

# Disks in Astrophysics

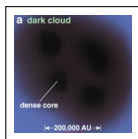
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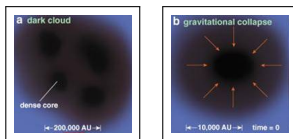
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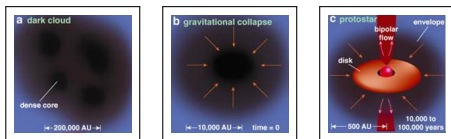
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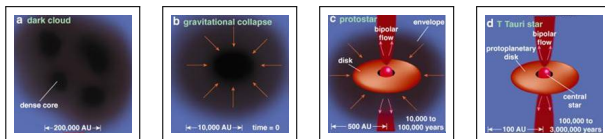
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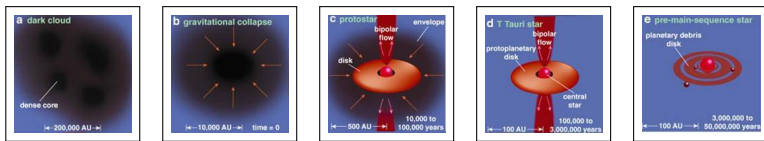
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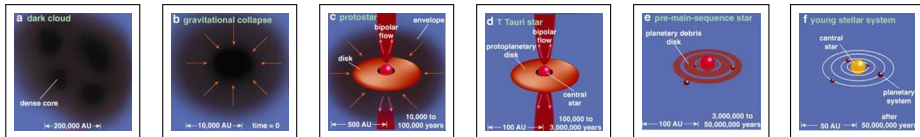
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- 6 Star ignites hydrogen in its core.



# Binary Star Evolution



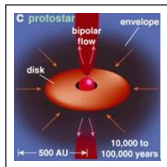
Artists impression of 4U 1820-30, image courtesy of NASA's HEASARC

Like single star evolution except:

- Roche Lobe Overflowing
- Mass Transfer Streams
- Ensuing Disk Hot Spots

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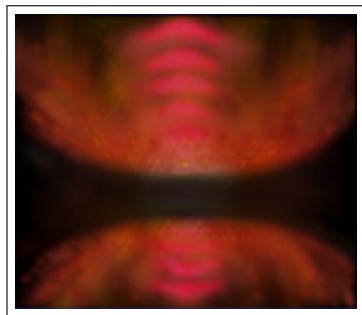
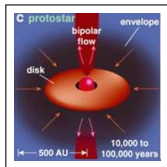
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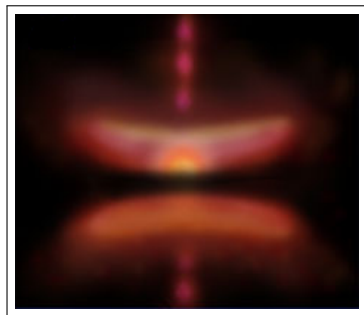
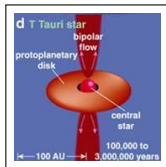
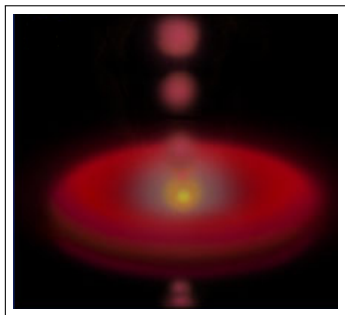
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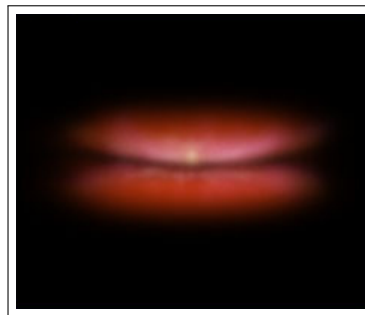
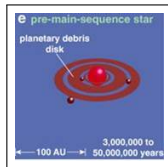
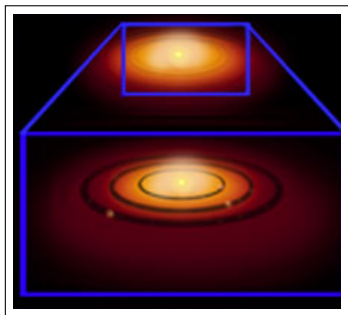
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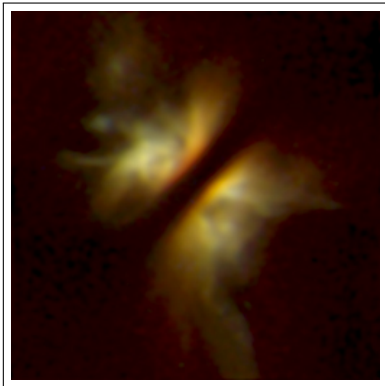
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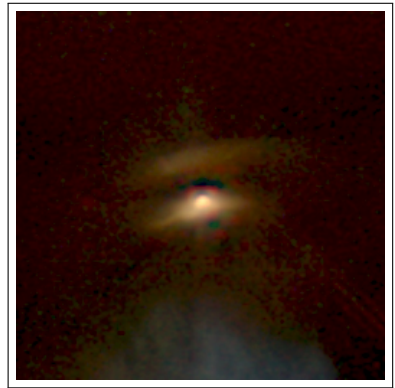
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Butterfly Star



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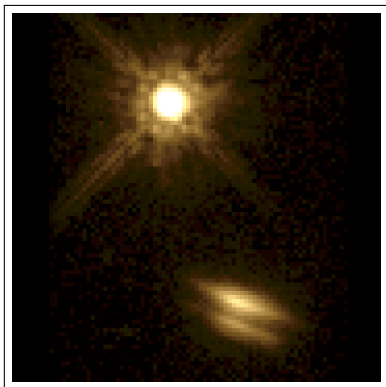
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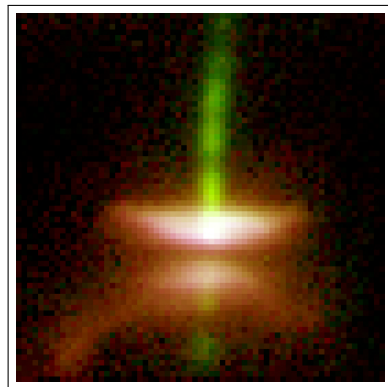
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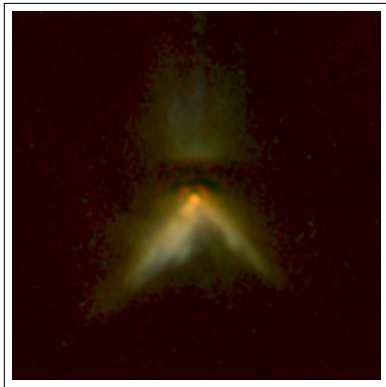
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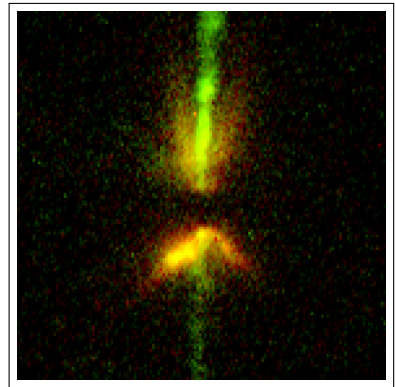
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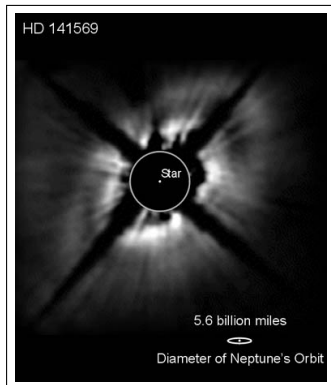


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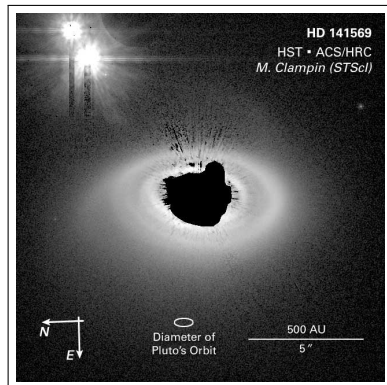
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HD 141569



Near IR), B. Smith (U. Hawaii), A. Weinberger, E. Becklin (UCLA), and G. Schneider (U. Arizona)

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(Hubble), M. Clampin (NASA Goddard)

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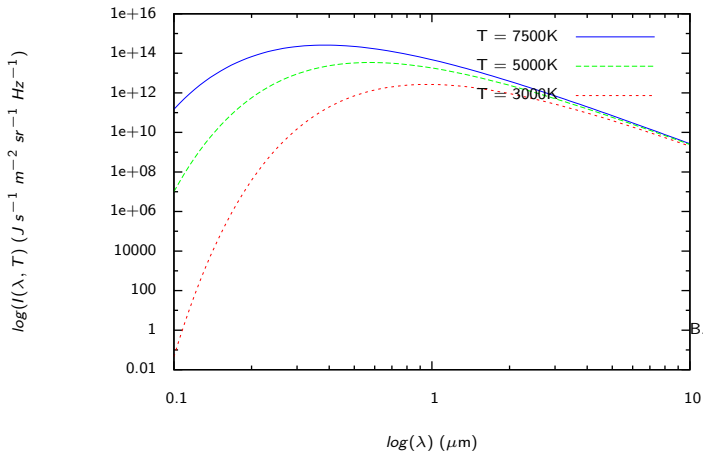
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Blackbody Radiation is a First-Order approximation for radiation from objects. Blackbody radiation is described by Planck's Law:  
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$$I(\lambda, T) = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda kT}} - 1} \quad (1)$$

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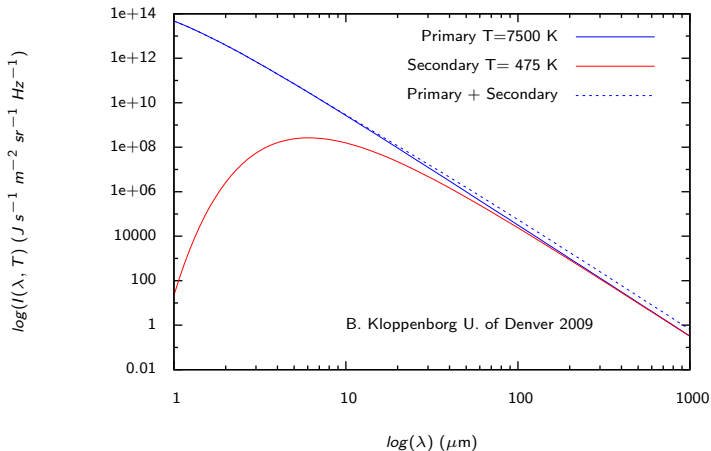
Example SED for a Several Blackbody Radiators



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Blackbody Radiation Curves for a Hot Primary and Cool Secondary

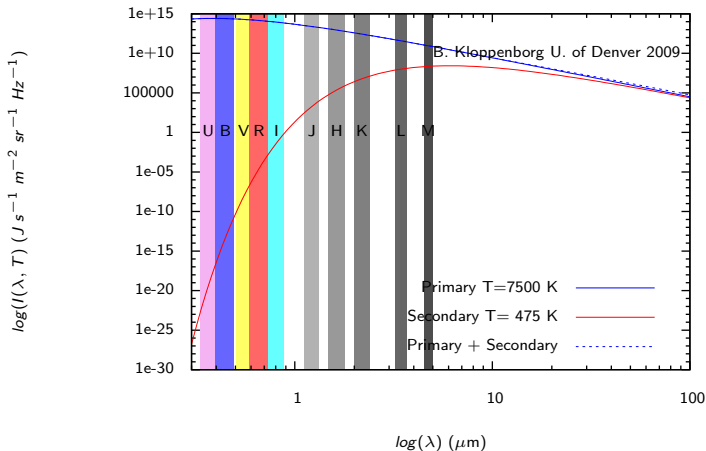


# Photometry

Photometry measures the brightness of stars in specific passbands.

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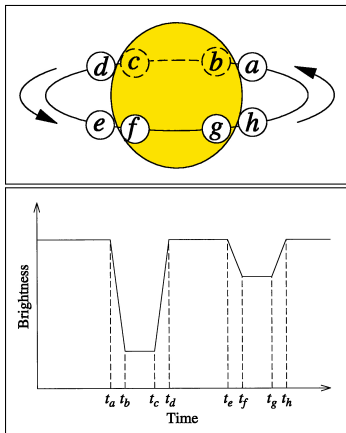
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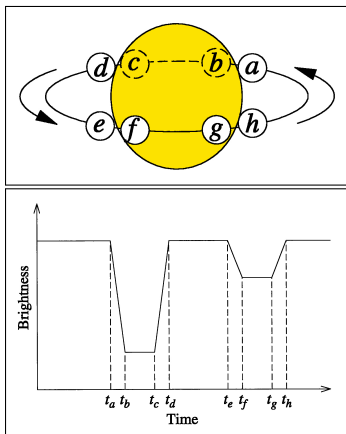
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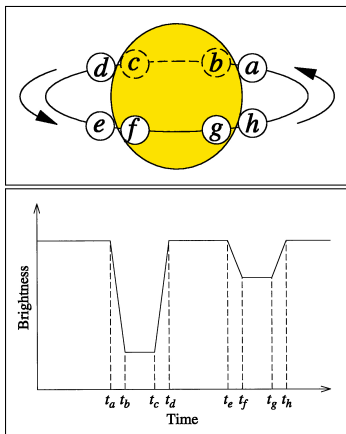


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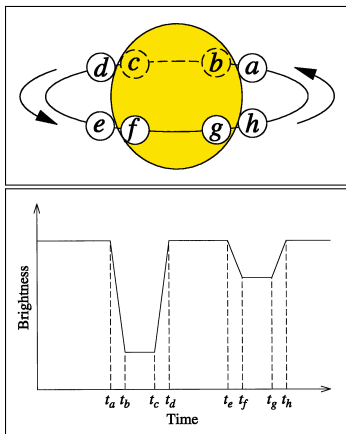


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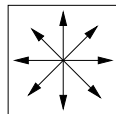
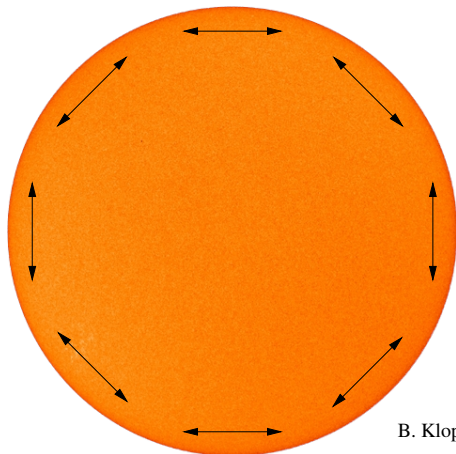


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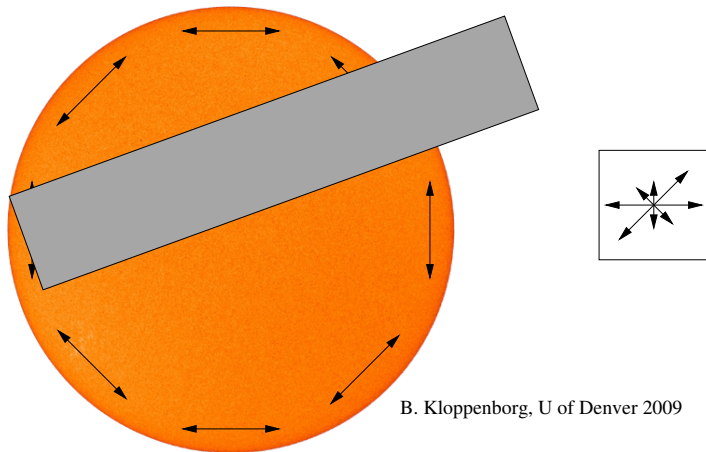
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Limb Polarization.

MDI Continuum image of the Sun courtesy of SOHO

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## Obscured Limb Polarization



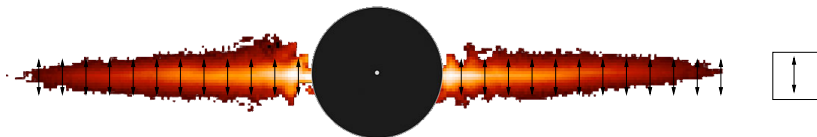
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## A Disk Can Cause a Net Polarization



Polarization from a Disk.

HST Image of AU Mic Debris Disk courtesy of NASA, ESA, and J. Graham (UC, Berkeley)

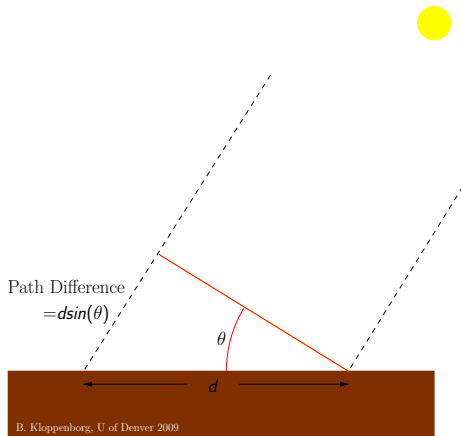
# Interferometry

Interferometry provides a method of indirectly imaging objects too small for traditional imaging devices.

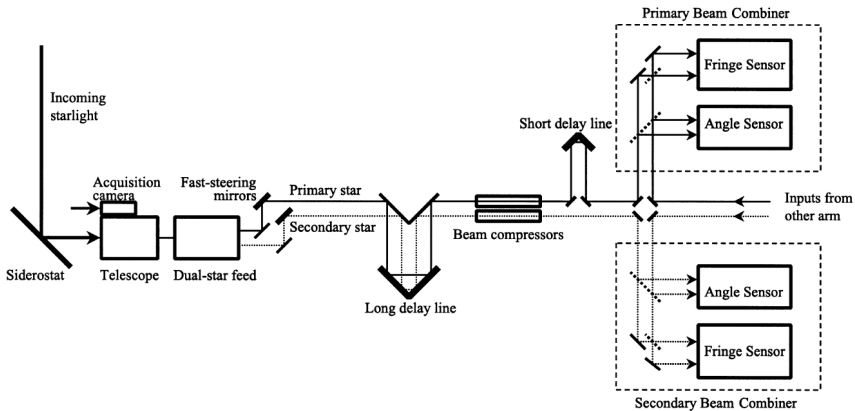


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## Interferometer Diagram

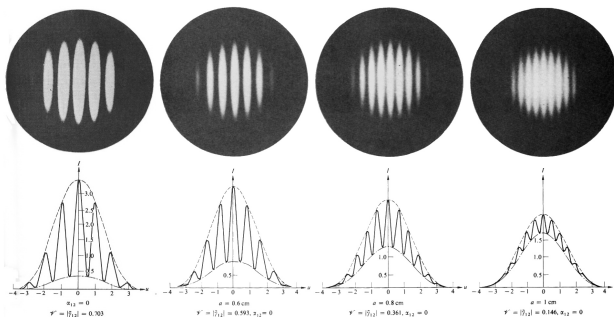


# Interferometry



Schematic Drawing of PTI Optical Components (Colavita, 1999)

# Fringes

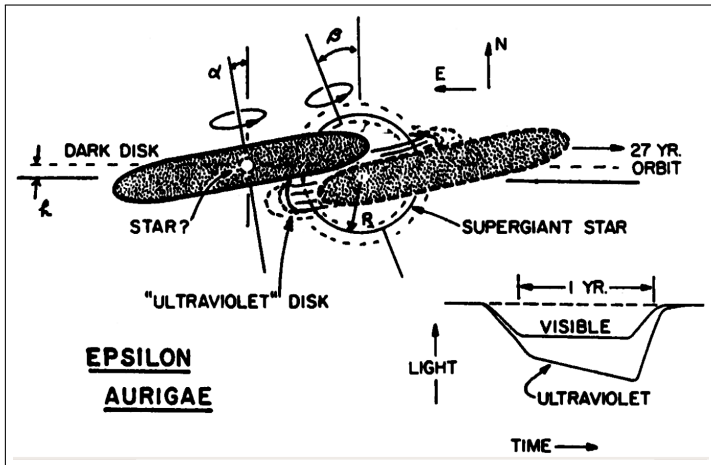


Fringes as seen by an Interferometer (Hecht, 2002)

Visibility Squared:

$$V^2 = \left( \frac{I_{max} - I_{min}}{I_{max} + I_{min}} \right)^2$$

# Current Model of $\epsilon$ Aurigae



Model of  $\epsilon$  Aurigae System (NASA, 1985)

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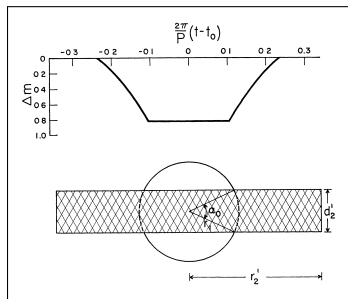
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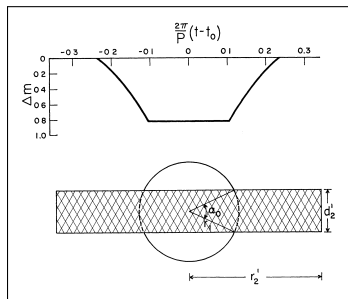
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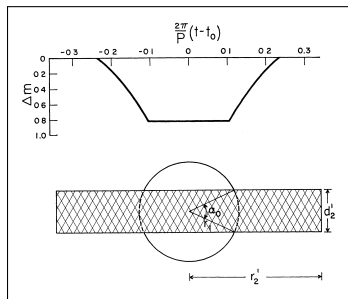
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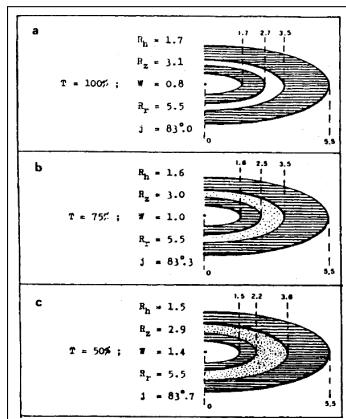
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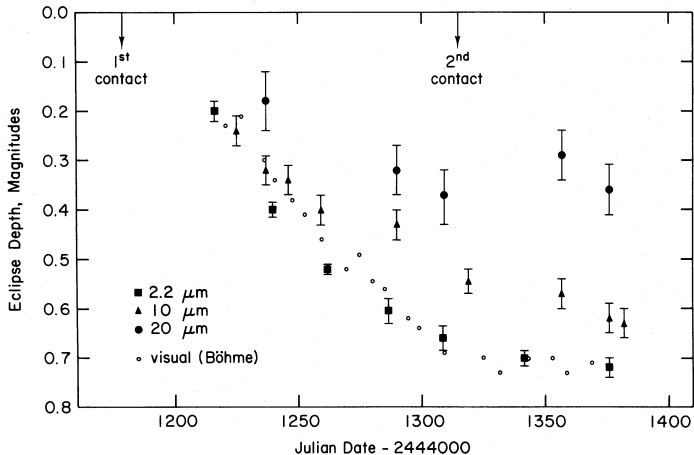
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Three best-fitting ringed disk models to photometric curves. Units are in AU,  $j$  is the inclination angles (exaggerated in figures) (Ferluga, 1990)

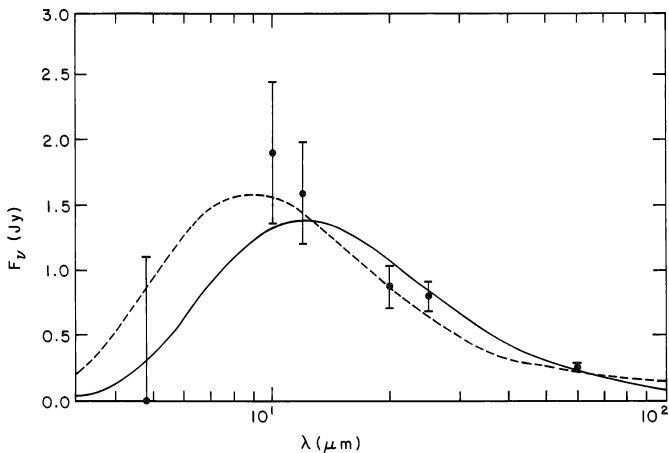
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IR Excess as reported by Backman (1984)



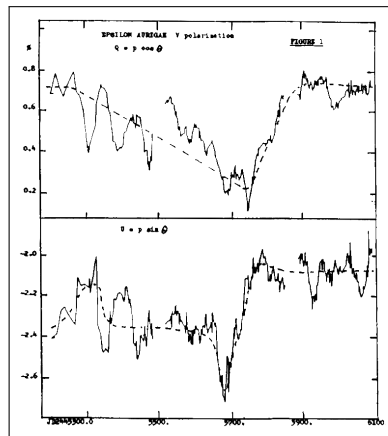
# SEDs



IR Excess as found by IRAS (Backman, 1985). *Solid Line* opaque secondary,  $T = 475\text{K}$ ,  $\Omega = 8.6 \times 10^{-16}$  sr;  
*Dashed Line* optically thin secondary  $T = 575\text{K}$ ,  $\Omega = 4.4 \times 10^{-16}$  sr, particle radius  $5.1 \mu\text{m}$ .

# Polarimetry

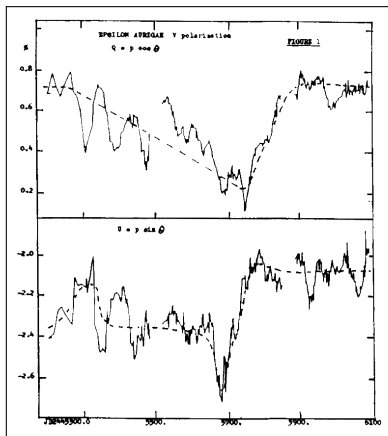
1985 Kemp: Polarization Curve  
During Eclipse with  
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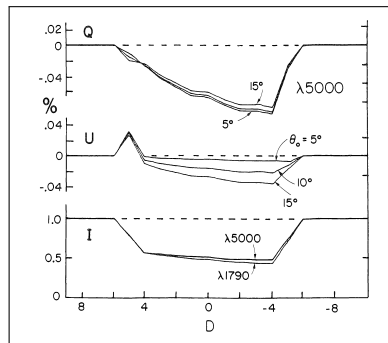
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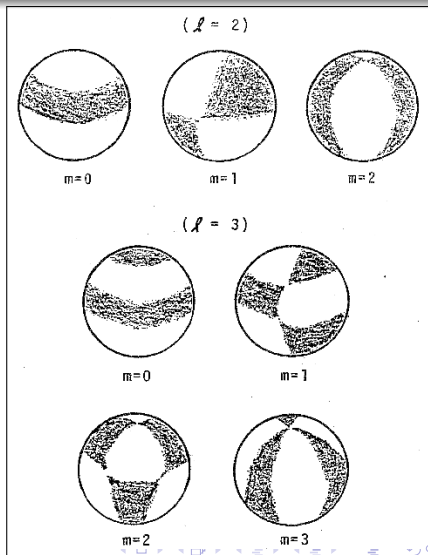


Theoretical Curves for Kemps Model. (Kemp, 1986)

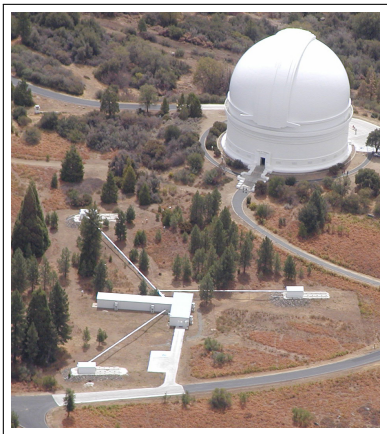
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- 1985 Kemp: Polarization Curve During Eclipse with preliminary model.
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- 1989 Henson: Possible detection of non-radial pulsation.

Right: Possible Pulsation Modes of Aur (Henson, 1989)



# Palomar Testbed Interferometer



Aerial View of PTI and the 200" Palomar Telescope  
(Gerald van Belle)

- PTI Operated by the  
    Michelson Science Center on  
    behalf of CalTech and  
    NASA-JPL
- Maximum Baseline, 110  
    meters
- Resolution 1.67 - 2.18 mas  
    (8.1 - 10.5 nano-radians)

# PTI: Reduced Data

UTDate, JD-2,450,000	GMT start	Baseline*	Nscans	Mode	$V^2$	UDD [mas]	Error [mas]	V [mag]
2007Oct19, 4393	09:57	NS	14	K-low	0.516	2.19	0.06	3.036
2007Oct20, 4394	10:21	NS	6	K-high	0.544	2.16	0.12	3.036
2007Oct21, 4395	10:45	NS	3	K-low	0.583	1.90	0.13	3.036
2007Dec23, 4458	04:41	NW	6	K-low	0.574	2.36	0.14	3.046
2007Dec24, 4459	04:48	NW	6	K-low	0.565	2.37	0.11	3.043
2008Feb16, 4513	03:05	NW	2	K-low	0.527	2.60	0.15	2.98
2008Feb17, 4514	04:48	NW	5	K-low	0.572	2.28	0.15	2.98
2008Feb18, 4515	03:01	NW	5	K-low	0.624	2.25	0.12	2.98
New Data								
2008Oct26, 4765	08:20	NW	4	K-low	0.609	2.35	0.16	3.052
2008Oct26, 4765	08:30	NS	5	K-low	0.491	2.16	0.08	3.052
2008Nov8, 4778	08:49	NS	12	K-low	0.435	2.34	0.08	3.057
2009Nov9, 4779	09:22	NW	1	K-low	0.462	2.86	0.10	3.054
Archival Data								
1997Oct22, 0744	11:54	NS	1	K-low	0.376	2.50	0.17	2.986
1997Nov09, 0762	09:38	NS	2	K-low	0.438	2.32	0.09	2.977
1998Nov07, 1125	10:25	NS	4	K-low	0.515	2.09	0.10	2.997
1998Nov25, 1143	10:19	NS	2	K-low	0.458	2.25	0.08	2.998
2005Dec11, 3715	06:33	NW	86	Insufficient Data Points				3.02
2006Jan31, 3766	04:27	NW	86	No Cal Stars				3.08

Diameters obtained from Wide-Band Visibility mode data. \*N-S baseline, 109 meters; N-W baseline, 86 meters.

Data prior to Oct. 2008 published in Stencel et. al 2008. V-band data courtesy of Jeffery Hopkins.

# CHARA



Mt. Wilson Today, (Georgia State University)

- Operated by Georgia State University and collaborators.
- Six 1-meter Telescopes
- 15 possible baselines from 31 to 331 meters
- One of two operating ranges:  $2.0 - 2.5 \mu\text{m}$
- 0.6 mas resolution



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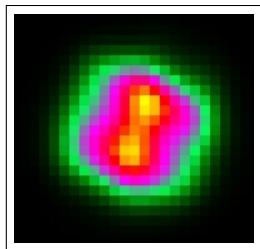
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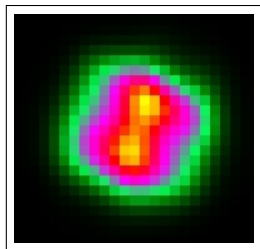
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Scale:  $0.16 \frac{\text{mas}}{\text{pixel}}$   
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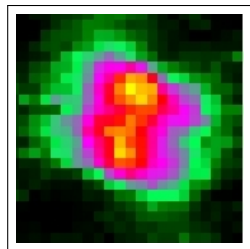
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