Images and Models of the Epsilon Aurigae System

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Outline

- Introduction to eps Aur
- Images
 - Artifact Discussion
 - All 9 in-eclipse epochs
- Model Fitting
- Future Work















Pre-Eclipse Understanding



- Discovered in 1821
- 27.1 Year Period Confirmed 1903

Explaining The Eclipses

- Hyperionized IR Star
- Black Hole

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Pre-Eclipse Understanding







Ferluga (1990)

1965: Block of Opaque Material 1986: Block is tilted 1990: Disk consists of rings of material, is also highly inclined.





Evolutionary Scenarios



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Supergiant

- F-star ~15 M
- Disk+Star ~15 M

Post-AGB

- F-Star ~4 M
- Disk + Star 6-7

RGB

Observatoire LESIA

• New, not fully



Ingress Imaging

Epsilon Aurigae Eclipse (CHARA-MIRC)



Ingress Imaging of epsilon Aurigae. Kloppenborg et. al. 2010









Observatoire

Likely Artifacts:

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- •Bright Spots along equator
- •Bright spot at North Pole
- •Dark alias in northern hemisphere
- •Scalloped Edge of disk

Not Artifacts:

Southern Pole

Undecided:

Straight Edges on F-star











Single Epoch Model Fitting

Date	MJD	F-Star LDD (mas)	Disk Semi-Minor Axis (magSm	noothing Coefficient	Reduced Chi2
2009-11 2009-12	55138 55168	2.304 2.257	0.417	0.221	2.38 7.59
2010-02	55243	2.398	0.550	0.240	2.39
2010-09	55462	2.340	0.508	0.270	3.60
2010-10	55504	2.358	0.523	0.240	<u> </u>
2010-12	55543	2.364	0.562	0.403	4.67





Silhouette





*figure manually adjusted from initial orbital fit

















Multi-Epoch Model Fitting

- Starting Simple (2D):
 - Rectangle, Ellipse
- More Complicated (3D projected to 2D):
 - Torrid, Lopsided Torrid
 - YSO / Debris Disk
- But, these require an orbital solution....





Current solutions don't work

- $\Omega \sim 92 \text{ +/- } 3 \text{ (VdK)}$
- $\omega = 39.2$ (Stefanik)
- i = 89-90
- $T \sim 27.1 \text{ yr}$ (Stefanik)
- e = 0.227 +/- 0.011 (Stefanik)
- $\tau \sim 2,454,515$ (Stefanik)
- asin(i) ~ 1800 E9 km (Stefanik)





Towards a new orbital solution





Back to Astrometry



Sproul Observatory: 1051 Plates 301 Nights









