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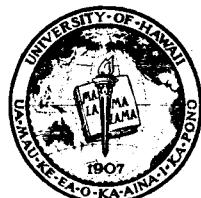
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Introductory Remarks

A special session of Commission 21 (luminescence du ciel) of the International Astronomical Union will be convened at the XIIth General Assembly (August 1964; Hamburg) to consider the current status of research on the zodiacal light. This summary report was prepared to facilitate a critical review of the zodiacal light problem (with particular emphasis on results during the triennium 1961-1964) by participants in this special session.

Accurate measurement of the Stokes parameters of the night-sky radiation at high ecliptic latitudes is now possible, and careful calibration combined with new techniques for separating the zodiacal light from the airglow and starlight in these regions will contribute greatly to our understanding of the physics of the night-sky radiation in general and the zodiacal light in particular. In view of the considerable disagreement in observational results in the oft-observed bright portions of the zodiacal light and the ensuing difficulty in specifying the nature of the interplanetary matter, we have restricted ourselves to a detailed survey (numerical results, rather than a critique) of those results in the plane of the ecliptic that were available to the author.

This survey is presented in the form of tables and graphs of the surface brightness (radiance) and degree of polarization of the zodiacal light as a function of elongation, ϵ , in the plane of the ecliptic. No distinction is made between morning and evening observations, and, whenever possible, the spectral region or effective wavelength is specified.

Surface brightness
plane of the ecliptic

Notes (see p. 5)				i.	ii.	iii.	
Color	UV	4060Å	4140	4355	4470	4500	4500
€	B 1955	D-K 1963	D-A 1960	P 1961a	BL-I 1961b	LVR 1937	REG 1955
5°							
10							
15							
20							
25				3150	3080		
30				1660	1641	2335	
35			900	1230	1100	2295	1690
40	750*	1140	690	926	785	1691	1270
45	498	690	530		616	1323	
50	400*	535	410	697	491	1063	820
55					407	864	
60	295*	350	300	380	343	719	542
65						622	
70	255*	220	220	292		538	
75						468	
80		150	160	246		414	
85	287					371	
90				110	223	329	
95	186					297	
100				77	191	270	
105							
110	160					255	
115							
120							
125							
130	177						
135							
140							
145	169						
150							
155	127						
160							
165	144					255	
170						305	
175	93					335	
180							

* interpolated value

Table 1a.

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f the zodiacal light in the
in $S_{10}(\text{vis})$ units (see p. 5).

iv.		iv.		v.	
4630	blue	blue	5220	5280	5300
R0	B	E-S	D-A	R0	R-RE
1962	1955	1957	1960	1962	1956
					W
					1963b
1938	1817			2331	2200
1176	1155*		700	1594	1525
860	896		500	1275	1130
658	700*		390	938	900
553				759	730
488	425*		250	637	615
446				567	520
412	335*		170	506	445
				455	385
377			120	379	335
	203			297	300
			91	271	270
	177			247	250
			59	229	230
				211	215
			20		205
	93				195
					190
					185
	110				185
					190
					195
	127				200
					205
	118				215
182		95			220
	144	96			230
206		102			240
	118	110			245
265		117			260

Tab

Surface brightness of the of the ecliptic in S₁₀(vis)

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Bodiacal light in the plane
units, cont'd. (see p. 5).

		ix.				iv.		x.	
sual	visual	visual	visual	visual	yellow	6165	6200	6300	6380
H, ,1932	E 1958	KA 1961	DUM 1962,1963a	F 1964b	E-S 1957	RO 1962	BL-I 1961b	BL 1956	P 1961a
122	1230			2700			5170		
180	630	350-450		1330		1945	3036	1206	2020
52	420	220	($\epsilon=43^\circ$) 770	605		1320	1340	856	1290
64	270		($\epsilon=57^\circ$) 462	355		996	972	638	1010
44	180			226		786	730	499	
40	130		($\epsilon=72^\circ$) 327 334	170		650	568	400	645
162	110					449			
196						545	365		432
130						476	476	301	
88						434	434	253	
54						356			327
76									278
120			166						237
164					170				
196			166		175				
218					177				
					192				
			200		207		273		

Degree of polarization
the plane

Notes (see p.6)	xii.		xiii.		xiv.	xv.
Color	?	blue	5220Å	5300	5410	5410
€	DU 1925	P 1961a	D-A 1960	W 1963b	D-A 1960	D-A 1960
5°						
10						
15						
20						
25						
30	.125			.148	.15	
35				.159	.16	
40	.125		.16	.171	.17	
45			.19	.183	.18	.17
50	.130		.21	.197	.19	.21
55			.21	.208	.20	.25
60	.150	.22	.22	.218	.19	.26
65			.22	.225	.18	.26
70	.130		.22	.229	.16	.26
75	.10	.17	.22	.226	.15	.25
80	.06			.217	.13	.23
85	.04			.204	.11	.22
90	.025	.15		.186		
95				.168		
100				.151		
105			.13		.135	
110					.120	
115					.107	
120			.12		.095	
125					.085	
130					.077	
135			.12		.069	
140					.058	
145					.042	
150					.027	
155					.016	
160					.006	
165						
170						
175						
180				.00		

Table 2.

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ion of the zodiacal light in
e of the ecliptic.

xvi.		xvii.	xviii.		xix.
5430	visual	visual	visual	?	green
D-A 1960	BE-S 1953	E 1958	RO 1962	HU 1951	T Y, 1939
					6200

.15		.20			.100
.16	.23 ⁴		.10		.152
.17	.230	.29	.13	.15	.217
.18	.220		.14		.268
.20	.223	.31	.16	.20	.292
.22	.207				.306
.22	.190	.33	.19	.15	.314
.22	.172		.21		.320
.21	.145	.36	.22	.19	.32
.20	.131				.32
.18	.122	.35			
.16	.116		.17		
	.108	.36			
			.12		.20

.165

.16

.15

Notes

Table 1a:

- i. These results were taken from a logarithmic plot and were converted from brightnesses in units of the integrated solar disk to $S_{10}(\text{vis})$ units using the solar spectral irradiance data of Johnson (1954).
- ii. The original paper does not include average results-only 4 sets of isophotes which differ with season. The results given here for $35^\circ \leq \epsilon \leq 100^\circ$ are an average of those isophotes as given by Roach, et al. (1954). The results for $\epsilon > 100^\circ$ were taken from Roach and Rees (1956).
- iii. As given by Peterson (1961). 4500\AA is the effective wavelength for this set of white-light observations.
- iv. To maintain internal consistency in Robley's work, we have used his conversion factors to express his results in $S_{10}(\text{vis})$ units.
- v. Roach, et al.'s (1954) Approximation III.

Table 1b:

- vi. As given by Karyagina (1961).
- vii. Distribution relative to the value at 40° elongation; as given by Divari (1952).
- viii. The spectral region was not given, nor was it stated whether the results are in photographic or visual units.
- ix. In the spectral region $4900-5500\text{\AA}$.
- x. "One morning observation only".

Notes (Continued)

Table 2:

- xii. This first quantitative determination of the polarization of zodiacal light was based on a photographic study of the night-sky radiation.
- xiii. One night's observation (26 October 1957).
- xiv. One night's observation (27 October 1957).
- xv. One night's observation (28 October 1957).
- xvi. Average of 3 nights and 2 colors.
- xvii. Average of results in blue and in green.
- xviii. Mean values from morning and evening results in 1945, 1948, and 1949. These results were obtained with 2 broad-band photoelectric units having maximum sensitivities in the visible (4500\AA) and near infrared (7200\AA).
- xix. Unsmoothed results of polarization measurements at 4470\AA were also given (but are not shown here), and they appear to be slightly higher than the results at 6200\AA .

Figure 1:

In Figure 1 we have plotted representative post-1950 results for the surface brightness of the zodiacal light as a function of elongation, ϵ , in the plane of the ecliptic. To more clearly indicate the disagreement in zodiacal light photometry, we have plotted results only in the visible spectral region ($\sim 5200\text{-}5600\text{\AA}$). The unit of brightness is 10th magnitude (visual) G0 stars per square degree ($S_{10}(\text{vis})$ units).

Figure 2:

In Figure 2 we have plotted the distributions of polarization which are listed in Table 2. Polarization measurements in the region $160^\circ < \epsilon < 180^\circ$ are still being analyzed, but the author was unable to detect any polarization at the anti-solar point (Weinberg, 1964a).

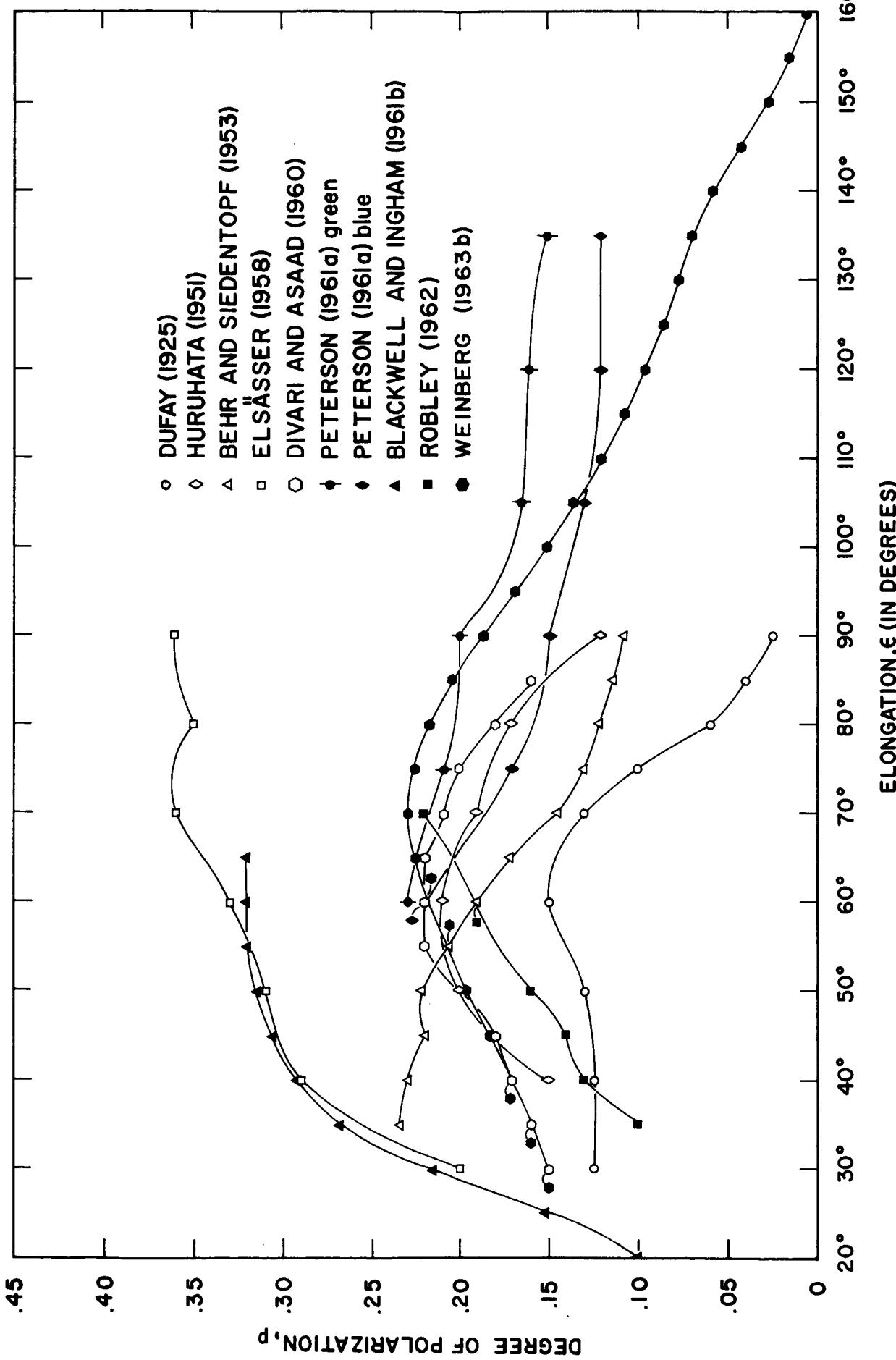


FIGURE 1. Representative post-1950 results for the surface brightness of the zodiacal light in the plane of the ecliptic (see p. 6).

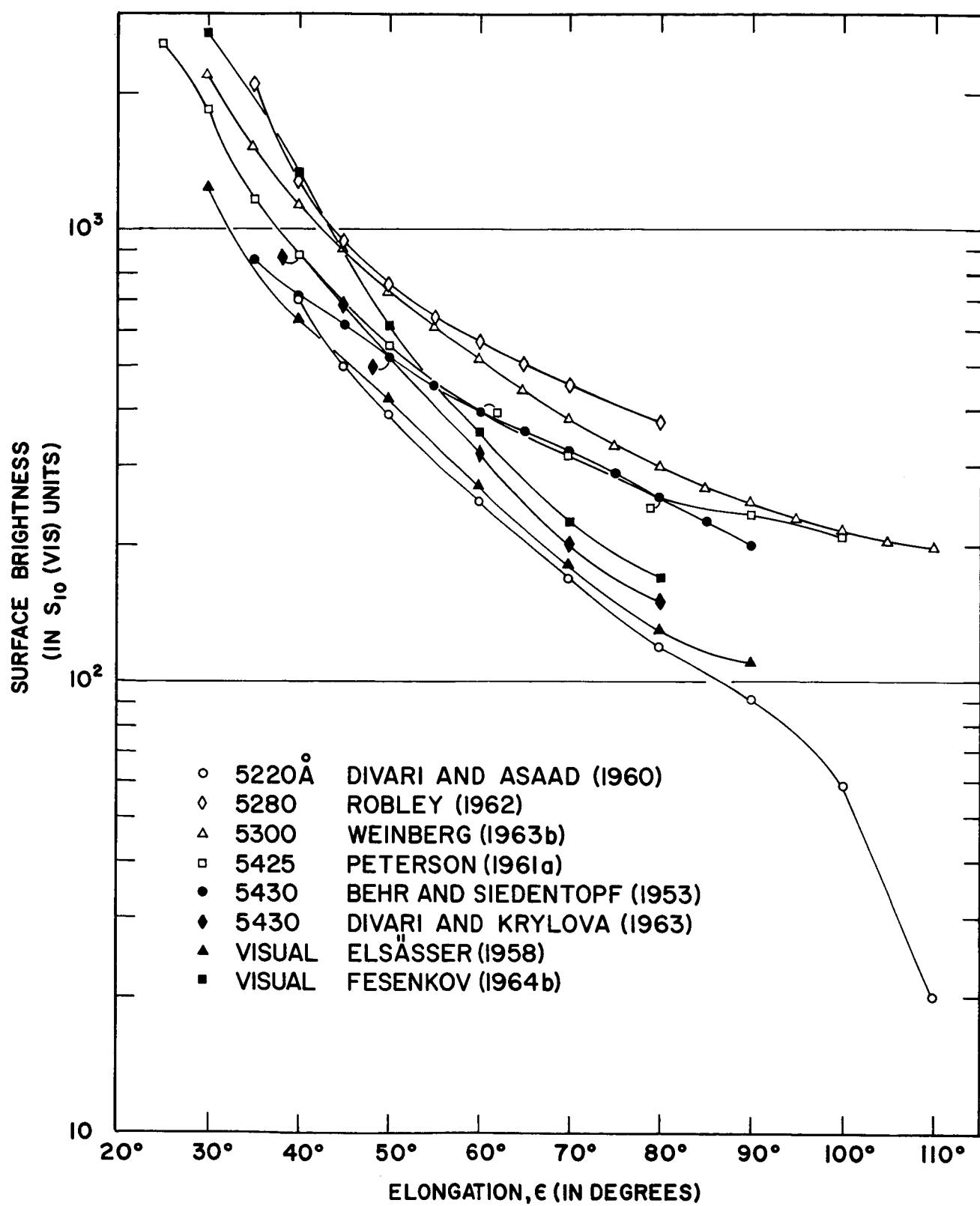


FIGURE 2. The degree of polarization of the zodiacal light in the plane of the ecliptic (see p. 6)

Author Legend

B	1955	Barbier
BE-S	1953	Behr and Siedentopf
BL	1956	Blackwell
BL-I	1961b	Blackwell and Ingham
D	1952	Divari
D-A	1960	Divari and Asaad
D-K	1963	Divari and Krylova
DU	1925	Dufay
DUM	1962, 1963a	Dumont
E	1958	Elsässer
E-S	1957	Elsässer and Siedentopf
F	1947, 1964b	Fesenkov
H	1930, 1932	Hoffmeister
HU	1951	Huruhata
KA	1961	Karyagina
LVR	1937	Elvey and Roach
P	1961	Peterson
REG	1955	Regener
RO	1962	Robley
RPTD	1954	Roach, Pettit, Tandberg-Hanssen, and Davis
R-RE	1956	Roach and Rees
T		Takeuchi
W	1963b	Weinberg
Y	1939	Yamamoto

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