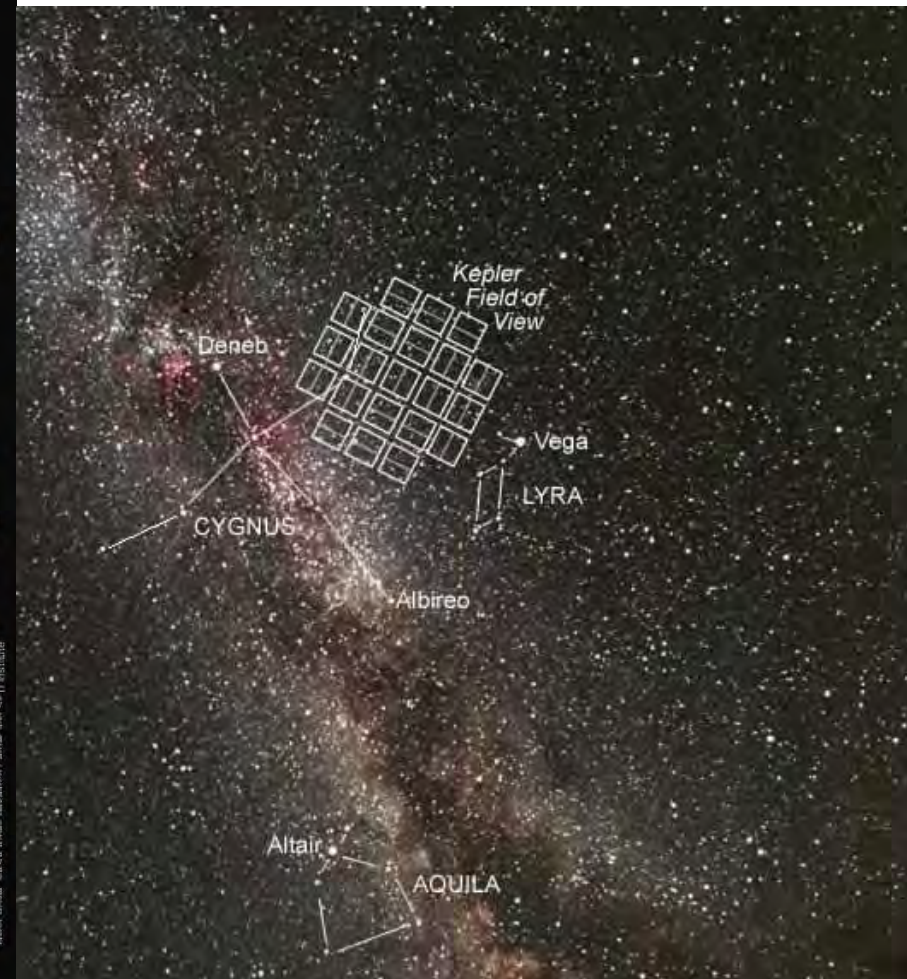




Using transits to find extra-solar planets



2,326 Candidate Planets
105 Confirmed Planets



- › Solar eclipses involve the Moon passing in front of the Sun
- › There are solar eclipses on Mars!
- › Transiting planets are like eclipses
- › Transits allow us to detect planets around other stars