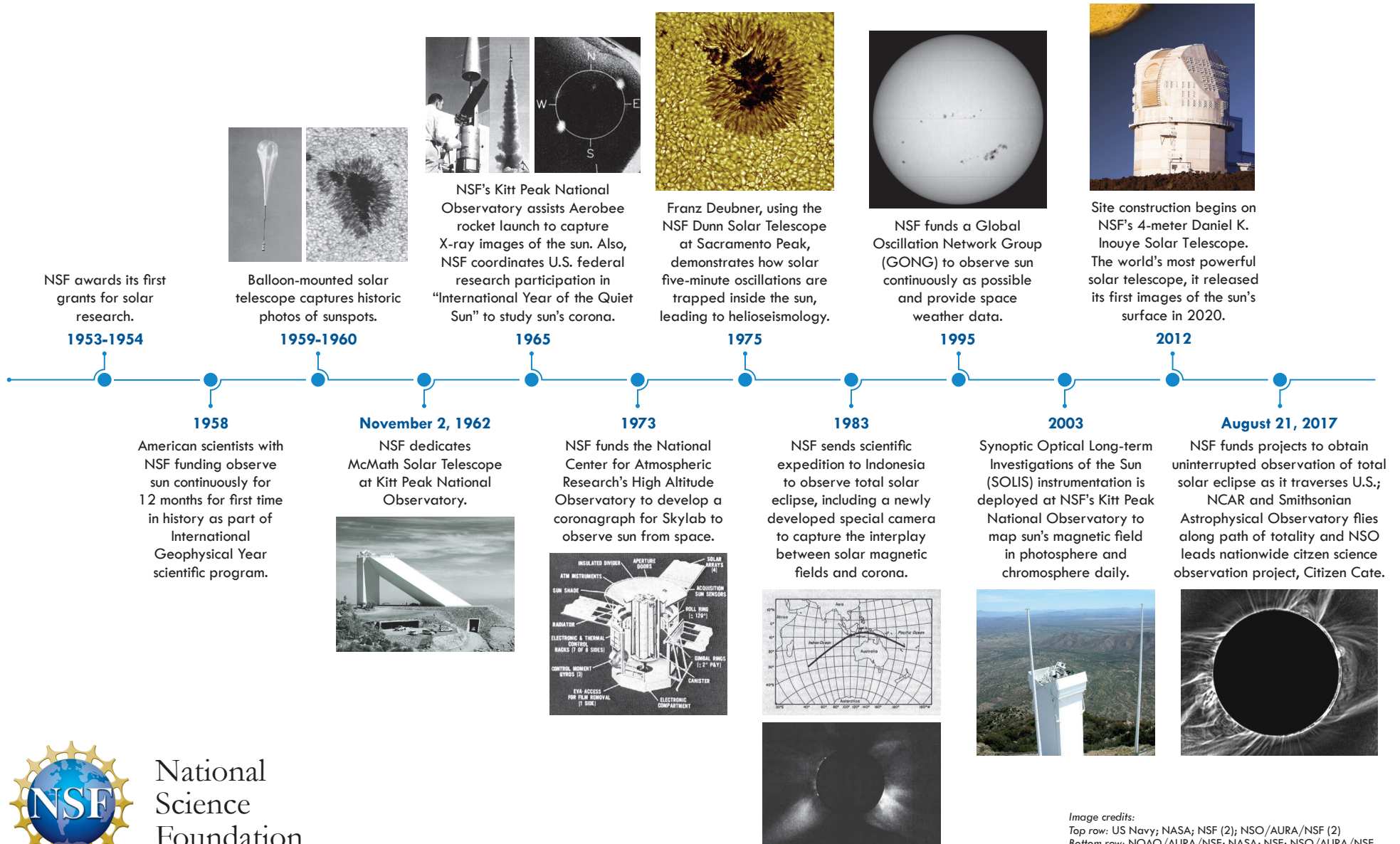


Major Milestones in NSF-Funded Solar Astronomy

NSF has long supported solar astronomy research. This science has helped inform what we know about the sun, other stars and the plasma state of matter (like the sun's corona). This fundamental knowledge is at the crux of space weather, which impacts communication networks and power grids on our own planet. NSF's newest investment, the Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope, is poised to collect unprecedented images and data about the sun when it becomes fully operational in 2020.



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