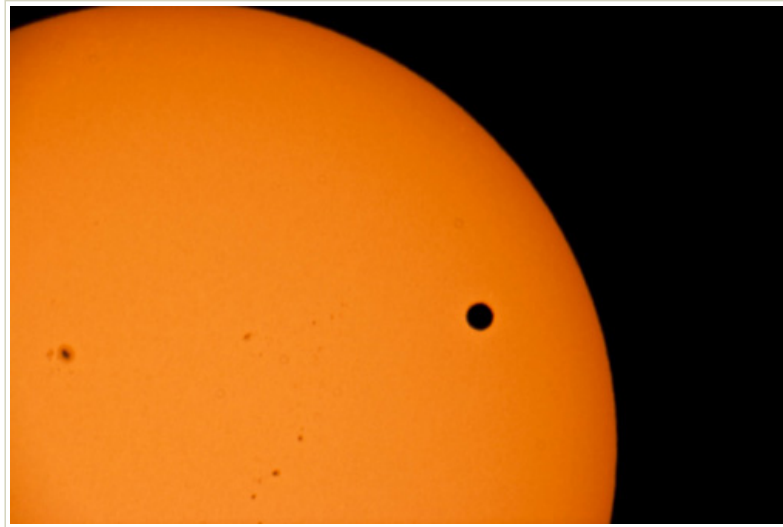


Venus Transit 2012

June 8, 2012

Hundreds of amateur (and not-so-amateur) astronomers ascended to the roof of the physics building on June 5, clamoring to see Venus pass between the Earth and Sun for the last time until 2117. Paul Lewis, Director of Space Science Outreach, opened the roof at 4:00 p.m. for solar observations until the Venus transit began at 6:09 p.m. Visitors used the department's telescopes and filters to watch the transit, which lasted until sunset at 8:50 p.m.



The above image was taken by Paul Lewis. The small black circle on the right is Venus, as it crosses in front of the Sun.

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