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# TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE 2017

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RIGBY, IDAHO, US

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TALES OF THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE 2017  
AAAD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 10, 2017



2952 days earlier...

...with the AAAD

# PROJECT SUNSHINE 2009

JULY 22, 2009

SASARAM, BIHAR

I was “shaken” up,  
literally and  
metaphorically. Lol



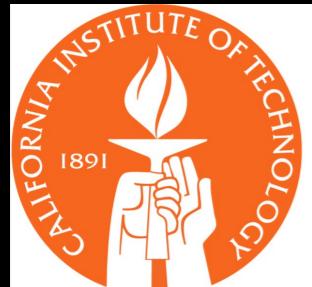
# THE ECLIPSE CHASERS FOR TSE 2017:

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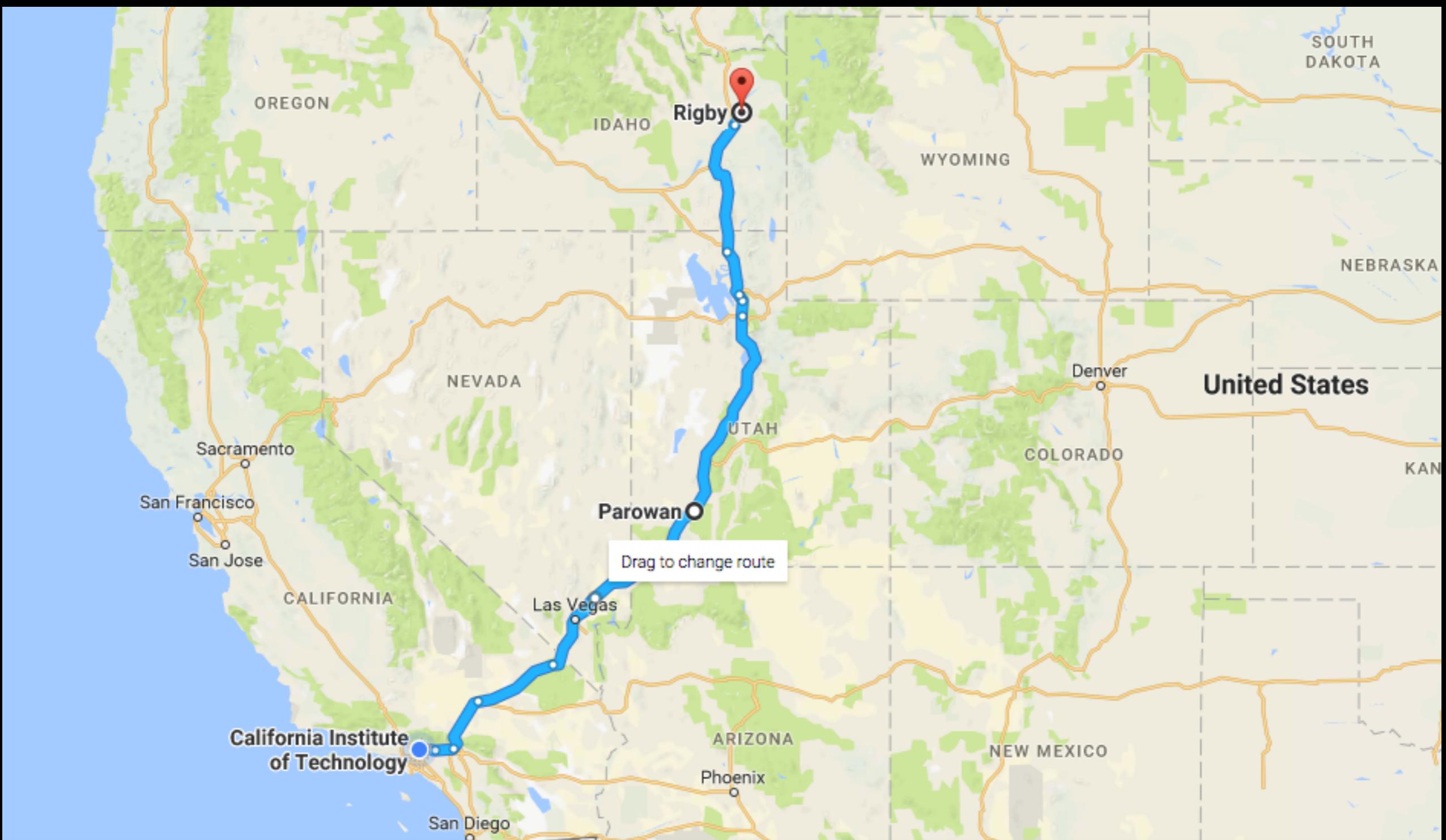
Wake up call!  
It's July 2017 already.



# Where to go and where not to!

## Weather, Budget, Accommodation, Distance, Travel...





1455 km, 5 states, 4 friends,  
Infinite fun!

Rigby, Idaho  
Totality time: 2 min 11 sec



On the road!



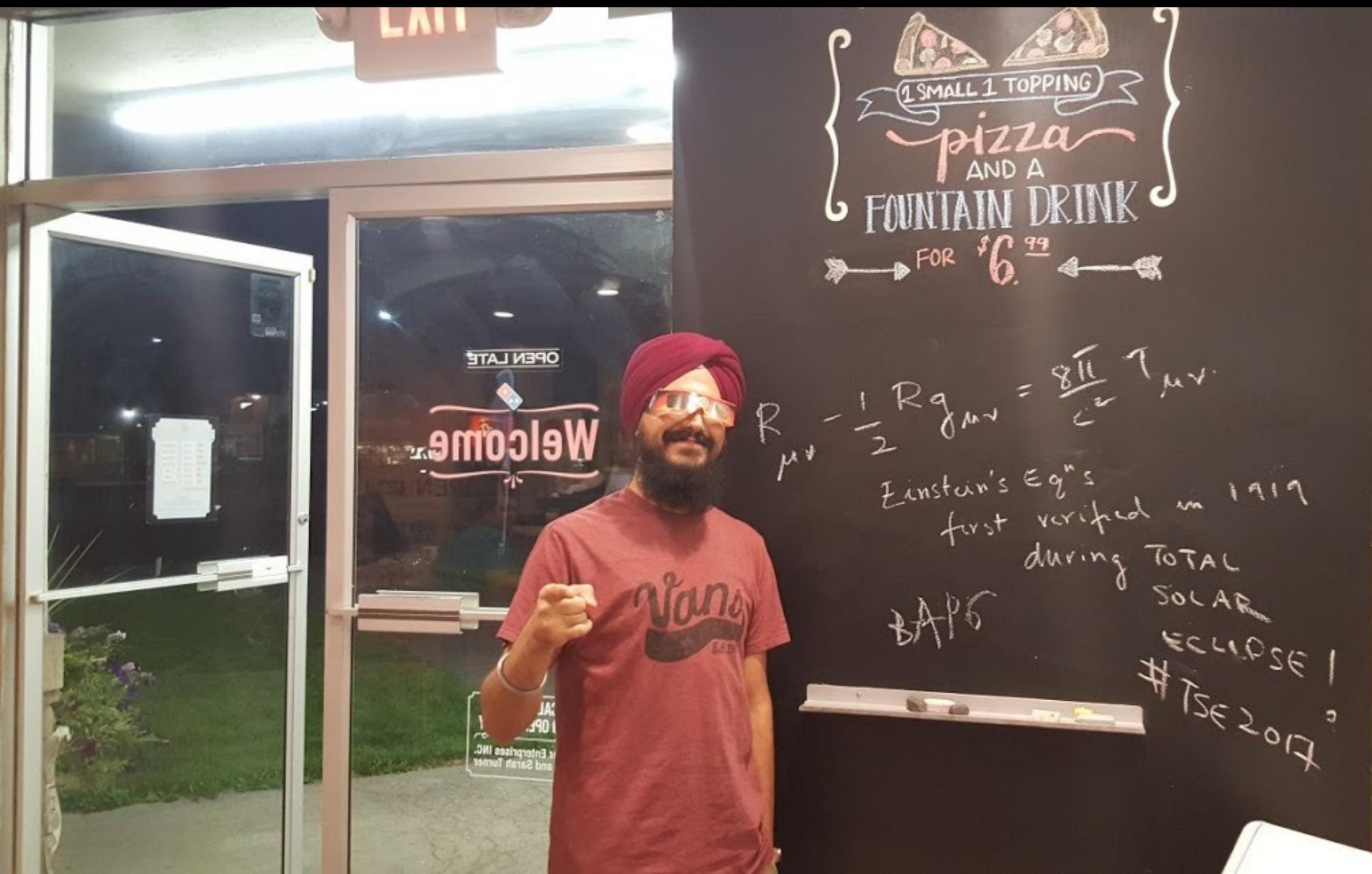
# Rigby



A small town in  
the “shadow”,  
and hence, in  
the spotlight!



# Dominos @ Rigby



...spreading some eclipse cheer!

# Rigby: the night before D-Day



It's cloudy. Of course.



# BIG DAY, MODEST EQUIPMENT



Galileoscope

Celestron 7x50



Canon 600D on  
a Tripod  
18-55 mm lens





It's getting darker, and so much cooler  
(again, literally and metaphorically!)



and...

(I forgot to remove the filter)





Crazy Diamond did shine!







The Good Folks!

Okay, totality is over (sadly). Now what?

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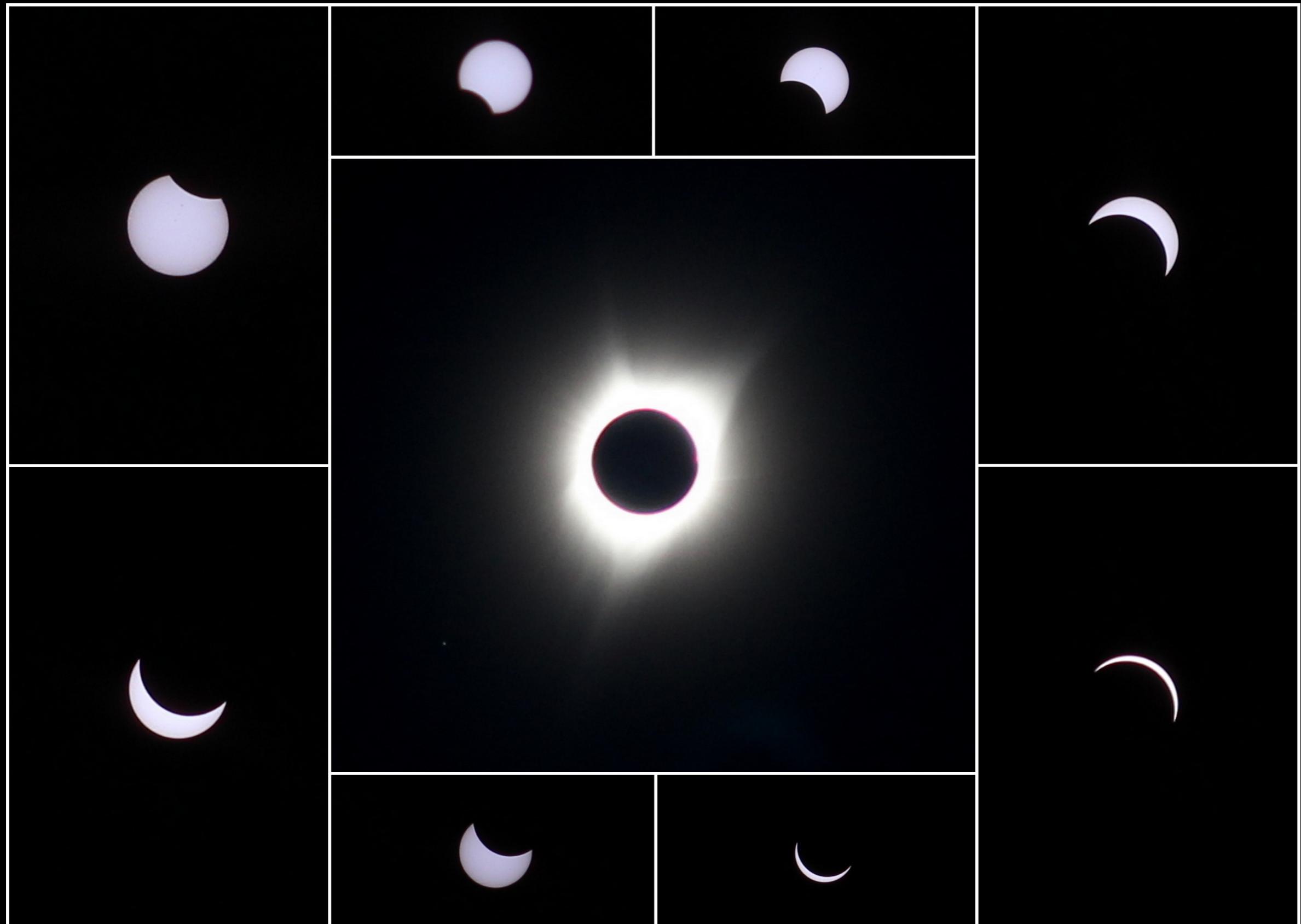
...AND LONG WASHROOM LINES. EVERYWHERE.

725 KM

15 HOURS

TOTALLY WORTH IT

# A Non-Conservative Path in Configuration Space



You come out a whole different person than you were before.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SHADOW  
STAYS IN THE SHADOW...  
...AND IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER.

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CLEAR SKIES, FOLKS!