Planifier des Observations — Éclipse Totale de Soleil — 8 Avril 2024

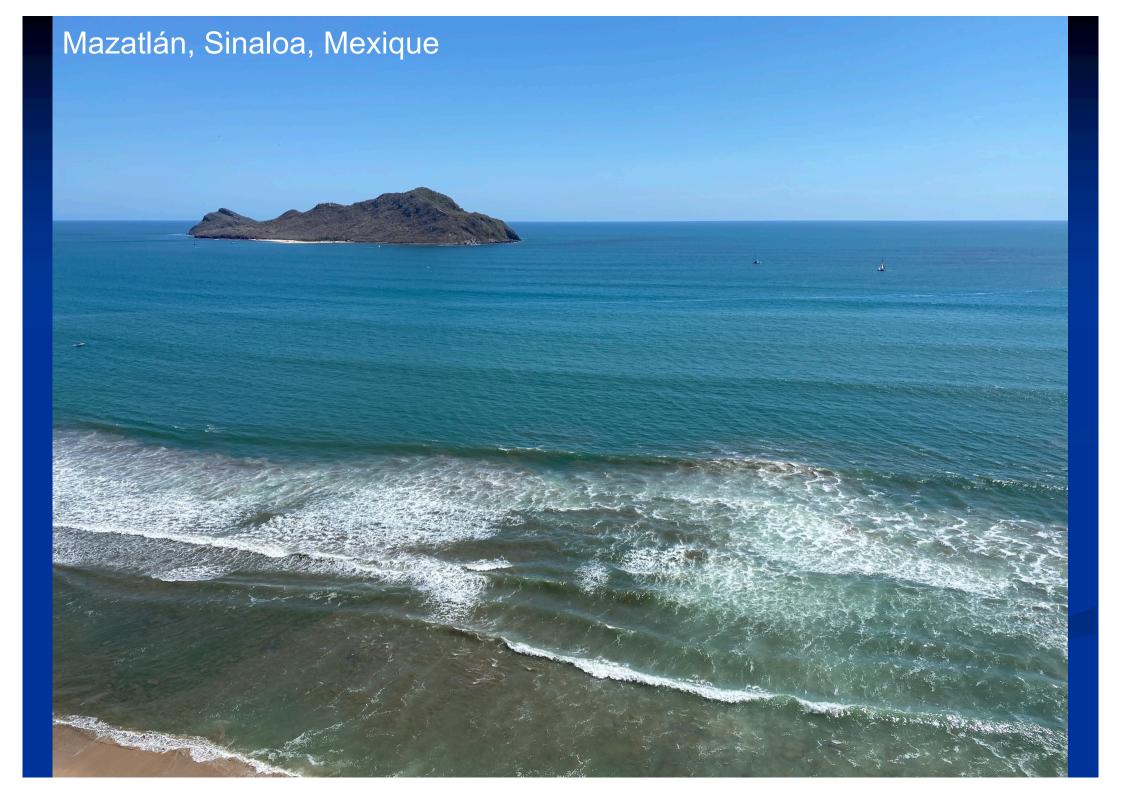
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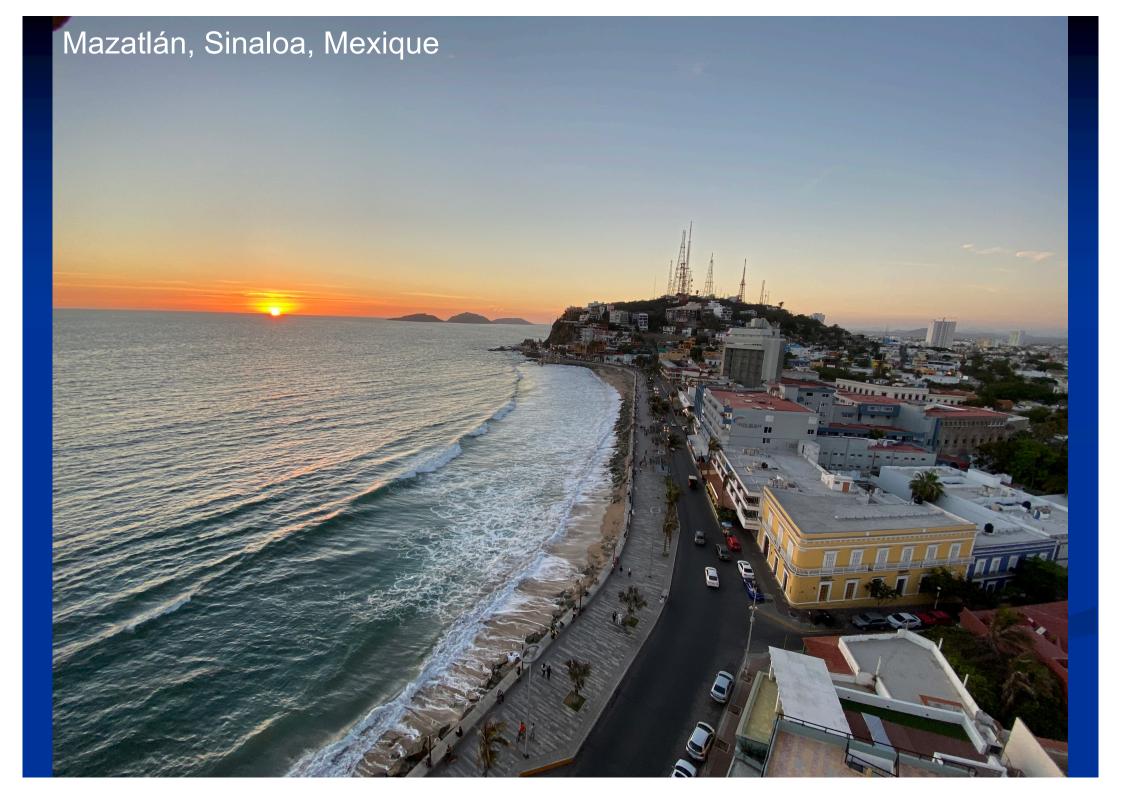
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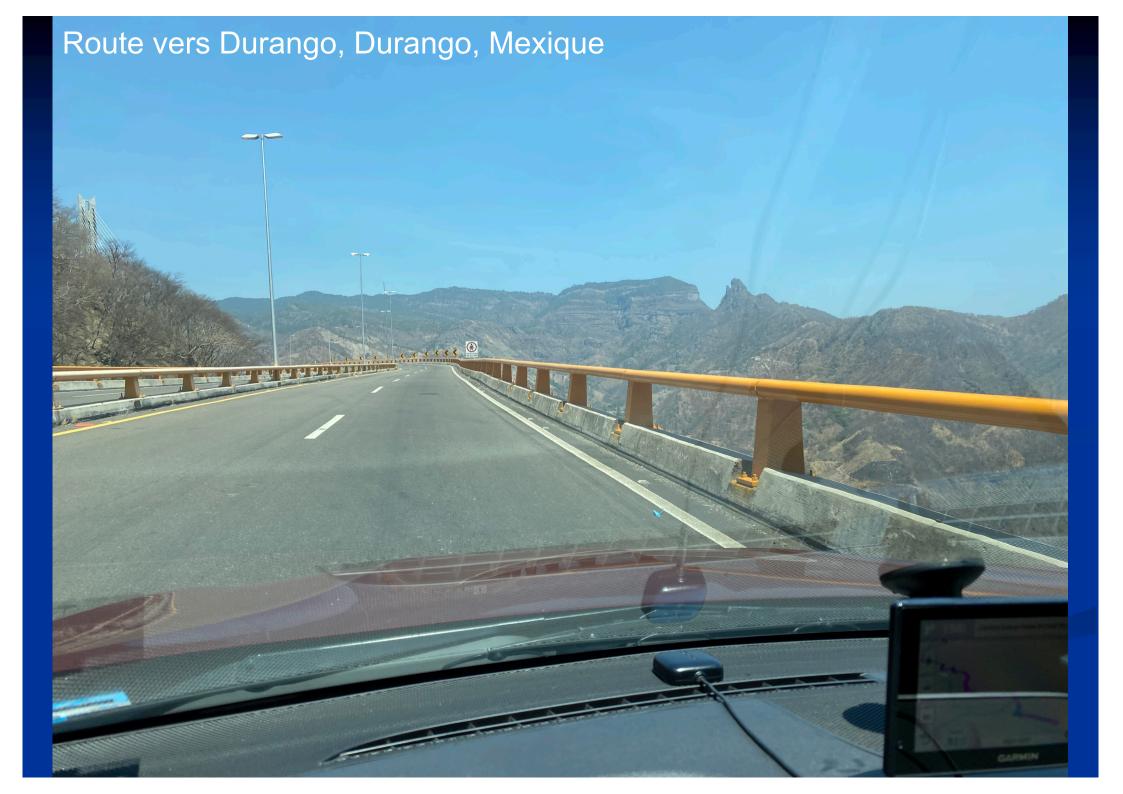
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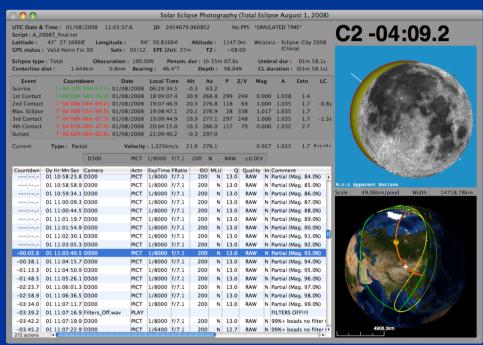








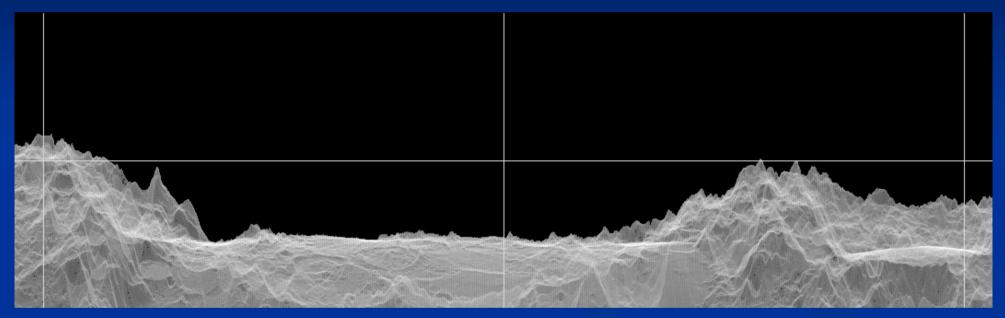
Solar Eclipse Maestro



Solar Eclipse Maestro main window - Xavier Jubier

- Specialized application
 - Computations at maximum accuracy (atmospheric refraction, lunar limb profile, Baily's beads, sky chart, apparent horizon, etc.)
 - Control your DSLRs or CCDs
 - E-Flight planning and execution
 - And much more
- Available for lunar eclipses and solar transits also
 - Lunar Eclipse Maestro
 - Mercury Venus Transit Maestro

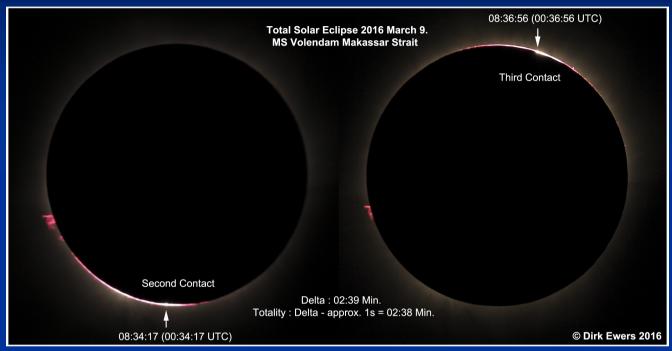
Lunar Limb Profile



Sample of the lunar limb profile reconstructed with the latest data (September 2014) from the Kaguya and LRO probes

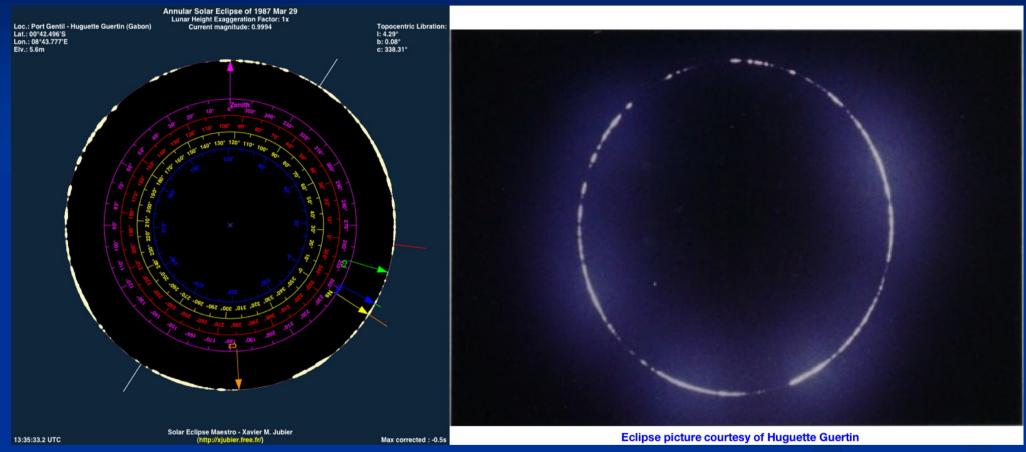
- Details of less than 100 meters can be distinguished.
- Solar eclipse contact times can be computed to about a tenth of a second
 - A 0.1 second difference equals to approximately an error of 50 meters (0.03")

Total Solar Eclipse 2016



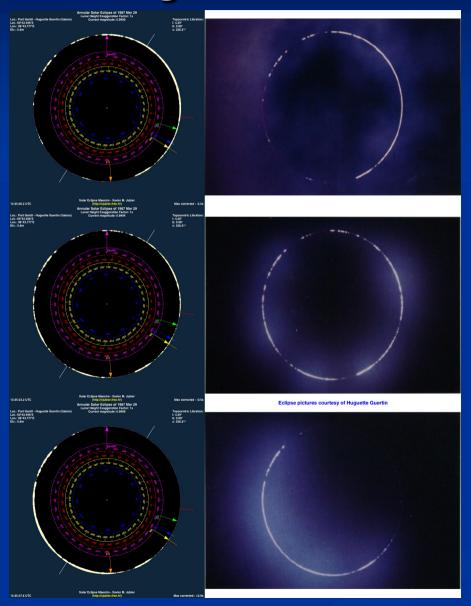
From those two pictures it is clear that the duration of totality is shorter than 2 minutes and 39 seconds as you can still see small Baily's beads around 2nd and 3rd contacts, which means using a standard photospheric solar radius of 959.63" at 1au is incorrect as eclipse predictions taking into account the true lunar limb profile would result in a duration of about 2 minutes and 40 seconds.

So this shows that the photospheric solar radius is necessarily bigger than the standard value. The observed true duration was about 2 minutes and 38 seconds, and this is compatible with a photospheric solar radius of about 959.98" at 1au.



Using hybrid solar eclipses to measure our Sun with greater accuracy is the best way because there are Baily's beads all around our Moon, which means matching Baily's beads simulations with actual pictures is easier.

Broken annular taken without solar filter through thin clouds.



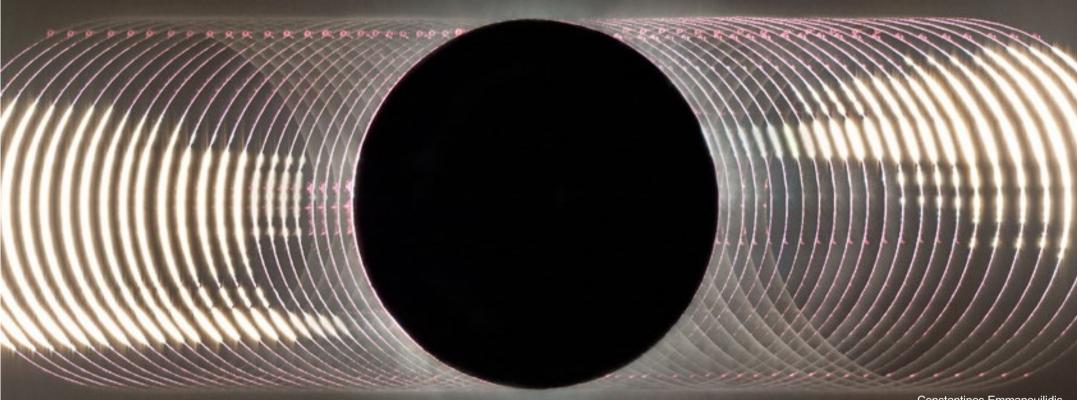
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Again with the standard photospheric solar radius of 959.63" at 1au it is impossible to get a positive match between the actual pictures and the Baily's beads simulations. However a true radius of about 959.98" at 1au does match in terms of position, shape, brightness and timing.

Question: why not using a solar filter? Well simply because a filter would introduce a bias in the measurements made as the filter removes some important and crucial data.

Also if there are any clouds how can you be certain that they didn't hide something because the filter is hiding the clouds as well.

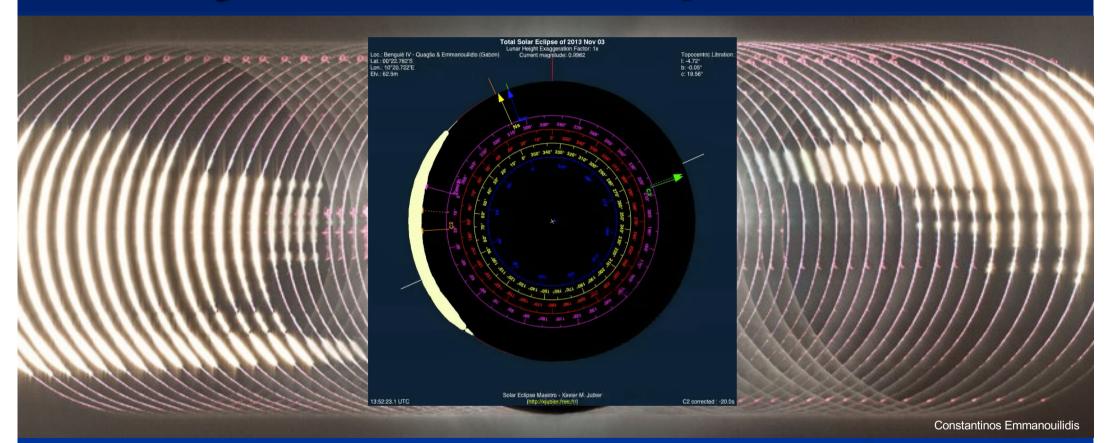
Those pictures provide even more information to the trained eye, we will come to this later.



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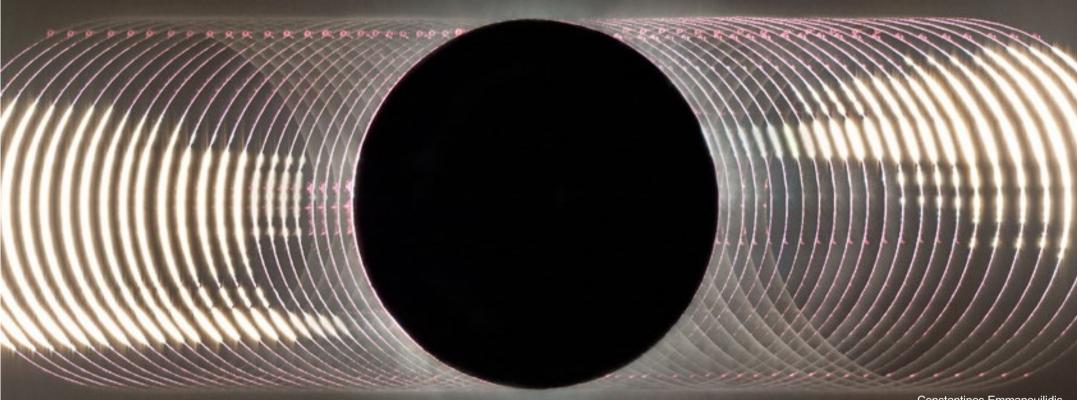
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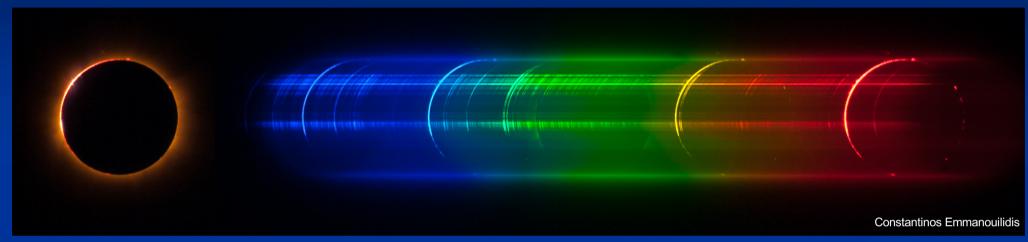
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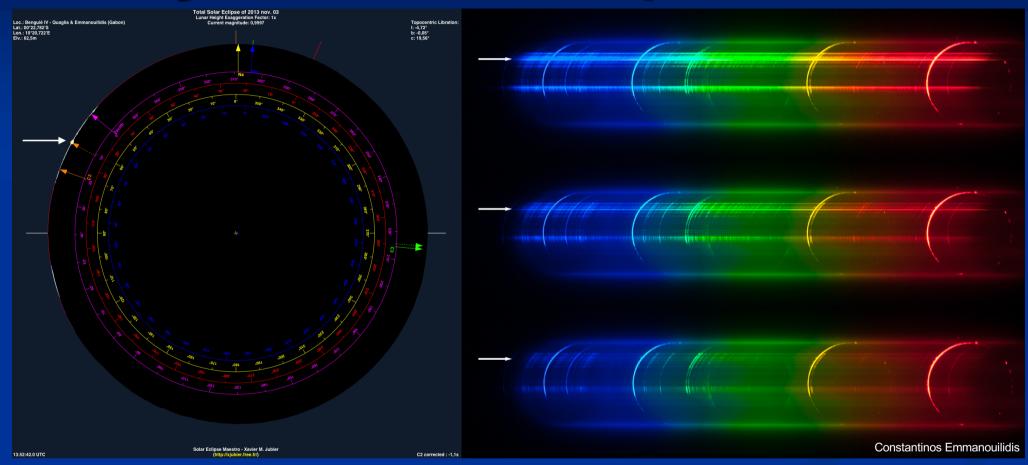
What is also interesting there is that we have hints of the mesosphere, a transition layer between the photosphere, that we're trying to measure, and the pinkish chromosphere above it.

Question: Never heard of the mesosphere? Well now you do! And you'll also learn about the Low First Ionization Potential, aka Low FIP, soon enough...



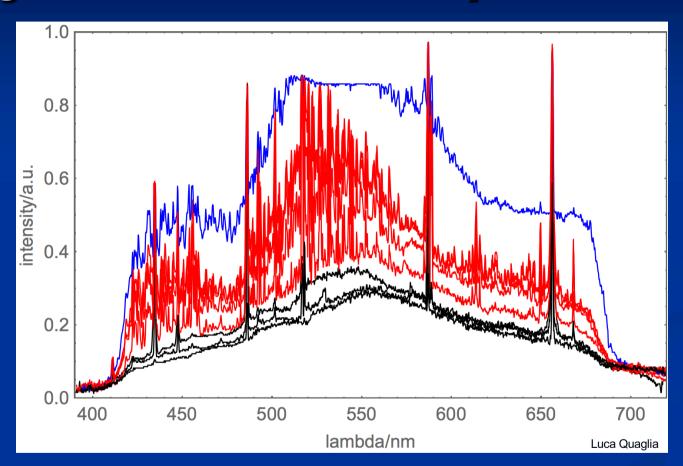
And now we're bringing in spectroscopy to disentangle what we're seeing. On the left a photograph taken shortly before 2nd contact and on the right its flash spectrum. The reddish tint of the picture on the left is due to the fact that the DSLR used is unfiltered, i.e. the IR filter has been removed.

What you can see is that where you have Baily's beads you find a continuum on the flash spectrum. Yet there is much more, next to the continuum you have hints of the mesosphere where all those discrete emission lines appear, you know those Low First Ionization Potential we were talking about earlier. And remember I also mentioned this bluish glow, well it is in fact the mesosphere, the transition layer between the photosphere and the chromosphere. So here we now have an accurate way of measuring the photospheric solar radius provided we have a match with the Baily's beads simulations.

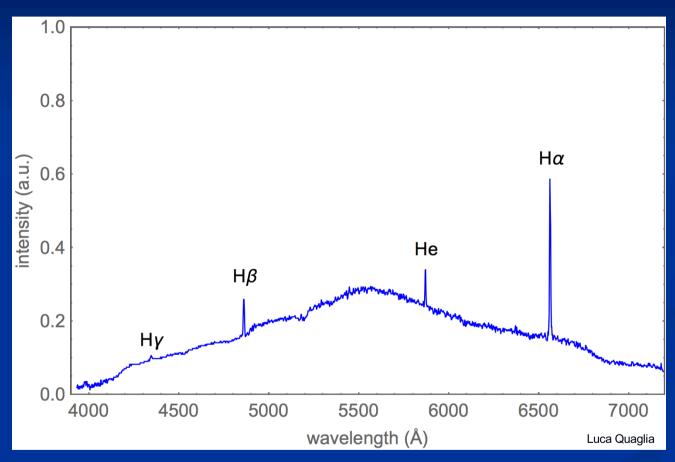


So now with the Baily's beads simulation we can indeed see the bluish mesosphere exactly where it appears on the flash spectrum, but again we can have the proper match only with an increased photospheric solar radius of about 959.98" at 1au.

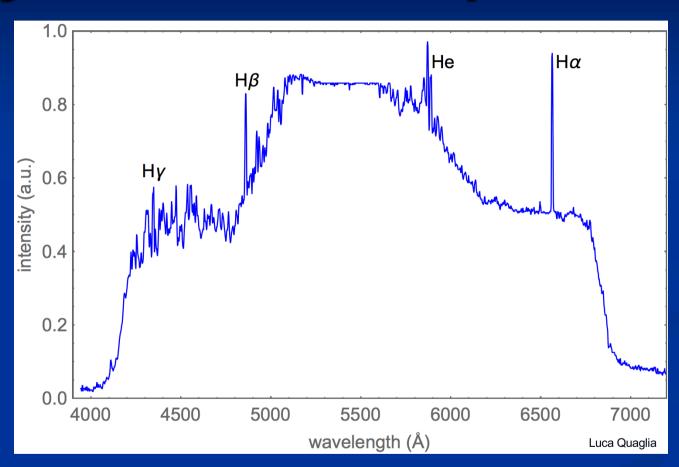
Bingo, we nailed it!! Lets now see how we can confirm this on an annular solar eclipse.



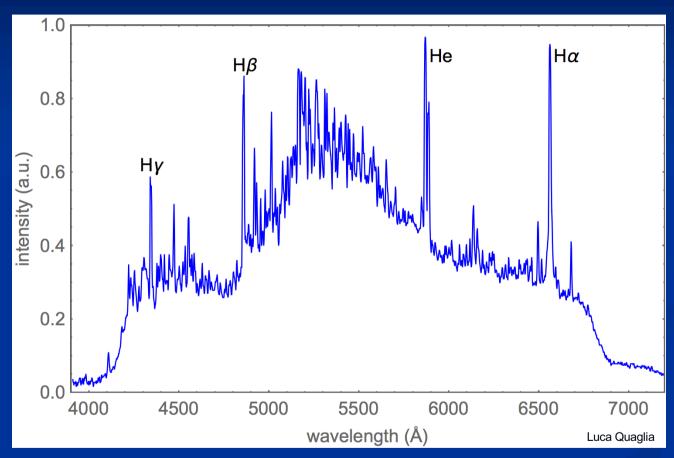
Blue = photosphere
Red = mesosphere (Low First Ionization Potential emission lines from 460nm to 480nm)
Black = chromosphere



Chromosphere with it H-alpha emission line

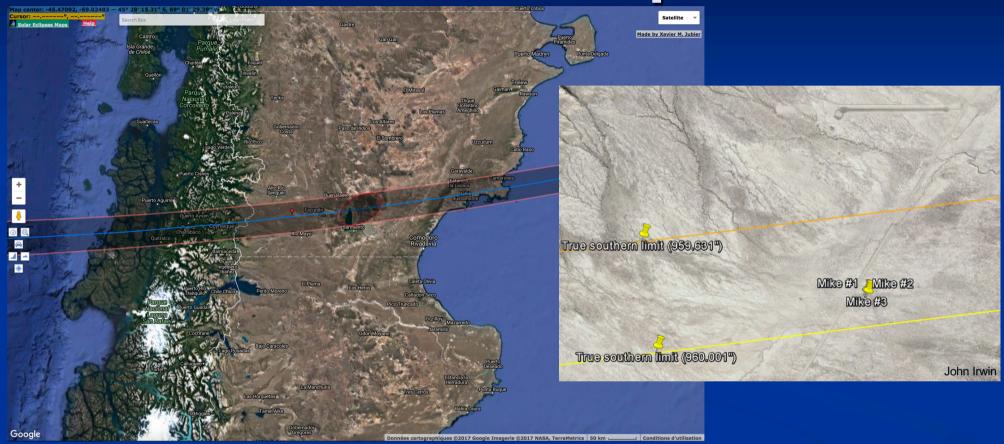


Photosphere at the main Baily's beads



Mesosphere and its Low First Ionization Potential emission lines (4600Å to 4800Å) intermixed with some photosphere or pseudo-continuum

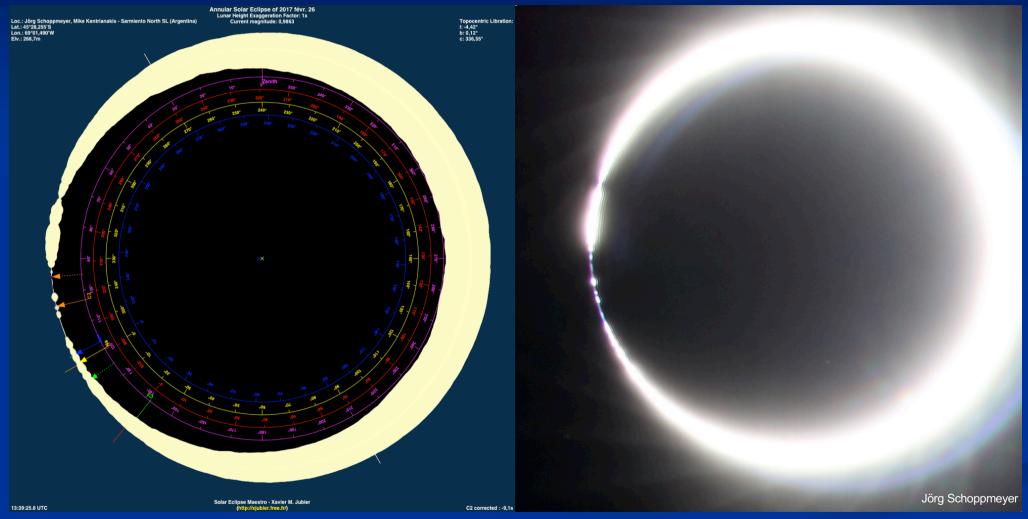
Annular Solar Eclipse 2017



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To achieve this tour de force we're going to place ourselves willingly just barely outside the central eclipse path, yet inside the true eclipse path with our adjusted photospheric solar radius, and we'll take pictures at 2nd and 3rd contacts without any solar filter (never do this if you don't know exactly what you're doing).

Annular Solar Eclipse 2017



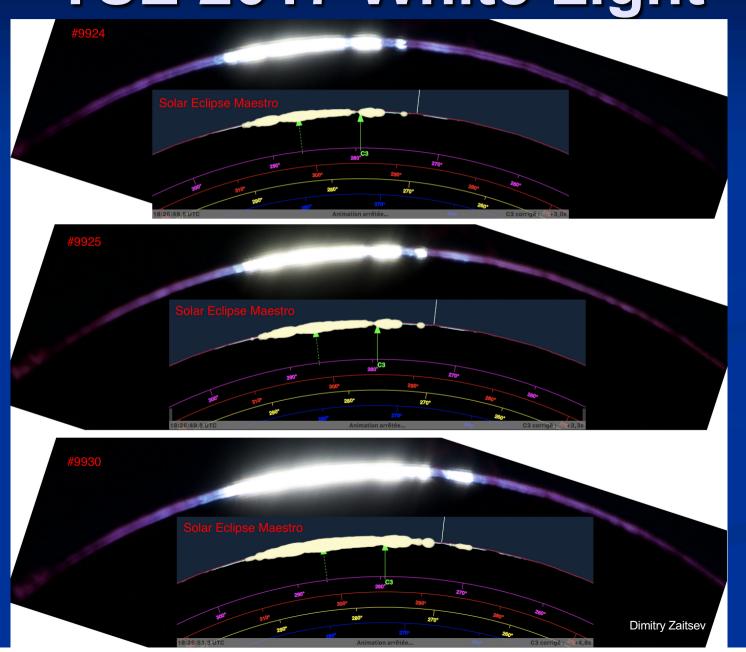
Hehe we again have a match using an increased photospheric solar radius, an impossible feat using the standard radius. You can even see the chromosphere and hints of the mesosphere.

Annular Solar Eclipse 2017



Still not convinced? Well then you'd better look again.

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Q & A