

# The Eclipse "Megamovie" Project

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While we're at it we want to capture the 95 minute coast-to-coast transition of the total solar eclipse using citizen and professional observers dotted across the path of totality to make a million frame (MEGA) movie!

100,000,000+ will witness "The Great American Eclipse"

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**Michael Zeiler** 

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# The EMP "Vision" Crowd-Sourcing Citizen Science



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MEGAMOVIE

- ★"Observers" collect images of the eclipse.
- ★"Observers" submit their images to the EMP portal (directly or indirectly).
- ★Images are co-aligned, co-registered, and sequenced on the EMP portal.
- ★Feedback is given "immediately" to scientist their "megamovie" on the Portal.
- ★Images are segmented into "Pro" and "Am" categories for final movie production.
- ★EMP Portal sequences uploaded "Pro" images and builds movieupdates served on the EMP webpage and distributed to media with running credit roll of users.



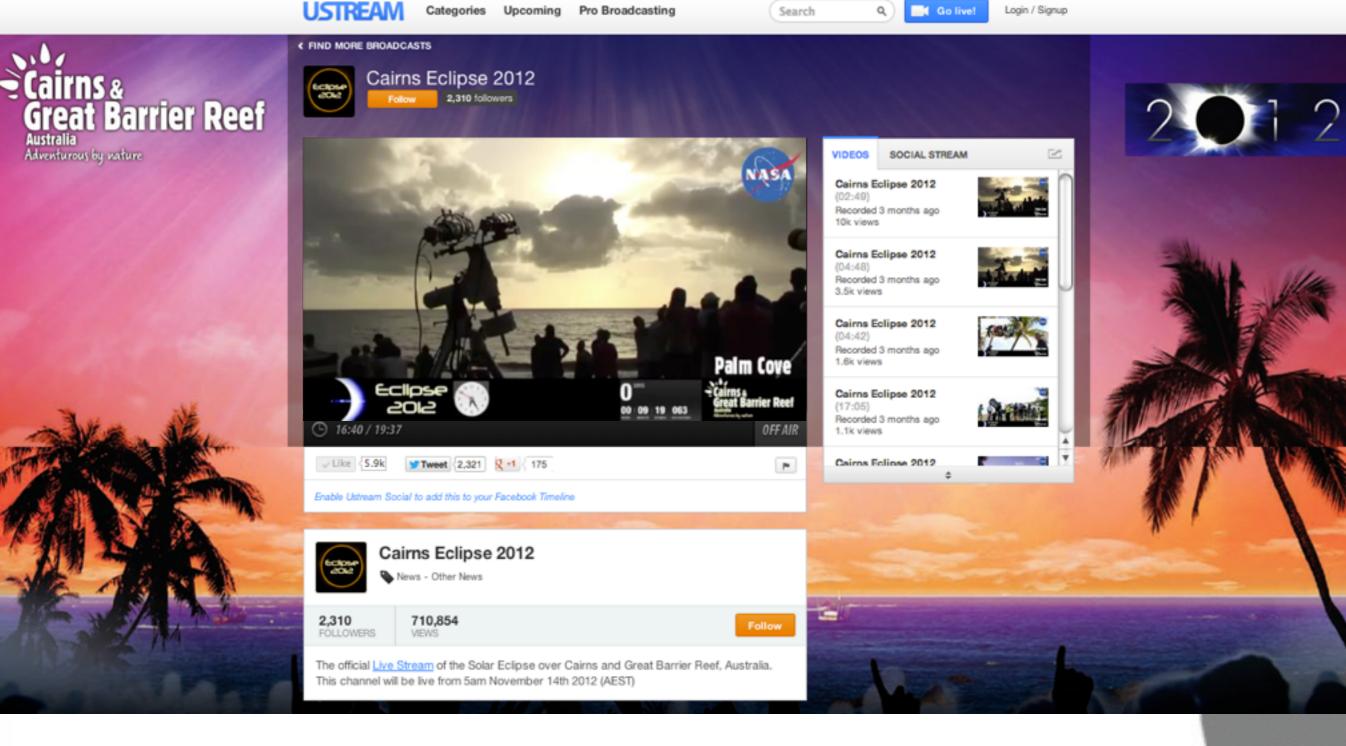


### "Oz 2012": A Limited Control Test





## http://www.ustream.tv/CairnsEclipse2012





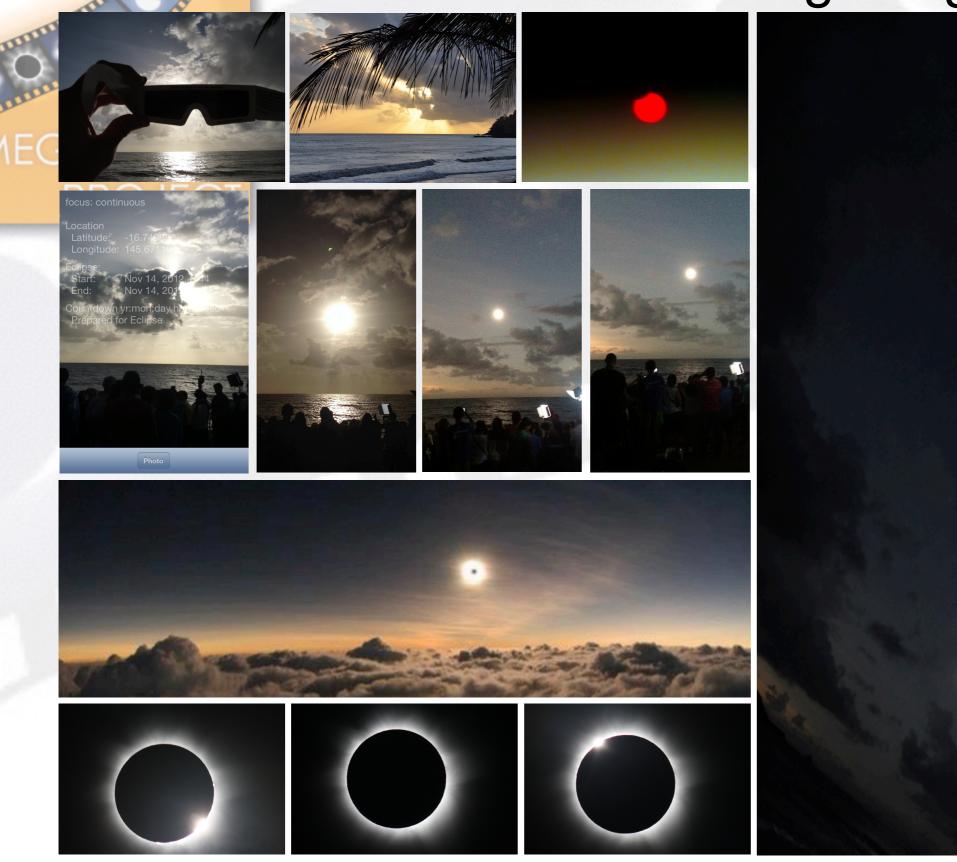
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This sequence was recorded by 7 year old Grant Tierney at Palm Cove, QLD.



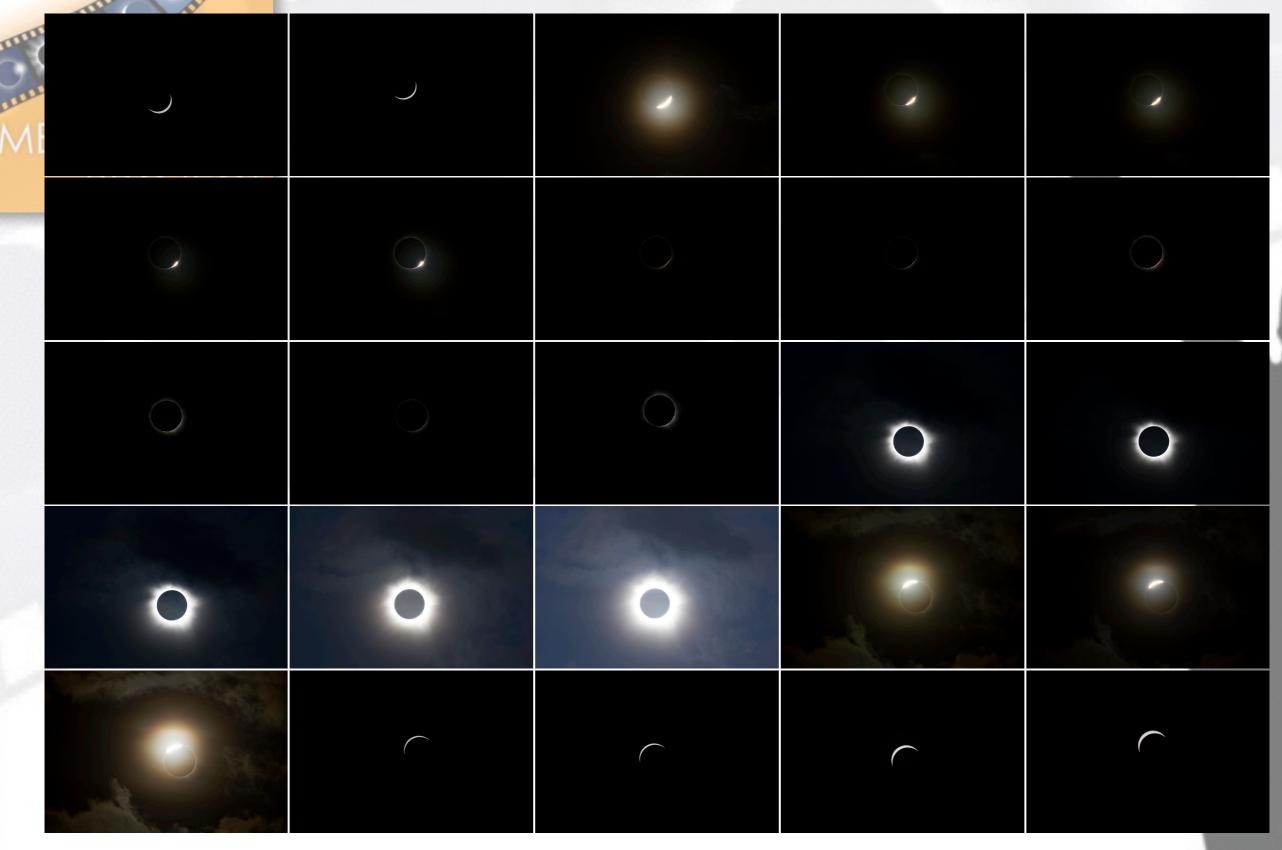


# **Collecting Images**





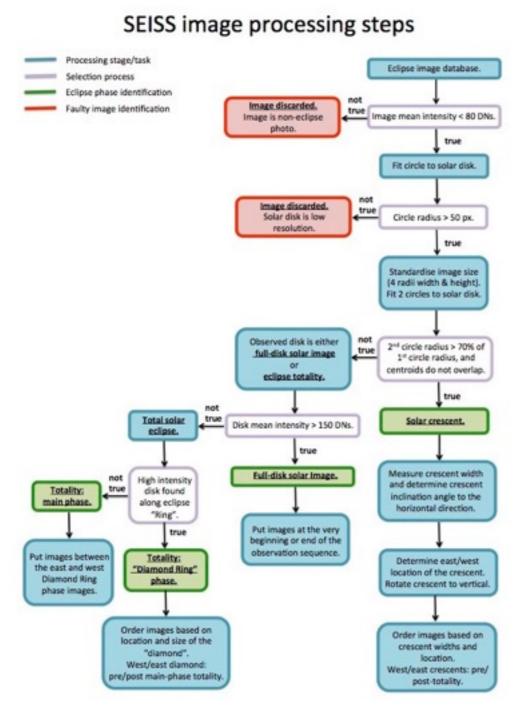
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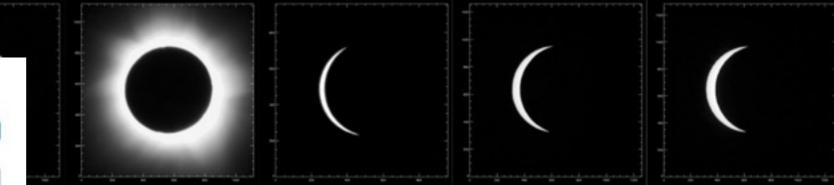




# **Building A "Proto-Movie"**

"eminent" members of community - "this cannot be done!"





In order to co-align, co-register, and sequence the eclipse images we have built "SEISS" - the Solar Eclipse Image Standardization and Sequencing - algorithm.

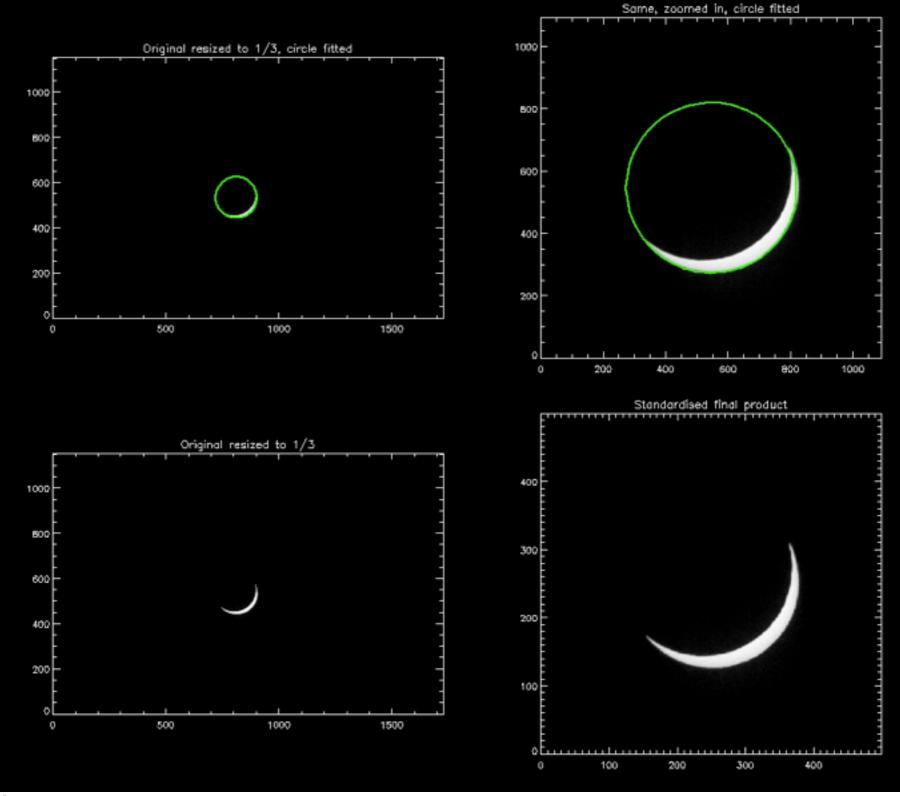
SEISS:

- ★Filters the images no cats :-)
- $\star$ Identifies the Sun in the images
  - $\star \text{Co-aligns}$  the images
  - \*Standardizes the image resolution
- ★Uses disk identification to decide on phase of the eclipse.
- ★Sequences eclipse images using characteristics of the limb/disk/crescent evolution.

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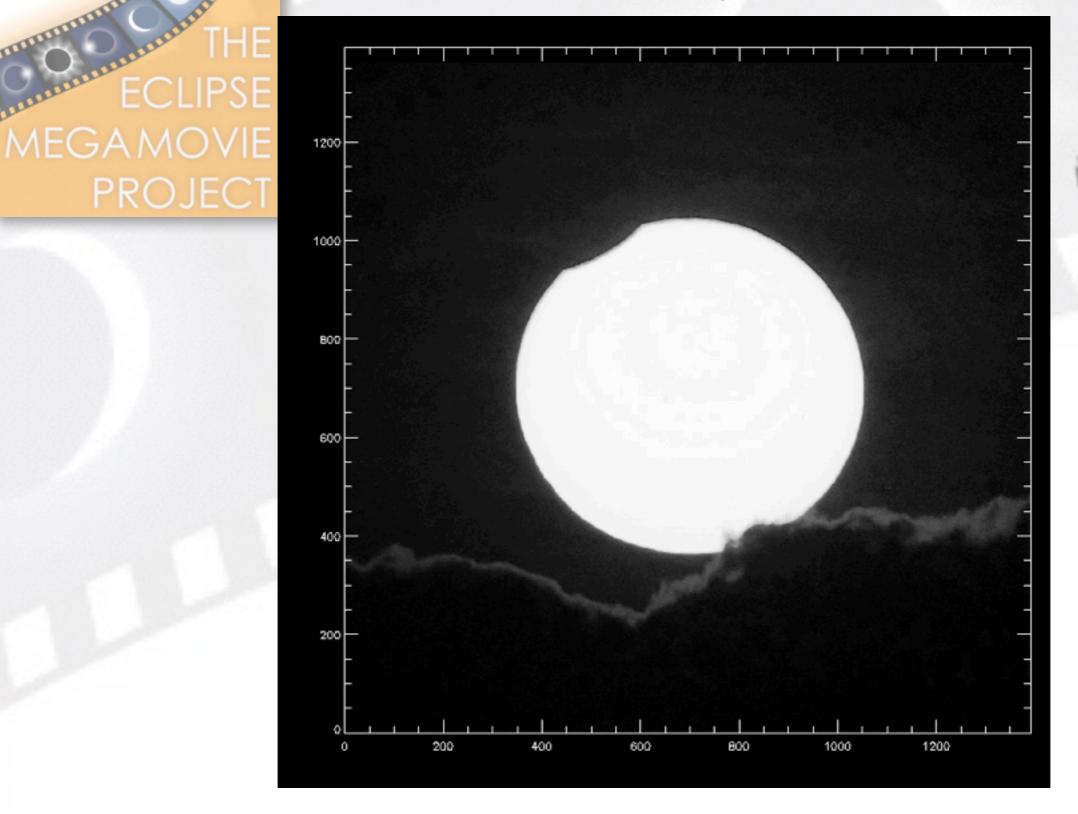
#### SEISS in action.....

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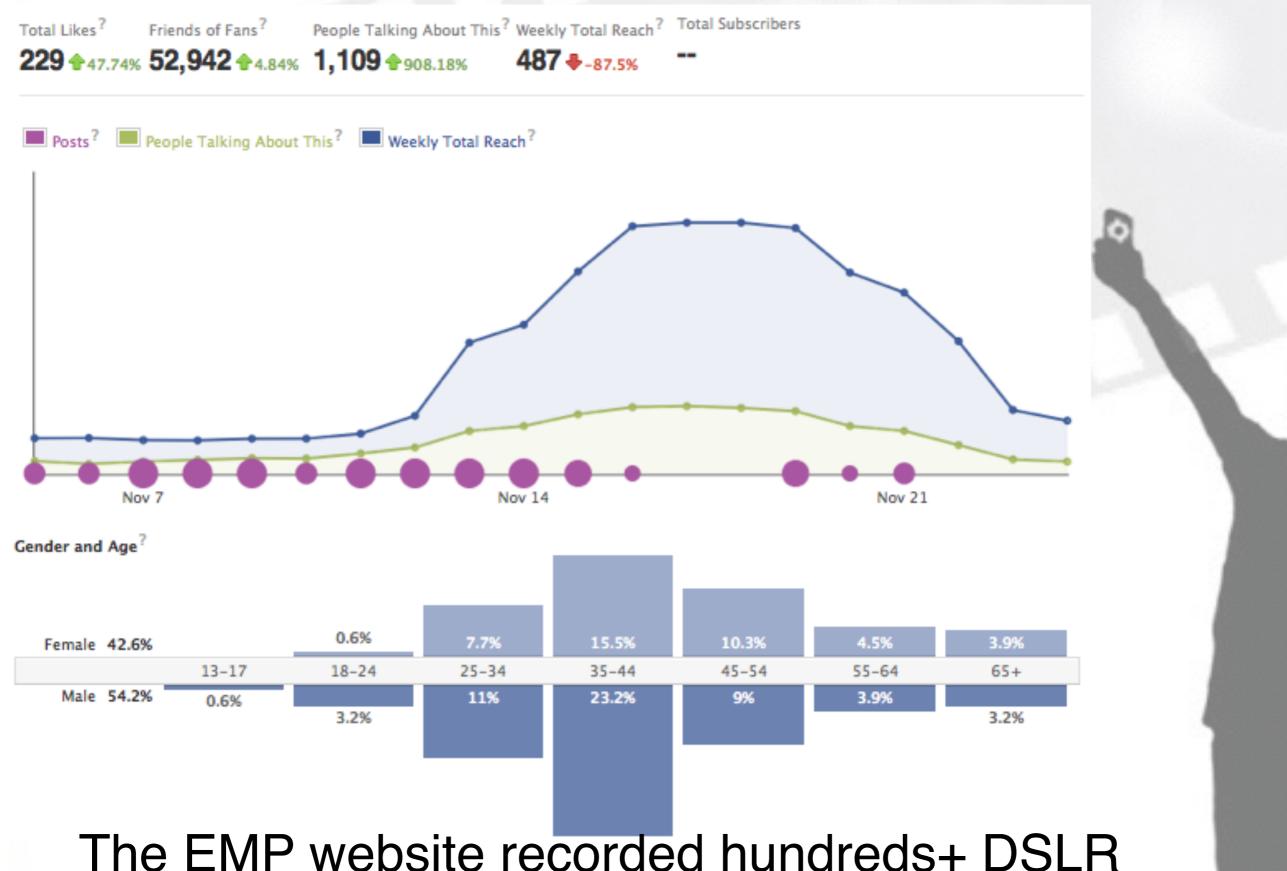




### Building A "Proto-Movie"







images and app uploads. **ALL** local to Palm Cove.



## **Lessons Learned**

The public are phenomenally interested in the Sun, and it's impact on our society.

Getting people to part with their eclipse images is tough! \*\*

The EMP App was difficult, time-consuming, and (ultimately) technically/hardware limited, although not a complete waste of time! (subsequent efforts will be better)



## Where 2 Next?

MEGAMOVIE PROJECT

There is an incredible amount of interest in what we are trying to do with EMP. Especially for 2017, the "Great American Eclipse". The project resonates with funding agencies and "joe on the street"

Form Observing Partnerships (Amateur, Pro, College, School, You?)

Lock-down Sources of Funding - Private & Public (NSF, Google, GoPro)

### **Document The Project**

(Discovery/NatGeo Documenting Progress)

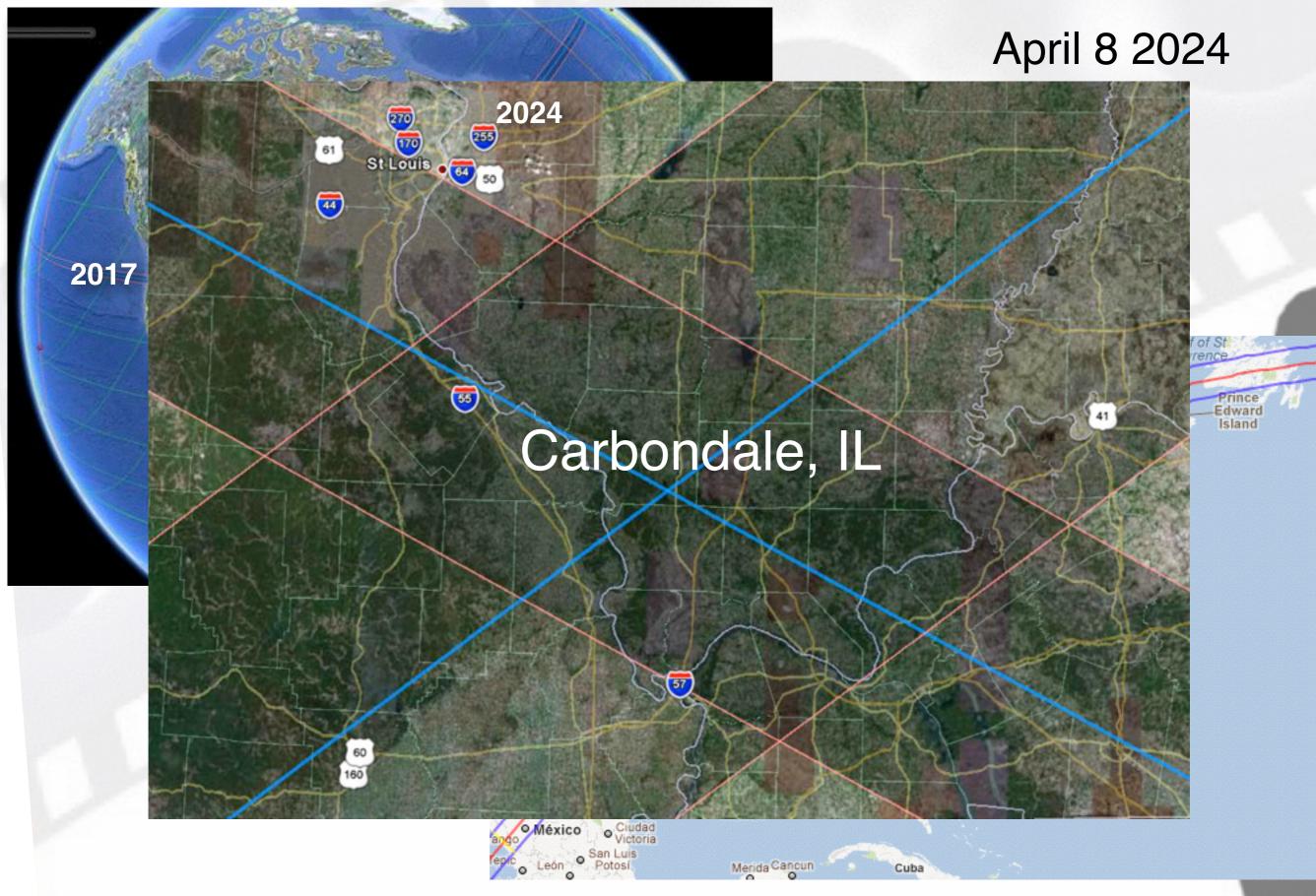
# K-12 Engagement

(Neil deGrasse Tyson & Elmo)

### Gulfstream "GV" Flight

(NSF/NCAR Community Experiments)





#### "The Great American Eclipse II": EMP's Revenge





Our project will compile all the images that you share with us into one long movie, showing the evolution and dynamics of the corona and photospheric prominences. The final movies (yes there are likely to be a few) will be posted here, making it easy for everyone to see the final product that they helped make a reality. It will be a unique opportunity to contribute to a truly memorable event. Keep your fingers crossed for clear skies on the 14thl

We'd like the help of some locals. We need testers for an iOS App prototype that we hope to use at future megamovie

