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## Abstract

We report 370 measures of 170 components of binary and multiple-star systems, obtained from speckle imaging observations made with the Differential Speckle Survey Instrument at Lowell Observatory's Discovery Channel Telescope in 2015 through 2017. Of the systems studied, 147 are binary stars, 10 are seen as triple systems, and 1 quadruple system is measured. Seventy-six high-quality nondetections and 15 newly resolved components are presented in our observations. The uncertainty in relative astrometry appears to be similar to our previous work at Lowell, namely, linear measurement uncertainties of approximately 2 mas, and the relative photometry appears to be uncertain at the 0.1–0.15 mag level. Using these measures and those in the literature, we calculate six new visual orbits, including one for the Be star 66 Oph and two combined spectroscopic–visual orbits. The latter two orbits, which are for HD 22451 (YSC 127) and HD 185501 (YSC 135), yield individual masses of the components at the level of 2% or better, and independent distance measures that in one case agrees with the value found in the Gaia DR2 and in the other disagrees at the  $2\sigma$  level. We find that HD 22451 consists of an F6V+F7V pair with orbital period of  $2401.1 \pm 3.2$  days and masses of  $1.342 \pm 0.029$  and  $1.236 \pm 0.026 M_{\odot}$ . For HD 185501, both stars are G5 dwarfs that orbit one another with a period of  $433.94 \pm 0.15$  days, and the masses are  $0.898 \pm 0.012$  and  $0.876 \pm 0.012 M_{\odot}$ . We discuss the details of both the new discoveries and the orbit objects.

*Unified Astronomy Thesaurus concepts:* [Interferometric binary stars \(806\)](#); [Spectroscopic binary stars \(1557\)](#); [Visual binary stars \(1777\)](#); [Astronomical techniques \(1684\)](#); [Be stars \(142\)](#)

*Supporting material:* machine-readable tables

## 1. Introduction

There continues to be substantial interest in speckle imaging as a tool for both stellar and exoplanet science. New speckle instruments are now resident at the WIYN telescope, as well as both Gemini-North and Gemini-South; all three of these instruments are based on the design of the Differential Speckle Survey Instrument (DSSI; Horch et al. 2009), which is currently resident at Lowell Observatory's Discovery Channel Telescope (LDT, formerly DCT). All of these speckle instruments take speckle observations in two wavelengths simultaneously, thereby giving color information for every target observed. This has led to robust observing programs of well-known binary stars in order to determine orbits and stellar masses (e.g., Horch et al. 2017, 2019), surveys of binaries to

search for tertiary companions in order to differentiate between star formation theories (Tokovinin & Horch 2016), surveys of nearby late-type dwarfs to learn more about multiplicity rates for the K and M spectral types (Nusdeo 2018; van Belle et al. 2018; Clark et al. 2019), and searches for stellar companions to exoplanet host stars to provide a better understanding of what conditions produce stable planetary systems (Horch et al. 2014; Matson et al. 2018; Winters et al. 2019).

Our speckle work at the LDT with DSSI began in 2014, with first results reported in Horch et al. (2015). The current paper represents the second installment of this effort. In the first paper, the objects observed were primarily Hipparcos doubles and suspected double stars (ESA 1997) and stars listed in the Geneva–Copenhagen spectroscopic survey as double-lined spectroscopic binaries (Nordström et al. 2004). Starting in 2015, we began to use the majority of the time awarded to make progress on the surveys of K and M dwarfs in the solar neighborhood; the observations and analysis of the stars in these surveys are ongoing. The remainder of the time was used to obtain observations of the few targets that had not been observed from the earlier observing list (that is, the Hipparcos

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and Geneva–Copenhagen stars), as well as to obtain observations for an initial survey of Be stars, in order to search for previously undetected stellar companions orbiting these high-mass stars. Binarity is expected to be extremely common for early-type main-sequence stars as discussed in Duchêne & Kraus (2013) and references therein, and speckle observations would help develop an understanding of the stellar multiplicity rate for Be stars, relative to B stars without emission lines. In addition, when combined with other measurements that yield insight into the properties of the emission disk, it can give a better understanding of the interaction between the companion and the disk in specific cases (Bjorkman et al. 2002; Rivinius et al. 2013). It is the speckle observations of Hipparcos, Geneva–Copenhagen, and Be stars obtained since the publication of our last set of measures that we report on in this paper.

## 2. LDT Speckle Observations and Data Reduction

The speckle observations presented here were taken on several runs beginning in 2015 March and ending in 2017 May using the Differential Speckle Survey Instrument (Horch et al. 2009). After a long period of time resident at the WIYN Telescope at Kitt Peak National Observatory (2008 through 2013) and several runs as a visitor instrument at the Gemini-North telescope (2012 July through 2016 January), the instrument has most recently been shared by Gemini-South and Lowell Observatory (at the LDT). In order to accommodate scheduling constraints at both Gemini-South and Lowell, the runs for the project described here were often completed when a port on the LDT instrument cube became vacated by one of the other instruments used there. As a result, a different port was used from run to run. Nonetheless, the telescope delivers the same plate scale to all of the ports on the instrument cube, so the only change this presents is the orientation of the image on the chip. With the data we have in hand, we have so far not identified any systematic differences in scale that are related to any of the ports used.

The standard procedure for speckle observing at the LDT is to select a bright unresolved star within a few degrees of each science target, usually from the Bright Star Catalog (Hoffleit & Jaschek 1982). This star serves as a “point-source calibrator” for the science target, that is, an estimate of the speckle transfer function for the observation of the science target. If two or more science targets are clustered closely on the sky, a single point source is used for the entire group, so that the observing list for the night is divided into blocks, each of which has a single point source. Blocks are then ordered in R.A., and objects inside each block are also ordered in the same way. This allows for the observations to commence at the beginning of each night on or near the meridian, and then for objects to be observed in sequence at small hour angle when they are near the meridian, and therefore near the minimum airmass. This regimen not only results in mainly small telescope moves but also is important because neither the DSSI nor the LDT has atmospheric dispersion compensation prisms (Risley prisms), and so large zenith angles, which can degrade the quality of the observation, are avoided if possible.

Most of the stars discussed here are bright enough that a single set of 1000 40 ms speckle frames was sufficient to obtain a robust result. DSSI is equipped with two Andor iXon 897 electron-multiplying CCD cameras, and subarrays of either  $128 \times 128$  or  $256 \times 256$  pixels centered on the star were read out. The two data files are stored in FITS format. For all of the

observations reported here, the filters used were a 692 nm filter of width 40 nm and an 880 nm filter of width 50 nm.

The reduction of the data proceeds along the same lines as we have outlined in our previous LDT work (Horch et al. 2015). Average autocorrelations of both the target observation and the point source are formed and Fourier transformed to arrive at the spatial frequency power spectrum in each case. Subplanes of the image bispectrum are also calculated in the case of the target star, following Lohmann et al. (1983). The modulus of the true object Fourier transform is obtained by dividing the target power spectrum by that of the point source and taking the square root; the phase of the object’s Fourier transform is found from the bispectral subplanes using the relaxation algorithm of Meng et al. (1990). This phase is combined with the modulus estimate, low-pass filtered with a two-dimensional Gaussian function of width comparable to the diffraction limit, and the result is inverse transformed to arrive at the reconstructed image for the target.

The reconstructed images are then studied, and if one or more companions are present, the pixel coordinates of each are noted. These are then used as input for a fitting routine that finds the best-fit fringe pattern to the deconvolved binary power spectrum in the Fourier domain, as described by Horch et al. (1996). This routine outputs the final separation ( $\rho$ ), position angle ( $\theta$ ), and magnitude difference ( $\Delta m$ ) of each detected companion. If a companion is not detected, then a detection limit curve is generally made, which, based on statistics of the reconstructed image, attempts to estimate the magnitude difference of the faintest companion relative to the primary star that would be detected, as a function of separation.

The pixel scale and orientation were determined using a small set of “calibration binaries,” that is, binary stars with recent orbits determined with the inclusion of long-baseline optical interferometry data. Table 1 shows the binaries and the orbit references that were used for this purpose. The orbital elements listed in those references were used to calculate the separation and position angle of the pair at the time of observation at the LDT, and comparing to the final values from the fringe fits from the speckle data, the pixel scale and orientation are derived.

## 3. Spectroscopic Observations and Data Reduction

Beginning with the use of DSSI at the WIYN telescope, we have been interested in obtaining spectroscopic observations of the smallest-separation systems that we have discovered. Such observations complement the ongoing speckle work and provide a means to eventually determine individual masses to high precision. A short list of suspected close speckle binaries was made, and we began spectroscopic observations in 2012 October with the Kitt Peak National Observatory (KPNO) 0.9 m auxiliary coude feed telescope and the coude spectrograph, which was originally built for use with the KPNO 2.1 m telescope.

The KPNO CCD spectra were calibrated and extracted with standard IRAF tasks, after which radial velocities were measured with the IRAF task FXCOR (Fitzpatrick 1993). Template stars for the cross-correlations were from the list of Scarfe (2010) or from Nidever et al. (2002). A comparison of velocities from these two sources shows good agreement with a mean difference ( $RV_{\text{Nidever}} - RV_{\text{Scarfe}}$ ) of  $0.08 \pm 0.04 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for six stars common to the two lists. A seventh star, HD

**Table 1**  
Orbits Used in the DSSI Scale Determinations at the LDT

Run	WDS	Discoverer Designation	HIP	Orbit Reference
2015 Mar	15232 + 3017	STF 1937AB	75312	Muterspaugh et al. (2010)
	15278 + 2906	JEF 1	75695	Muterspaugh et al. (2010)
2015 Jun	19490 + 1909	AGC 11AB	97496	Muterspaugh et al. (2010)
2015 Nov	04136 + 0743	A 1938	19719	Muterspaugh et al. (2010)
	21145 + 1000	STT 535AB	104858	Muterspaugh et al. (2008)
	22409 + 1433	HO 296AB	111974	Muterspaugh et al. (2010)
2016 Jan	13100 + 1732	STF 1728AB	64241	Muterspaugh et al. (2015)
2016 Feb	04590 – 1623	BU 314AB	23166	This paper
2017 May	13100 + 1732	STF 1728AB	64241	Muterspaugh et al. (2015)
	15232 + 3017	STF 1937AB	75312	Muterspaugh et al. (2010)
	15278 + 2906	JEF 1	75695	Muterspaugh et al. (2010)
	17080 + 3556	HU 1176AB	83838	Muterspaugh et al. (2010)

**Table 2**  
Telescope and Instrument Combinations for Spectroscopic Observations<sup>a</sup>

Date yr m d	Helio. Julian Date HJD – 2,400,000	Telescope	Instrument, Grating, CCD	Resolution $\lambda/\Delta\lambda$ (2 pixels)
2012 Oct 9	56,209	KPNO coudé feed	coudé spec., echelle, T2KB	72,000
2013 Nov 30	56,261	KPNO 4 m	echelle spec., 58-63, T2KA	41,000
2013 Apr 20	56,402	KPNO coudé feed	coudé spec., A, STA3	26,600
2013 May 22	56,434	KPNO coudé feed	coudé spec., A, STA3	26,600
2013 Oct 26	56,591	KPNO coudé feed	coudé spec., echelle, T2KB	72,000
2014 Jan 7	56,664	KPNO coudé feed	coudé spec., echelle, T2KB	72,000
2014 Apr 24	56,771	KPNO coudé feed	coudé spec., echelle, T2KB	72,000
2014 Jul 30	56,868	KPNO coudé feed	coudé spec., echelle, T2KB	72,000
2015 Apr 3 <sup>b</sup>	57,115	TSU AST 2 m	spec., echelle, Fairchild 486	25,000
2016 May 27	57,535	KPNO WIYN 3.5 m	Hydra, echelle, STA2	16,500
2018 Jan 2	58,120	KPNO WIYN 3.5 m	Hydra, echelle, STA2	16,500
2018 Oct 24	58,415	KPNO WIYN 3.5 m	Hydra, echelle, STA2	16,500

**Notes.**

<sup>a</sup> See Tables 3 and 4 for a complete list of dates, velocities, and sources.

<sup>b</sup> First observation of AST series.

**Table 3**  
Radial Velocity Observations of HD 22451 = YSC 127

Helio. Julian Date (HJD – 2,400,000)	Phase	$V_A$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$(O - C)_A$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	Weight <sub>A</sub>	$V_B$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$(O - C)_B$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	Weight <sub>B</sub>	Source <sup>a</sup>
56,209.8155	0.117	-30.9	-0.2	1.0	-6.9	-0.1	0.6	KPNO
56,261.8133	0.139	-29.4	0.1	1.0	-8.3	-0.2	0.6	KPNO
56,591.8312	0.280	-23.2	0.3	1.0	-14.0	0.6	0.6	KPNO
56,664.6869	0.311	-22.5	0.0	1.0	-15.0	0.7	0.6	KPNO
56,868.9608	0.398	-19.7	0.3	0.0	-19.7	-1.3	0.0	KPNO
57,167.9708	0.525	-16.3	0.6	1.0	-22.5	-0.8	0.6	Fair
57,401.8338	0.625	-14.4	0.3	1.0	-24.2	0.0	0.6	Fair
57,434.7350	0.639	-14.4	-0.1	1.0	-24.6	-0.1	0.6	Fair
57,464.7278	0.651	-14.7	-0.6	1.0	-25.7	-0.9	0.6	Fair
57,470.7050	0.654	-14.4	-0.4	1.0	-25.7	-0.8	0.6	Fair

**Note.**

<sup>a</sup> KPNO = Kitt Peak National Observatory, Fair = Fairborn Observatory.

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103095, has a difference of 0.51 km s<sup>-1</sup> and is possibly variable in velocity.

In the case of two small-magnitude-difference systems on our observing list, double-lined spectra were quickly detected, and these objects have been reobserved a number of times. These are YSC 127 = HD 22451 = HIP 17033 and

YSC 135 = HD 185501 = HIP 96576. Our KPNO observations, seven of YSC 127 and seven of YSC 135, were obtained with various combinations of KPNO telescopes and instruments, which are listed in Table 2. The spectra have resolving powers that range from 16,500 to 72,000. The KPNO observations and resulting velocities of YSC 127 and



**Table 4**  
Radial Velocity Observations of HD 185501 = YSC 135

Helio. Julian Date (HJD - 2,400,000)	Phase	$V_A$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$(O - C)_A$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	Weight <sub>A</sub>	$V_B$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$(O - C)_B$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	Weight <sub>B</sub>	Source <sup>a</sup>
56,209.6237	0.878	-16.3	0.4	1.0	-47.2	0.4	1.0	KPNO
56,402.9917	0.323	-43.7	0.1	1.0	-20.3	-0.5	1.0	KPNO
56,434.9579	0.397	-40.5	-0.4	1.0	-23.6	0.0	1.0	KPNO
56,591.6410	0.757	-18.3	-0.2	1.0	-46.1	0.0	1.0	KPNO
56,771.9861	0.172	-46.3	0.2	1.0	-17.0	0.1	1.0	KPNO
56,868.7441	0.395	-40.1	0.1	1.0	-23.5	0.0	1.0	KPNO
57,115.9458	0.964	-23.5	0.4	1.0	-40.1	0.1	1.0	Fair
57,160.9458	0.067	-38.9	-0.1	1.0	-24.9	0.0	1.0	Fair
57,161.8844	0.070	-39.2	-0.1	1.0	-24.7	0.0	1.0	Fair
57,184.7764	0.122	-44.1	0.1	1.0	-19.7	-0.3	1.0	Fair

**Note.**

<sup>a</sup> KPNO = Kitt Peak National Observatory, Fair = Fairborn Observatory.

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YSC 135 are listed in Tables 3 and 4, respectively. An extensive number of additional observations were acquired from 2015 through 2019 April at Fairborn Observatory in southeast Arizona. During that period, we obtained 68 spectra of YSC 127 and 39 spectra of YSC 135 with the Tennessee State University 2 m Astronomical Spectroscopic Telescope (AST) and a fiber-fed echelle spectrograph (Eaton & Williamson 2004). Our detector, a Fairchild 486 CCD, has a  $4096 \times 4096$  array of  $15 \mu\text{m}$  pixels and a resulting wavelength coverage of 3800–8600 Å (Fekel et al. 2013). The AST spectra have a resolving power of 25,000 at 6000 Å and signal-to-noise ratios of about 85 for YSC 127 and 100 for YSC 135. These signal-to-noise ratios were estimated from the rectified continuum scatter at about 6000 Å. Eaton & Williamson (2007) explained the reduction and wavelength calibration of the raw spectra.

Fekel et al. (2009) have given a general description of the typical reduction leading to the velocity determination. Specifically, for YSC 127 and YSC 135 we used a solar line list that consists of 168 lines in the spectral region 4920–7100 Å. Each unblended line was fitted with a rotational broadening function (Fekel & Griffin 2011; Lacy & Fekel 2011). Measurement of the lines when the components were blended consisted of simultaneous fits of the blended components with two rotational broadening functions. Our unpublished velocities for several IAU solar-type velocity standards show that our velocities have a  $-0.6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  shift relative to the results of Scarfe (2010). Thus, we have added  $0.6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  to all our velocities. Our AST observations and velocities for YSC 127 and YSC 135 are listed in Tables 3 and 4, respectively.

Our radial velocities from the two observatories are tied to the IAU standards observed by Scarfe (2010). Thus, there is no significant zero-point shift in the velocities from the two observatories (Willmarth et al. 2016).

#### 4. Speckle Results

Our main body of speckle results is presented in Table 5. The columns give (1) the Washington Double Star (WDS) number (Mason et al. 2001),<sup>14</sup> which also gives the R.A. and decl. for the object in J2000.0 coordinates; (2) the Aitken

Double Star (ADS) Catalogue number, or if none, the Bright Star Catalogue (i.e., Harvard Revised [HR]) number, or if none, the Henry Draper Catalogue (HD) number, or if none, the Durchmusterung (DM) number of the object; (3) the Discoverer Designation; (4) the Hipparcos Catalogue number; (5) the Besselian date of the observation; (6) the position angle ( $\theta$ ) of the secondary star relative to the primary, with north through east defining the positive sense of  $\theta$ ; (7) the separation of the two stars ( $\rho$ ), in arcseconds; (8) the magnitude difference ( $\Delta m$ ) of the pair in the filter used; (9) the center wavelength of the filter; and (10) the FWHM of the filter transmission. The position angle measures have not been precessed from the dates shown. Fifteen pairs in the table have no previous detection of the companion in the *Fourth Catalogue of Interferometric Measures of Binary Stars* (Hartkopf et al. 2001b; hereafter Fourth Interferometric Catalog);<sup>15</sup> we propose discoverer designations of Lowell-Southern Connecticut (LSC) 116-130 here. (This continues the collection of LSC discoveries detailed in Paper VI in this series.)

To illustrate the properties of the data set overall, we plot in Figure 1(a) the magnitude difference of our measures as a function of the separation measured. In Figure 1(b), the magnitude difference is plotted as a function of the  $V$  magnitude of the system, as it appears in the Hipparcos Catalogue. In Figure 1(a), we have superimposed onto the plot a typical detection limit curve as discussed in Section 4.3. As described further there, this curve is estimated by examining noise statistics in annuli of the reconstructed image centered on the primary star. Below the detection limit determined at the smallest radius in the calculation ( $0''.1$  for all observations here), we assume a linear fall-off in the detection limit down to zero at the separation corresponding to the Rayleigh criterion. We see that the envelope of all the components detected matches well with the detection limit estimate that is drawn in Figure 1(a), above a separation of  $0''.1$ . Below that, as the data points indicate, we are in fact able to measure the separation of components with decreasing sensitivity in magnitude difference as the separation decreases, roughly along a linear trend as indicated by the black line in the figure. (The measurements falling in this part of the diagram are generally known to be binary from previous, often spectroscopic, observations.) In

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.astro.gsu.edu/wds/>

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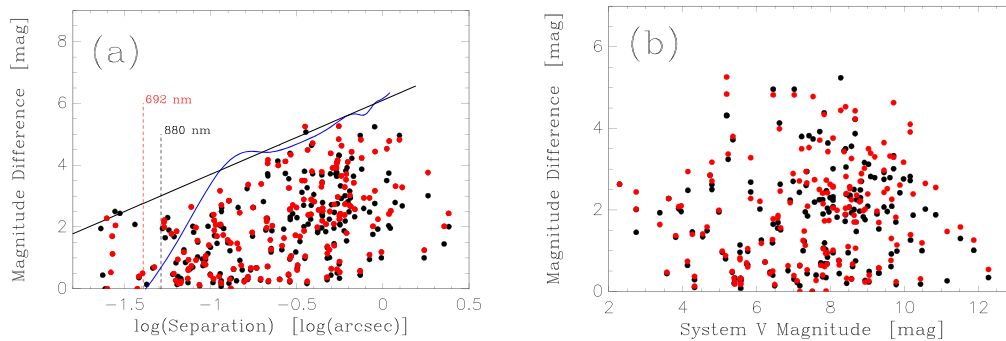
**Table 5**  
Binary Star Speckle Measures

WDS ( $\alpha$ , $\delta$ J2000.0)	HR, ADS DM, etc.	Discoverer Designation	HIP	Date (2000+)	$\theta$ (deg)	$\rho$ (arcsec)	$\Delta m$ (mag)	$\lambda$ (nm)	$\Delta\lambda$ (nm)
01095 + 4715	ADS 940	STT 515AB	5434	15.8338	116.6	0.5225	1.40	692	40
				15.8338	116.2	0.5209	1.46	880	50
02177 + 4235	HD 14064	LSC 20	10695	15.8368	125.8	0.0535	2.15	692	40 <sup>a</sup>
				15.8368	306.8	0.0572	1.90	880	50
02225 – 2349	HR 695	LAF 27	11072	15.8368	94.1	0.2716	4.12	692	40
				15.8368	91.4	0.2716	3.73	880	50
02512 + 6023	ADS 2165	BU 1316AB	13308	15.8342	299.3	0.3198	0.76	692	40
				15.8342	298.8	0.3201	0.76	880	50
03117 + 3115	BD+30 500	LSC 23	14840	15.8342	256.5	0.0771	2.65	692	40
				15.8342	252.5	0.0787	2.02	880	50

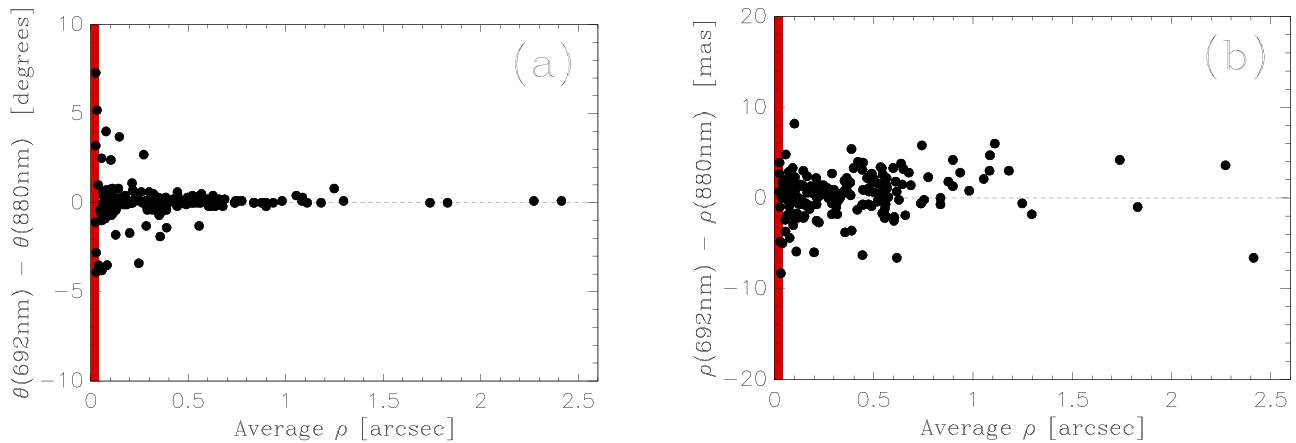
**Note.**

<sup>a</sup> Quadrant ambiguous.

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**Figure 1.** (a) Magnitude difference measures in Table 5 are plotted as a function of the separation of the components. Black data points are results for the 880 nm filter, and red data points indicate results in the 692 nm filter. The blue line represents a typical detection limit curve obtained in good conditions when no companion is present, and the black line is chosen to approximately match the detection limit curve at larger separations, and then is simply extended into the sub-diffraction-limited regime. The dashed vertical lines indicate the separation corresponding to the Rayleigh criterion for each wavelength. (b) Magnitude difference measures plotted as a function of the system V magnitude. Again, black points are used for data at 880 nm, and red points for data at 692 nm.



**Figure 2.** (a) Differences in the position angle value obtained between the two channels of the instrument, as a function of the separation of the system. (b) Differences in the separation measure as a function of separation.

Figure 1(b), we see that most of the stars listed in Table 5 have magnitudes between  $V = 5$  and 11.

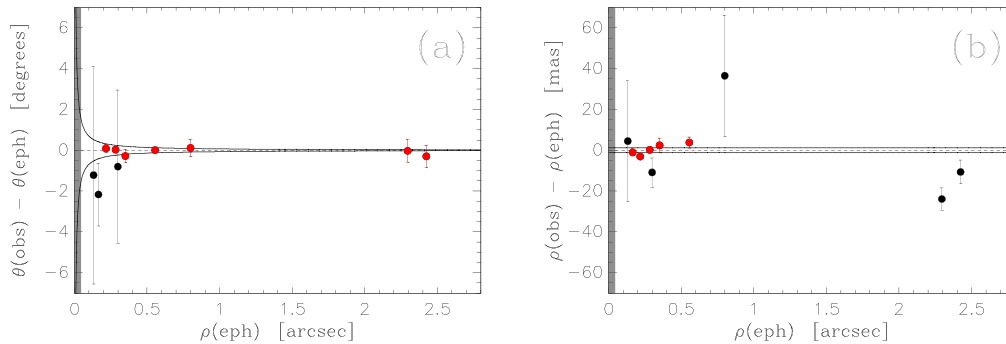
#### 4.1. Relative Astrometry

To gauge the uncertainties that should be associated with the measures in Table 5, we first study the repeatability of the results for the measures obtained in the two filters during the same observation. Differences in separation and in position

angle between the two channels are shown in Figures 2(a) and (b), respectively. For position angle, an average difference of  $0^{\circ}.13 \pm 0^{\circ}.11$  is obtained from the entire data set, with a standard deviation of  $1^{\circ}.46 \pm 0^{\circ}.08$ . However, as is well known, the position angle uncertainty grows at smaller separation owing to the fact that the same linear measurement error will subtend a larger position angle; if only separations larger than  $0''.05$  are considered, the mean difference becomes

**Table 6**  
Ephemeris Positions and Residuals Used in the Astrometric Accuracy Study

WDS	Discoverer Designation	HIP	Date (2000+)	$\theta_{\text{eph}}$ (deg)	$\rho_{\text{eph}}$ (arcsec)	$\Delta\bar{\theta}$ (deg)	$\Delta\bar{\rho}$ (mas)	WDS Orbit Grade and References
07480 + 6018	HU 1247	38052	15.1848	$3.3 \pm 1.5$	$0.1654 \pm 0.0018$	-2.2	-1.0	2, Hartkopf et al. (1996)
07518 - 1354	BU 101	38382	15.1849	$294.5 \pm 0.1$	$0.5554 \pm 0.0027$	+0.1	+3.8	1, Tokovinin (2012)
07528 - 0526	FIN 325	38474	15.1849	$182.0 \pm 0.3$	$0.3506 \pm 0.0036$	-0.3	+2.4	2, Hartkopf et al. (1996)
09036 + 4709	A 1585	44471	15.1825	$286.5 \pm 0.2$	$0.2830 \pm 0.0004$	+0.1	+0.3	2, Muterspaugh et al. (2010)
10083 + 3136	KUI 48	49658	15.1827	$169.8 \pm 0.2$	$0.2171 \pm 0.0009$	+0.5	-3.1	2, Hartkopf et al. (1996)
12060 + 6842	STF 3123	59017	15.1857	$197.1 \pm 3.7$	$0.2991 \pm 0.0072$	-0.8	-10.9	2, Hartkopf et al. (1996)
12417 - 0127	STF 1670AB	61941	15.1829	$5.6 \pm 0.6$	$2.2955 \pm 0.0055$	-0.1	-23.8	2, Scardia et al. (2007)
12417 - 0127	STF 1670AB	61941	16.0720	$3.7 \pm 0.5$	$2.4245 \pm 0.0058$	-0.3	-10.7	2, Scardia et al. (2007)
13198 + 4747	HU 644AB	65026	15.1828	$86.1 \pm 0.4$	$0.7996 \pm 0.0301$	+0.1	+36.5	2, Hartkopf & Mason (2015)
13203 + 1746	A 2166	65069	15.1829	$6.8 \pm 5.3$	$0.1313 \pm 0.0292$	-1.3	+4.5	2, Zasche & Uhlar (2010)



**Figure 3.** Observed minus ephemeris residuals obtained for measures of objects having Grade 1 or 2 orbits in the Sixth Orbit Catalog but not used in the scale determination. (a) Position angle residuals. The error bars shown are the uncertainties in the ephemeris positions as computed from the orbital elements, and the data points shown in red have uncertainties in the ephemeris position angle of less than  $1^\circ$ . (b) Residuals in the separations for the same set of observations as a function of separation. In this case, objects with uncertainties in the ephemeris separations of less than 4 mas are shown in red. In both cases, the shaded region marks the region below the diffraction limit of the telescope, and the dashed line shows the zero line to guide the eye. The curves drawn in panel (a) and the horizontal lines in panel (b) mark the level of internal precision described in the text.

$0^\circ.04 \pm 0^\circ.06$  with a standard deviation of  $0.82 \pm 0.04$ . In terms of the separation measures, a slight offset between the channels is noted at the  $2\sigma$  level; the average difference is  $0.4 \pm 0.2$  mas, and although small, this may indicate that a better system of scale calibration should be used in the future. The standard deviation of these differences is  $2.4 \pm 0.1$  mas. If only separations larger than 0.05 are included, the mean remains unchanged and the standard deviation is slightly lower,  $2.3 \pm 0.1$  mas.

The standard deviation numbers for both position angle and separation are very similar to the previous large group of measures from the LDT reported in Horch et al. (2015). As discussed there, because these are derived from the difference between two independent measures that presumably have similar random uncertainties, we may conclude that the  $1\sigma$  internal precision of the data set in Table 5 is given by these standard deviations divided by  $\sqrt{2}$ . Thus, subject to the caveat that the position angle uncertainty is a function of separation as discussed above, we may conclude that the internal precision of the measures in Table 5 is generally  $0^\circ.58 \pm 0^\circ.03$  in position angle and  $1.6 \pm 0.1$  mas in separation over the magnitude range represented by the sample.

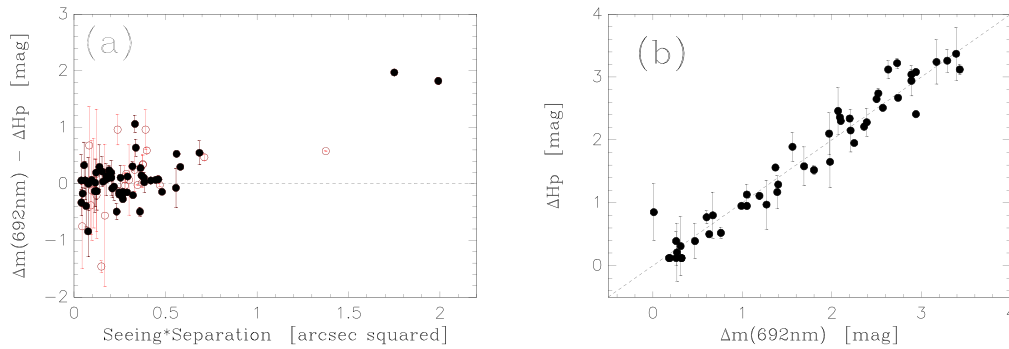
Because we have observed a number of well-known binary stars in the data set presented, we also have the opportunity to compare to the ephemeris positions of those stars with orbits in the literature (excluding, of course, those objects used in the determination of the scale and orientation for each run). A list of such objects with orbits of Grade 2 or better in the *Sixth Catalog of Orbits of Visual Binary Stars* (Hartkopf et al. 2001a;

hereafter Sixth Orbit Catalog<sup>16</sup>) is shown in Table 6. Also included there are the ephemeris position angles and separations, with uncertainties as calculated from the uncertainties in the orbital elements, and the observed minus ephemeris residuals when comparing to the observed values in Table 5. In Figure 3, we plot these results. To make the comparison, we have averaged the astrometric results in both channels of the instrument, whereupon the precision obtained should be that of a single measure divided by  $\sqrt{2}$ . As determined by the comparison between the channels given above, the precision of a single measure is 1.2 mas in separation and  $0^\circ.42$  in position angle. We show these values in Figure 3, using  $\tan(1.2/\rho)$  (where  $\rho$  is in mas) to convert the linear measurement precision into an angular one; for the mean separation of this group of objects, that results in a median angular precision of  $0^\circ.20$ . Together, the plots indicate that there are no obvious offsets in position angle or separation and that the accuracy of these measures relative to the orbital ephemerides is comparable to the internal precision.

As a further check, we also found that six of our systems with separations greater than  $1''$  had astrometry for both components in the Gaia DR2 (Gaia Collaboration 2018). In comparing our measures to the position angles and separations implied by Gaia, we find that the average position angle difference was  $0^\circ.44 \pm 0^\circ.52$  and the average separation difference was  $8.3 \pm 16.7$  mas. Although the sample is small and there may be some relative motion of the system in

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.astro.gsu.edu/wds/orb6>





**Figure 4.** (a) Differences in magnitude difference between the 692 nm measures here and those in the Hipparcos Catalogue as a function of seeing times separation. All systems for which the comparison can be made are shown as red open circles, and systems with  $0.0 < B - V < 0.6$  and the uncertainty in the Hipparcos  $\Delta m < 0.5$  mag are shown as black filled circles. The error bars are the Hipparcos uncertainties. (b) The  $\Delta H_p$  value appearing in the Hipparcos Catalogue vs. the 692 nm magnitude difference in Table 5, for the systems meeting the quality criteria discussed in the text.

between the mean Gaia epoch of observation and our measures, this nonetheless gives some further confidence that the astrometry has been properly calibrated.

#### 4.2. Relative Photometry

We turn next to the photometric precision and accuracy of the measures in Table 5. This is harder to judge than in the case of relative astrometry because the best space-based measures of magnitude differences for the objects in Table 5 in the literature are usually still those obtained by Hipparcos; the DR2 of Gaia does not contain much information for the objects we have observed owing to their mostly subarcsecond separations. The Hipparcos results are in the so-called  $H_p$  filter, which has a center wavelength of 511 nm and a width  $\Delta\lambda$  of 800 nm. This is not a particularly good match for the results in Table 5, which are considerably redder, and with narrower bandpasses.

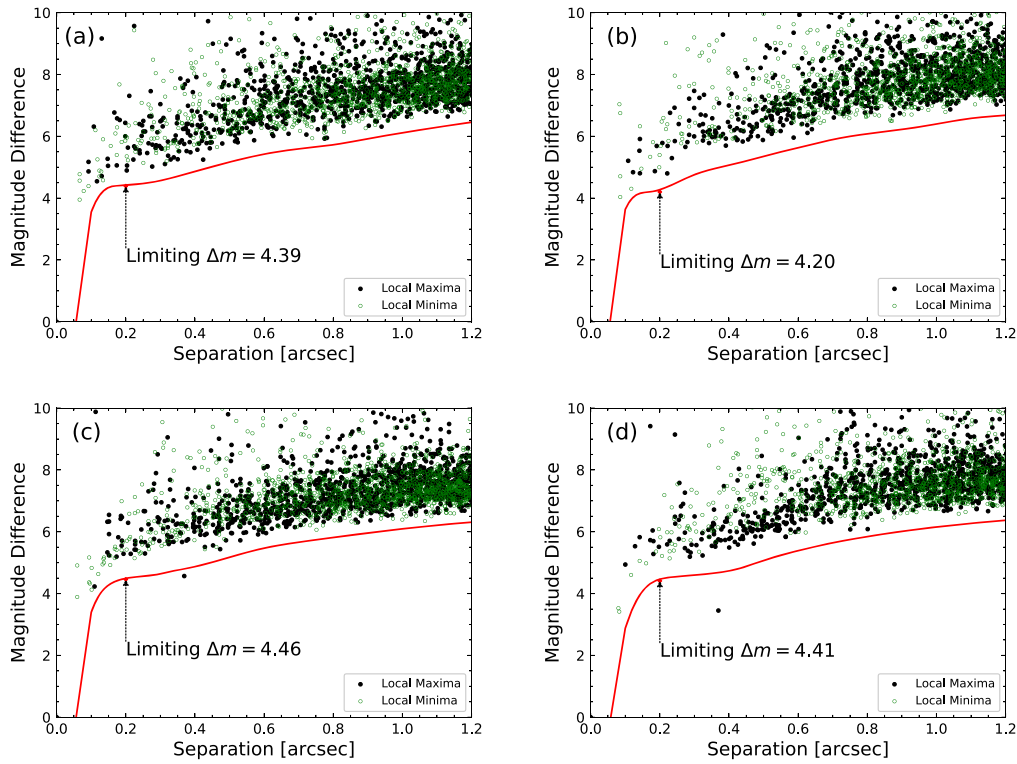
Despite this deficiency, we nonetheless show in Figure 4 a comparison between the  $\Delta H_p$  value appearing in the Hipparcos Catalogue and the magnitude differences appearing for each filter in Table 5. To make the comparison as valid as possible, we have limited the range of  $B - V$  color for the systems we have plotted to  $0.0 < B - V < 0.6$  and excluded systems that appear to be giants based on their placement in the color-magnitude diagram. The horizontal axis of Figure 4(a) is the seeing estimate for the observation multiplied by the separation of the components; in previous papers, we have argued that this combination is a measure of the “isoplanicity” of the observation. That is, it is related to the degree to which the primary star and secondary star will have similar speckle patterns. This is because the seeing is inversely proportional to the Fried parameter, while the size of the isoplanatic angle is linearly proportional to it. In dividing the separation by the size of the isoplanatic angle, one obtains a ratio  $q$ , with  $q < 1$  if the secondary falls inside the isoplanatic region of the primary and  $q > 1$  if it does not. By multiplying seeing times separation, a parameter  $q'$  carrying units of arcseconds squared is instead obtained, but the value is proportional to  $q$ . Therefore, one expects that there will be a particular value below which the observation is isoplanatic, whereas above it the magnitude difference obtained will be affected by the decreased correlation between primary and secondary speckle patterns.

Figure 4(a) shows a result similar to previous papers in this series; the difference between space-based relative photometry of the pairs and the speckle result clusters near zero if the seeing times separation is less than approximately  $0.6 \text{ arcsec}^2$ ,

but it trends upward for larger values of this parameter. This is understandable given that, as the value increases and therefore the speckle patterns of the primary and secondary are less and less identical, the derived magnitude difference from the speckle observation is larger and larger as the speckles fail to correlate at the same vector separation in the autocorrelation. Because of this, for observations shown in Table 5 with  $q' > 0.6 \text{ arcsec}^2$ , the magnitude difference is shown as less than the value obtained in the fit. In Figure 4(b), we show a plot of the  $\Delta H_p$  values as a function of the magnitude difference at 692 nm for observations with seeing times separation of less than  $0.6 \text{ arcsec}^2$ . Here the data are essentially linear, with standard deviation of  $0.21 \text{ mag}$  if we consider  $0.1 < \Delta H_p < 4$ ; some of this scatter is due to the uncertainty in the Hipparcos values themselves; if we subtract the average value of the stated uncertainty in  $\Delta H_p$  in quadrature, which is  $0.16 \text{ mag}$ , then the uncertainty left over and presumably due to the speckle measurement is  $0.13 \text{ mag}$ . This is slightly larger than in some previous papers in this series, particularly measures taken at the WIYN telescope, and if the program of speckle observations continues at the LDT, then this will have to be studied in more detail. Perhaps further data releases of the Gaia Collaboration could help resolve this issue.

#### 4.3. Nondetections

The Hipparcos suspected doubles and the Be stars observed in the data set presented here were not known to have companions. Likewise, for the double-lined spectroscopic binaries observed from the Geneva-Copenhagen Catalog, it was not known if the resolution limit would permit the detection of the secondary at the LDT. In general, we search for companions visually using reconstructed images made from the data. If none are clearly identified, then we use the following methodology to establish the detection limit as a function of separation from the primary star. We identify pixels in annuli centered on the primary star with center width in increments of  $0''.1$ . We find local maxima within each annulus and compute the average and standard deviation of the peak values of these features. The detection limit for that annulus is then the average peak value plus five times the standard deviation, converted to a magnitude difference. For the purpose of the robust discovery of new companions, we require conservatively that the detection limit at the diffraction limit corresponds to a zero magnitude difference. Once values of the detection limit are obtained for the entire set of annuli, a cubic spline routine is



**Figure 5.** Examples of detection limit curves. (a) V777 Cas = HIP 8980 at 692 nm. (b) V777 Cas at 880 nm. In this case no companion is detected. (c) HR 8217 = HIP 105966 at 692 nm. (d) HR 8217 at 880 nm. Here, a faint companion is seen at a separation of approximately  $0''.36$  from the primary star. This is the first detection of this component, which is listed as LSC 130 in Table 2. The limiting  $\Delta m$  at  $0''.2$  from the primary star is indicated.

**Table 7**  
 $5\sigma$  Detection Limits for High-quality Nondetections

$(\alpha, \delta$ J2000.0) (WDS Format)	Hipparcos Number	Date (Bess. Yr.)	$5\sigma$ Det. Lim., 692 nm		$5\sigma$ Det. Lim., 880 nm		List, Notes
			$0''.2$	$1''.0$	$0''.2$	$1''.0$	
00064 + 6412	531	15.8338	3.80	5.96	3.76	6.23	Be star (10 Cas)
00447 + 4817	3504	15.8338	3.77	5.59	3.83	6.01	Be star ( $\sigma$ Cas)
00567 + 6043	4427	15.8338	3.66	5.66	4.38	6.12	Be star ( $\gamma$ Cas)
01557 + 5916	8980	15.8340	4.39	6.14	4.20	6.38	Be star (V777 Cas)
03365 + 4812	16826	15.1846	4.23	6.34	4.27	5.99	Be star ( $\psi$ Per)
03365 + 4812	16826	15.8342	4.35	7.00	3.64	7.06	Be star ( $\psi$ Per)
03423 + 1942	17309	15.8342	4.79	7.21	4.38	7.49	Be star (13 Tau)
03449 + 2407	17499	15.8342	4.24	7.49	4.22	7.80	Be star (17 Tau)
03463 + 2357	17608	15.8343	4.33	7.22	4.12	7.65	Be star (23 Tau)
03475 + 2406	17702	15.8343	4.31	7.23	4.38	7.66	Be star ( $\eta$ Tau)

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used to interpolate between these values in order to obtain a continuous curve. Examples of curves obtained for both an unresolved star and a companion previously unknown but appearing in Table 5 are shown in Figure 5.

In all, 76 stars in the data set were observed in good conditions and were found to be unresolved, to the limit of detection of the DSSI camera at the LDT. These are listed in Table 7. We provide there an estimate of the magnitude difference that represents a  $5\sigma$  detection at both  $0''.2$  and  $1''.0$  from the primary, in both the 692 and 880 nm filters. The detection limit curve may be roughly reconstructed from these numbers, as it is usually fairly linear between  $0''.2$  and  $1''.0$ , and again roughly linear (though with different slope) between the diffraction limit and  $0''.2$ .

#### 4.4. Comments on the Newly Discovered Systems

We give some further information regarding the 15 new discoveries here; we take basic stellar data for each system from SIMBAD (Wenger et al. 2000).<sup>17</sup>

*LSC 116Aa, Ab = HIP 32887.* Our discovery of a small-separation component of this previously known binary MLR 688 reveals this system to be a hierarchical triple system. The composite spectral type is F8, and the system is at a distance of approximately 114 pc based on the Hipparcos parallax result. (No Gaia result is available at present.) If the new component detected here is indeed a physical member of the system, the current projected separation is 7 au. If this is comparable to the

<sup>17</sup> <http://simbad.u-strasbg.fr/simbad/>

semimajor axis, the period would likely be in the range of 10–15 yr.

*LSC 117 = HIP 35775.* The component of the F7V system measured here may well be the spectroscopic component listed in the Geneva–Copenhagen Catalog, given the small separation and the Gaia DR2 distance of 73 pc (Gaia Collaboration 2018). Those data suggest a projected physical separation of 1.8 au and a period on the order of 1 yr. The mass ratio is given in the Geneva–Copenhagen Catalog as  $0.800 \pm 0.05$ , and the iron abundance is near solar, which is consistent with the relative photometry we have determined here for a mid-F primary and later-F secondary star.

*LSC 118Aa,Ab = HIP 37657.* This star has a composite F5 spectrum according to information in SIMBAD and was also discovered to be binary by the Hipparcos satellite, where it is listed in the Hipparcos Catalogue as HDS 1092. We detect a small-separation companion to the primary star of that system. However, the Gaia DR2 parallax is only 2.65 mas, and the apparent *V* magnitude is 8.79; thus, the primary star would appear to be evolved, as this implies an absolute magnitude of +0.91, which is too bright for an F5 dwarf. This comports with the magnitude differences for both the close and wider companions of over 2 mag. Those stars may yet be on or near the main sequence.

*LSC 119 = HIP 43519.* The primary of this pair appears to be a K0 giant, given the distance (over 300 pc according to the DR2) and apparent *V* magnitude of 7.872. The component we detect is over 4 mag fainter and at a separation of  $0''.3$ , leading to a projected physical separation of about 100 au. Thus, it is almost certainly not the known companion OCC 382. This could be an optical double.

*LSC 120 = HIP 43810.* Suspected as a binary by Hipparcos, the primary here is again an early K giant, but this system lies much closer to the solar system at only 135 pc. The separation of the component we detect is large ( $0''.7$ ) and the magnitude difference is again over 4 mag, so again the physical association cannot be plausibly established at this point. The system was seen as unresolved by Mason et al. (1999), probably due to the large magnitude difference.

*LSC 121 = HIP 44908.* An F5 pair at a distance of 150 pc, this system has a small magnitude difference. If we assume two F5V stars with a semimajor axis of 15 au separation (which is the current projected physical separation given the angular separation of  $0''.1$ ), that would imply an orbital period of less than 40 yr, so follow-up observations of the system would be helpful in the coming years to confirm orbital motion.

*LSC 122Ba,Bb = HIP 47196.* The secondary of the known binary STF 1372 is revealed here to be a small-separation binary itself; this is the only example in our list of new discoveries of an A-BC architecture among the five triples. This small-separation component may be the spectroscopic one mentioned in the Geneva–Copenhagen Catalog. The mass ratio given there is 0.549, but without an uncertainty, and the [Fe/H] value is listed as  $-0.08$ . There is no DR2 parallax, but the revised Hipparcos value is  $6.80 \pm 0.71$  mas (van Leeuwen 2007), indicating a projected physical separation of 1.8 au, and if we use this as an estimate of the semimajor axis, the period would be on the order of 2 yr. However, the magnitude difference between the Ba and Bb components would be on the order of a magnitude given the data in Table 5, and that would most likely give a mass ratio for an early G and late G dwarf of closer to 0.8. An orbit due to Alzner (2005)

exists for the AB system; a reanalysis of earlier speckle observations that already appear in the Fourth Interferometric Catalog might yield more astrometry of this pair, and if so, a combined orbit for both the wide- and small-separation pairs could be within reach very soon.

*LSC 123 = HIP 48044.* This star, suspected of having a companion by Hipparcos, is at a distance of 200 pc, so that the current projected separation is then approximately 18 au. The spectral type is listed in SIMBAD as A5.

*LSC 124Aa,Ab = HIP 49495.* A subarcsecond component to this G5 system has been known for decades. We detect that companion, now at  $0''.35$  from the primary, but also find a very small separation component. The DR2 does not give a parallax, but the Hipparcos revised value is  $4.69 \pm 0.69$  mas; thus, the projected separation is about 5.5 au.

*LSC 125 = HIP 49677.* This F0 star was suspected double by the Hipparcos satellite. We find a component with magnitude difference of about 2.5 at a separation of  $0''.38$ . The Gaia DR2 parallax is  $5.4510 \pm 0.6343$  mas. The system was reported as unresolved by Mason et al. (1999).

*LSC 126 = HIP 52932.* This star is another Hipparcos suspected double that is resolved here for the first time, although the separation is over  $1''$ . The magnitude difference is large, and this is the reason the system was not discovered and measured by the satellite. The distance is approximately 112 pc.

*LSC 127Aa,Ab = HIP 53709.* This star is listed as a double-lined spectroscopic binary star in the Geneva–Copenhagen Catalog; the mass ratio there is listed as 0.982 (without an uncertainty). A  $3''$  companion was already known and was outside our field of view. However, it is unlikely to be the spectroscopic component, given the distance of 68 pc; this translates into a projected separation for that component of 200 au. In contrast, the small-separation component we find has projected separation of approximately 1.7 au. Given the primary spectral type of F8V and a magnitude difference of about 1.5, the secondary, if bound, is likely to be in the late G range.

*LSC 128 = HIP 53969.* We confirm a faint component at a separation of  $0''.33$  to this Hipparcos suspected double star. The distance is approximately 130 pc; if bound to the primary, the projected separation is 43 au.

*LSC 129 = HIP 94068.* This is the first of two serendipitous discoveries where we observed the star as a bright unresolved calibration star, in this case, HR 7266. The companion has a modest magnitude difference and is at a separation of  $0''.07$ . Given the relatively small distance to the system of 43.5 pc, this should be an interesting pair to follow up on in the coming years. Data in SIMBAD suggest that the primary star is an evolved star of spectral type F0.

*LSC 130 = HIP 105966.* This is another serendipitous discovery, but in this case the companion found is faint and at a separation of  $0''.36$ . The primary star has spectral type A1V, and the secondary would appear to be much fainter and redder; the photometry in Table 5 would suggest perhaps something in the late G or early K range. Two previous speckle observations, by McAlister et al. (1987) and DeRosa et al. (2011), did not detect the secondary.

## 5. New Orbital Elements

The astrometry in Table 5, together with the radial velocities reported in Section 3 and previous measures in the literature,

**Table 8**  
Visual Orbital Elements for Six Systems

Name	HIP	$P$ (yr)	$a$ (arcsec)	$i$ (deg)	$\Omega$ (deg)	$T_0$ (BY)	$e$	$\omega$ (deg)
BU 314AB	23166	59.78 $\pm 0.64$	0.4640 $\pm 0.0048$	112.5 $\pm 1.9$	140.34 $\pm 0.82$	2037.95 $\pm 0.61$	0.845 $\pm 0.018$	357.0 $\pm 2.3$
HDS 1199	41322	133.1 $\pm 6.7$	0.940 $\pm 0.027$	134.2 $\pm 2.5$	272 $\pm 11$	2007 $\pm 34$	0.110 $\pm 0.074$	71 $\pm 29$
COU 1258	48572	96 $\pm 13$	0.198 $\pm 0.017$	85.29 $\pm 0.87$	232 $\pm 26$	2096 $\pm 39$	0.237 $\pm 0.092$	259 $\pm 44$
HDS 1542AB	52774	121.7 $\pm 8.2$	0.518 $\pm 0.031$	60.5 $\pm 2.7$	235.0 $\pm 3.4$	2100.6 $\pm 8.2$	0.412 $\pm 0.069$	250.4 $\pm 6.8$
YSC 156	82642	53 $\pm 11$	0.156 $\pm 0.018$	52 $\pm 14$	0 $\pm 27$	2038.1 $\pm 3.7$	0.16 $\pm 0.14$	175 $\pm 33$
WSI 65	88149	63.9 $\pm 5.0$	0.175 $\pm 0.017$	75.0 $\pm 1.0$	338.9 $\pm 7.4$	2067 $\pm 12$	0.37 $\pm 0.16$	117 $\pm 51$

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gives us the opportunity to compute or revise orbital elements for several binaries. These orbits fall into two categories, with the larger group being standard visual orbits. Two objects have also been studied by three of us (D.W., F.F., and M.M.) in spectroscopic observations over the past several years. In those cases, we are able to present visual+spectroscopic orbital elements, including individual masses and independent distances.

### 5.1. Visual Orbits

Objects for which we calculate classical visual orbits are shown in Table 8. The method used is that of MacKnight & Horch (2004), which is a two-step process to deriving final orbital elements. After obtaining the previously available astrometry of the system from the Fourth Interferometric Catalog, a grid search is performed to identify the orbital elements that minimize the reduced  $\chi^2$  when comparing ephemeris position to the actual measures. The second step is to use a downhill simplex algorithm to refine those orbital elements to the absolute minimum reduced  $\chi^2$ . Uncertainties in the orbital elements are estimated by adding random deviates in  $\rho$  and  $\theta$  of a typical value for large-telescope speckle observations (2.5 mas) and recomputing the orbit. This is done many times and gives a distribution for each orbital element. The uncertainties of each are estimated to be the standard deviation of its distribution. The orbits are shown in Figure 6, and comments on each system follow. Further information regarding the calculation of visual orbits is given in Horch (2013) and references therein.

*BU 314AB.* This mid-F star sits at a distance of 40 pc and had a previous Grade 3 orbit in the Sixth Orbit Catalog due to Söderhjelm (1999). However, since the calculation of that orbit, there has been a sequence of very good quality speckle observations leading up to the present that permitted a redetermination of the orbital elements. This was needed here, because the system was pressed into service as a scale calibration object for the 2016 February run owing to the lack of other suitable observations. In combination with the Hipparcos revised parallax (no Gaia result is available), our orbit gives a total mass of  $1.85 \pm 0.14 M_{\odot}$ .

*HDS 1199.* The spectral type for this system is listed in SIMBAD as K7V+M0/2V, and the Gaia DR2 parallax is  $26.4436 \pm 0.5831$  mas. No previous orbit exists in the Sixth

Orbit Catalog. Using the observations presented in Table 5, together with those in the literature, the data so far span approximately 25 yr of the 133 yr period and trace out approximately one-quarter of the orbit in terms of the position angle coverage, but nonetheless we determine a semimajor axis with only 3% uncertainty. This, together with the parallax and period, yields a mass sum of  $2.53 \pm 0.38 M_{\odot}$ , much higher than expected for two late-type dwarfs. However, Parihar et al. (2009) find that the star is probably an eclipsing binary, and as our orbit does not eclipse, a third star must be present in the system. Parihar et al. (2009) also find that the spectrum of the system exhibits H $\alpha$  emission. We also note that the magnitude differences for the pair measured so far are in the range of about 2.5, again much larger than expected for a late K plus early M star.

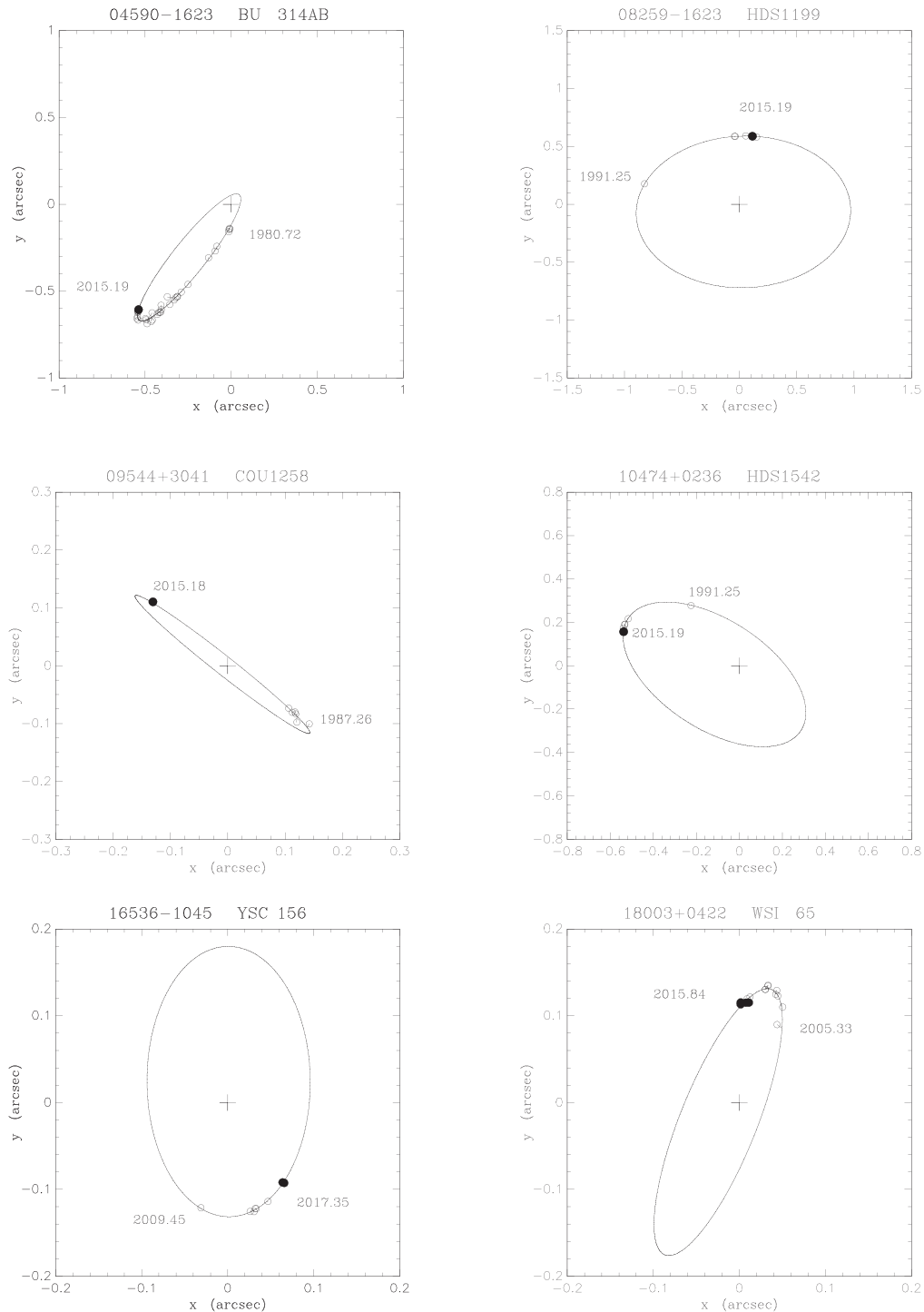
*COU 1258.* Ours is the first attempt to calculate the orbit of this system, which is of mid-F spectral type and at a distance of approximately 150 pc. The mass sum we derive at this stage is  $2.67 \pm 1.51 M_{\odot}$ , which is very uncertain but nonetheless consistent with this spectral type and the small magnitude difference that we have measured. The system was reported as unresolved in a 2008 observation by Gili & Prieur (2012); our orbit predicts a separation of 94 mas at the time of their observation. That observation was done with a 0.7 m telescope using a 570 nm filter, so the system would have been below the diffraction limit of  $0''.21$ .

*HDS 1542AB.* SIMBAD lists the spectral type of this system as M1V, and we measure a modest magnitude difference. The distance is about 40 pc; thus, we derive a mass of  $\sim 0.7 M_{\odot}$  with large uncertainty, consistent at this early stage with the spectral information. If, on the other hand, one uses the Gaia DR2 parallax for the primary (no value exists in the data release for the secondary), then the distance is 31 pc, and the mass obtained is  $0.27 \pm 0.07 M_{\odot}$ , which is much lower than one would expect for an M1V pair.

*YSC 156.* An F3V star with small magnitude difference, the expected mass for this system would be about  $3 M_{\odot}$ . We derive  $6.8 \pm 4.2 M_{\odot}$ , so the orbit we present is not particularly useful in terms of stellar astrophysics, but nonetheless it should provide reasonable ephemerides for the coming few years.

*WSI 65 = 66 Oph.* This is a well-known Be star, and it is interesting to note that the orbit appears to be somewhat eccentric. We obtain a total mass of  $10.4 \pm 3.8 M_{\odot}$ . Given the spectral type of B2Ve and a  $\Delta m$  of  $\sim 3$ , we would expect that





**Figure 6.** Relative visual orbits for the objects listed in Table 8. The plus sign marks the position of the primary star, and the relative motion of the secondary is shown with the elliptical curve. Data points appearing in the Fourth Interferometric Catalog are shown as open circles, and measures from the work presented here are shown as filled circles. A line segment joins each observation to its ephemeris position on the orbits, although many of these are quite small. In all cases, north is down and east is to the right.

the secondary is an early A star; this combination would have a mass of  $\sim 14 M_{\odot}$ , consistent with what we derive from the astrometry. The Hipparcos revised parallax is  $5.01 \pm 0.26$  mas, so that the semimajor axis is  $34.9 \pm 3.8$  au. We note that Draper et al. (2014) show that this star’s V-band polarization has been declining over the past 30 years; the last time of periastron passage was in 2003.1 according to our orbital elements, so this has been occurring when the secondary is

closest to the primary, suggestive of an effect by the secondary on the disk thought to surround the primary.

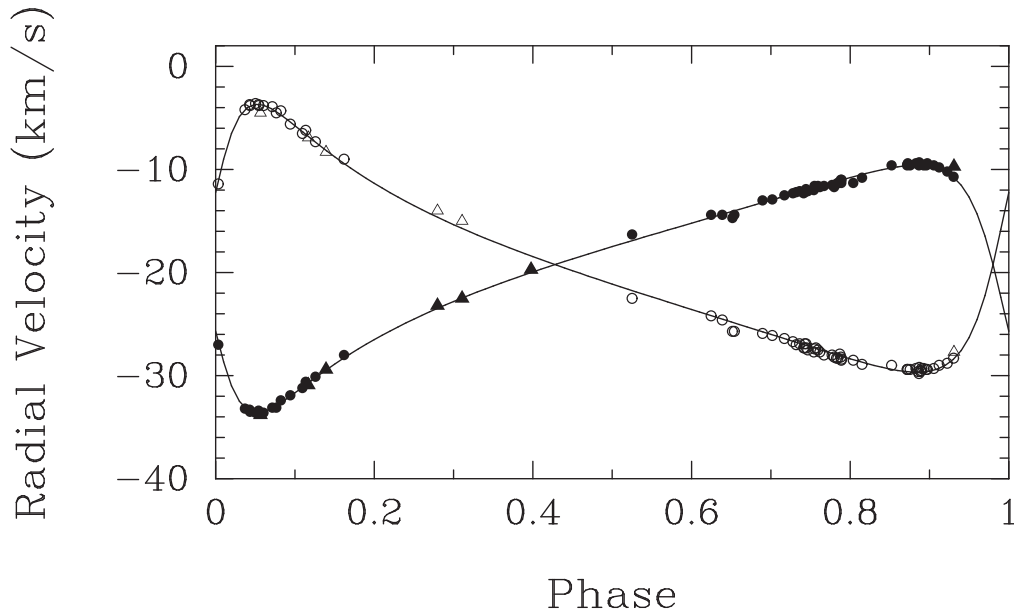
### 5.2. Spectroscopic–Visual Orbits

The number of velocities from our spectroscopic observations of HD 22451 = YSC 127 and HD 185501 = YSC 135 and their orbital phase coverage are sufficient to obtain spectroscopic orbital elements. We first determined preliminary



**Table 9**  
Orbital Elements of HD 22451 = YSC 127 and HD 185501 = YSC 135

Parameter	HD 22451 SB2	HD 22451 Joint VB+SB2 Fit	HD 185501 SB2	HD 185501 Joint VB+SB2 Fit
$P$ (days)	$2347.7 \pm 6.3$	$2401.1 \pm 3.2$	$434.57 \pm 0.16$	$433.94 \pm 0.15$
$T$ (HJD)	$2458283.0 \pm 1.6$	$2458281.9 \pm 1.5$	$2457132.14 \pm 0.78$	$2457134.26 \pm 0.62$
$e$	$0.5753 \pm 0.0029$	$0.5804 \pm 0.0030$	$0.2127 \pm 0.0020$	$0.2155 \pm 0.0023$
$a$ (mas)	...	$42.0 \pm 2.2$	...	$41.04 \pm 0.88$
$i$ (deg)	...	$111.29 \pm 0.93$	...	$116.40 \pm 0.93$
$\Omega$ (deg)	...	$3.20 \pm 0.82$	...	$337.59 \pm 0.47$
$\omega_A$ (deg)	$110.00 \pm 0.33$	$109.51 \pm 0.33$	$81.10 \pm 0.69$	$82.92 \pm 0.56$
$K_A$ ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ )	$12.001 \pm 0.047$	...	$15.422 \pm 0.044$	...
$K_B$ ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ )	$13.003 \pm 0.053$	...	$15.801 \pm 0.044$	...
$\gamma$ ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ )	$-19.225 \pm 0.027$	...	$-31.948 \pm 0.025$	...
$M_{\text{tot}}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	...	$2.579 \pm 0.054$	...	$1.775 \pm 0.023$
$M_A$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	...	$1.342 \pm 0.029$	...	$0.898 \pm 0.012$
$M_B$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	...	$1.236 \pm 0.026$	...	$0.876 \pm 0.012$
Distance (pc)	...	$114.6 \pm 6.3$	...	$33.09 \pm 0.74$

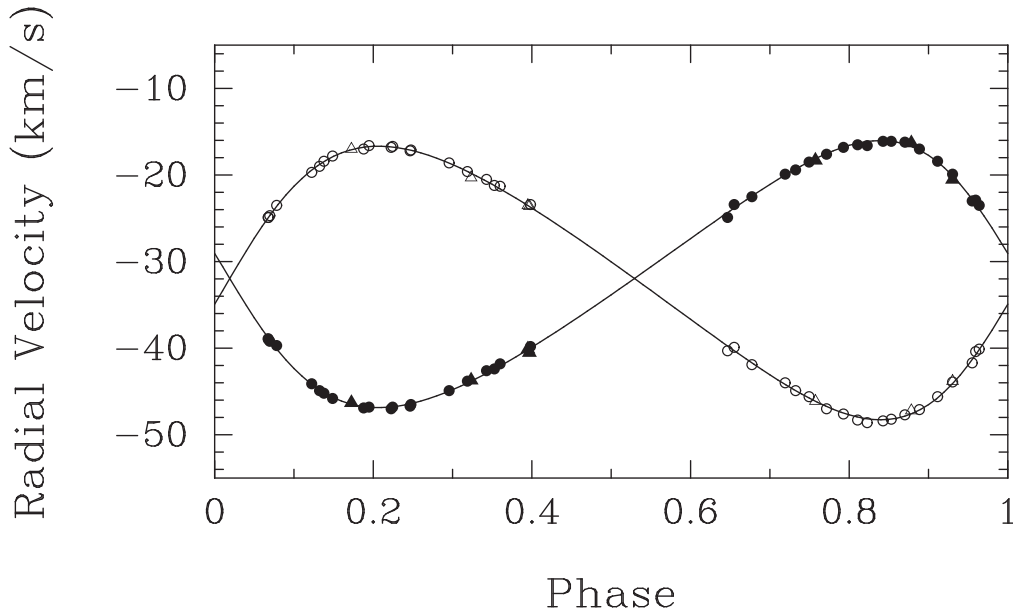


**Figure 7.** Radial velocities of HD 22451 = YSC 127 compared with the computed velocity curves. Filled and open symbols represent the primary and secondary, respectively. Circles = Fairborn Observatory; triangles = KPNO. Zero phase is a time of periastron passage.

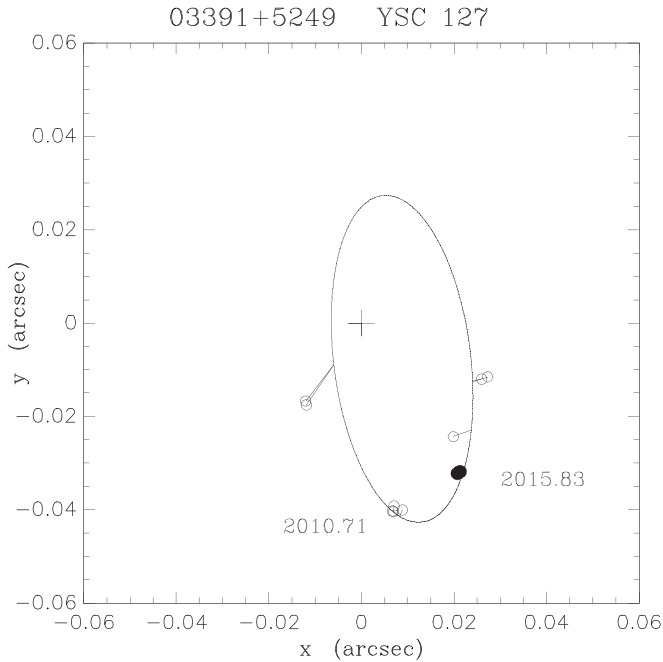
elements of the components of the two systems with the program BISP (Wolfe et al. 1967), which uses the Wilsing–Russell Fourier analysis method (Wilsing 1893; Russell 1902). We refined those elements with the differential corrections program SB1 (Barker et al. 1967). We compared the variances of the solutions for the primary and secondary of YSC 127. The solution for the primary velocities has the smallest variance, so we assigned unit weights to those velocities. We then set the weights of the secondary velocities to be the inverse of the ratio of the variances from the primary and secondary solutions. Thus, for YSC 127 we assigned weights of 1.0 to the primary velocities and 0.6 to those of the secondary except for the KPNO observation of JD 2456868, which had very blended components measured as a single velocity and so was given a weight of zero. The two components of YSC 135 have lines of very similar width and depth, resulting in nearly identical variances for their solutions, and so all velocities for that system were given unit weights. To obtain a simultaneous solution of the components of the two

systems, we adopted the above weights and used the program SB2, which is a slightly modified version of SB1. The spectroscopic orbital elements for both systems are listed in Table 9. The resulting spectroscopic orbit for YSC 127 is shown in Figure 7, and that for YSC 135 is displayed in Figure 8.

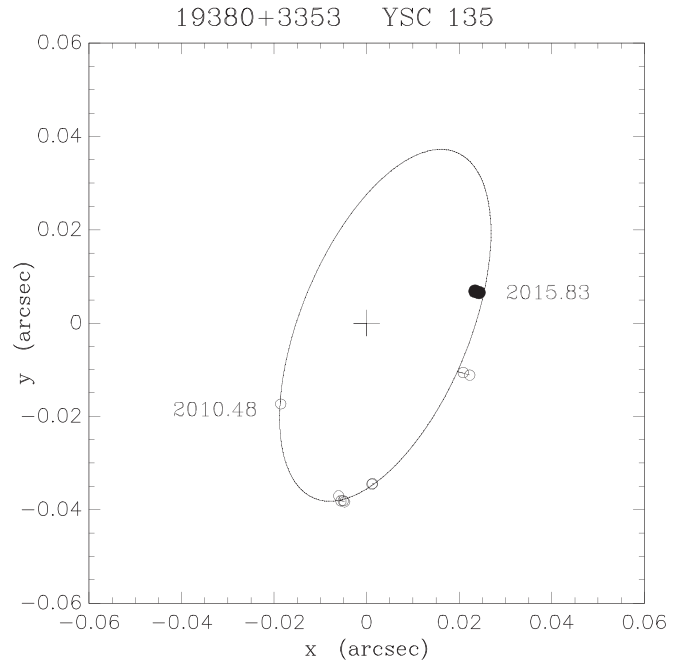
We next used our spectroscopic orbital elements as the starting point for combined spectroscopic–visual orbits of the two systems, where the relative astrometry is entirely from our own speckle program at WIYN, Gemini, and the LDT. In this case the same method as in Muterspaugh et al. (2010) was used to do the simultaneous fitting. Results of these calculations are also shown in Table 9, including the individual masses of the stars and the independently determined distance to the system, which can be obtained when both astrometric and double-lined spectroscopic data exist. Figures 9 and 10 show the visual orbits for YSC 127 and YSC 135, which have periods of 2401 and 433.9 days, respectively. The combined fit shows that for YSC 135, the standard deviation of separation residuals is



**Figure 8.** Radial velocities of HD 185501 = YSC 135 compared with the computed velocity curves. Filled and open symbols represent the primary and secondary, respectively. Circles = Fairborn Observatory; triangles = KPNO. Zero phase is a time of periastron passage.



**Figure 9.** Visual orbit of HD 22451 = YSC 127 using the joint VB+SB2 orbital elements from Table 9. Data points from Table 5 are shown as filled circles, while other data points from the Fourth Interferometric Catalog are shown as open circles. The plus sign marks the location of the primary star, and line segments are drawn from the ephemeris position to the observed location. North is down, and east is to the right. The quadrants have been flipped for data points in Table 5 to be consistent with the orbit shown.



**Figure 10.** Visual orbit of HD 185501 = YSC 135 using the joint VB+SB2 orbital elements from Table 9. Data points from Table 5 are shown as filled circles, while other data points from the Fourth Interferometric Catalog are shown as open circles. The plus sign marks the location of the primary star, and line segments are drawn from the ephemeris position to the observed location. North is down, and east is to the right.

1.9 mas, comparable to the value estimated for the speckle observations in Section 4.1. However, in the case of YSC 127, the standard deviation in  $\rho$  is much higher, 5.4 mas. This would appear to be due primarily to the point included at a position angle of  $325^\circ$  in 2011; these were extremely challenging measurements made with the WIYN telescope at a separation of approximately one-quarter of the diffraction limit and show that the separation was probably overestimated in this case.

Otherwise, the residuals for this system appear to be on the same level as for YSC 135.

The distance obtained from the orbit calculation for YSC 127 is  $114.6 \pm 6.3$  pc, whereas the value implied by the Gaia DR2 parallax is  $126.2 \pm 0.7$  pc. Thus, the  $1\sigma$  error bars of the two measurements do not overlap at this stage. We attempted to compute an orbit without the 2011 data points, and this resulted in a semimajor axis that was lower than the value shown in Table 9 by 6%. This translates into a distance that is 6% larger than our calculated value, or 121.9 pc. This would reconcile the

distances given our level of uncertainty, but it will nonetheless be important to see whether the Gaia value is revised downward at all in future data releases, or, if further astrometric data can be obtained in the coming years, whether a subsequent orbit calculation might confirm an increased distance from what we have obtained. In any case, the masses of 1.34 and 1.24  $M_{\odot}$  implied by our orbit agree well with those expected for an F6V+F7V pair, as do the magnitude difference and absolute system magnitude. According to the Geneva–Copenhagen Catalog (Nordström et al. 2004), the system has near-solar metallicity.

For YSC 135, a G5 pair with  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.28$ , the distances agree well between the calculation here and DR2; the former is  $33.09 \pm 0.74$  pc, while the latter is  $32.58 \pm 0.03$  pc. The individual masses are 0.90 and 0.88  $M_{\odot}$  and are certainly roughly in line with stars of this spectral type, if slightly low. This may be due to a combination of two factors. As shown in Horch et al. (2019), one would expect the value to be low compared to an equivalent binary of solar metallicity by 5%–10% at  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.3$ . On the other hand, the  $B - V$  color of the pair is shown to be 0.77 in SIMBAD, which is redder than expected for a G5 pair.

Torres et al. (2010) compiled a list of eclipsing binary systems with masses and radii known to 3% or better. They also included 23 systems with accurate interferometric and spectroscopic orbits that resulted in component masses determined to 3% or better. Our results for YSC 127 and YSC 135 indicate that the stars of these two systems can now be added to the latter list.

## 6. Conclusions

We have presented 370 measures of binary star systems and results on 76 further systems that show no evidence of a companion using speckle imaging at Lowell Observatory’s Discovery Channel Telescope. Individual measures have relative astrometry that is precise to a level below 2 mas in separation and 0.6° in position angle. Magnitude differences of this data set appear to be precise to approximately 0.15 mag. There appear to be no measurable offsets in our measures when comparing to other well-calibrated data sets.

While our survey of Be stars did not yield any previously unknown companions, we were able to calculate a first visual orbit for a Be star in one case, namely, WSI 65 = 66 Oph. The data presented here also include 15 previously unknown components from our observations of Hipparcos suspected binaries and other stars, five of which were found in systems already known to be binary; hence, they are now revealed to be trinary systems. Of the remaining 10 systems, judging from magnitude differences and separations, it would appear likely that the majority are companions that are gravitationally bound to the primary star. Combining the data here with previous data in the literature, we calculate six visual orbits and two visual +spectroscopic orbits. In the latter case, individual masses are obtained to the 2% level, and the distance derived is consistent with DR2 in one case (YSC 135) but discrepant at the  $2\sigma$  level in the other (YSC 127), though this may be due to an overestimate of the separation in the case of two observations taken at extremely small separation in 2011.

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