

## Speckle Interferometry at SOAR in 2023

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### 8 ABSTRACT

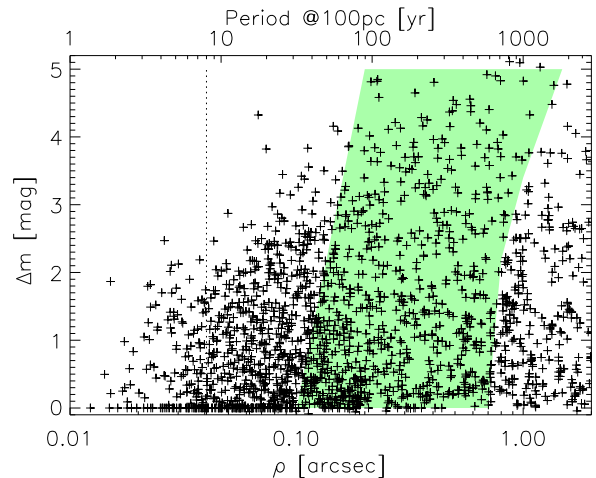
9 Results of the speckle-interferometry observations at the 4.1 m Southern Astrophysical Research  
10 Telescope (SOAR) obtained during 2023 are presented: 1913 measurements of 1533 resolved pairs or  
11 subsystems (median separation 0".16) and non-resolutions of 552 targets; 42 pairs are resolved here for  
12 the first time. This work continues our long-term effort to monitor orbital motion in close binaries and  
13 hierarchical systems. A large number (147) of orbits have been determined for the first time or updated  
14 using these measurements. Complementarity of this program with the Gaia mission is highlighted.

15 *Keywords:* binaries:visual

### 16 1. INTRODUCTION

17 This paper continues the series of double-star mea-  
18 surements made at the 4.1 m SOUthern Astrophysi-  
19 cal Research Telescope (SOAR) since 2008 with the  
20 speckle camera, HRCam. Previous results are published  
21 by Tokovinin et al. (2010b, hereafter TMH10) and in  
22 (Tokovinin et al. 2010a; Hartkopf et al. 2012; Tokovinin  
23 2012; Tokovinin et al. 2014, 2015a, 2016, 2018, 2019,  
24 2020, 2021, 2022; Mason et al. 2023). Observations re-  
25 ported here were made during 2023.

26 The Gaia space mission (Gaia Collaboration et al.  
27 2016) is having a profound impact in many areas, in-  
28 cluding binary stars, so it is appropriate to place our  
29 ongoing program in this context. Figure 1 plots sepa-  
30 rations and magnitude differences of pairs measured at  
31 SOAR in 2023. The green shading indicates pairs ex-  
32 pected to be resolved by the 1 m Gaia apertures at the  
33 diffraction limit of 0".1; their individual measurements  
34 will become available in future data releases, while for  
35 wider pairs to the right of the shaded zone the positions  
36 of both components are already available in the current  
37 Gaia data release 3 (GDR3, Gaia Collaboration et al.



**Figure 1.** Magnitude difference  $\Delta m$  vs. separation  $\rho$  for pairs measured in 2023 (crosses). The upper axis indicates periods of binaries with such separations and a mass sum of  $1 M_{\odot}$  if located at 100 pc distance. The hatched area highlights expected future measurements from Gaia, the vertical dotted line shows the SOAR diffraction limit in the  $I$  band.

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38 2021). At a distance of 100 pc, 0".1 separation corre-  
39 sponds to orbital periods on the order of 30 yr which are  
40 common for low-mass binaries. Ground-based speckle  
41 interferometry is the only source of data for tracing or-  
42 bits of such pairs, and our program makes a significant  
43 contribution here. The expected duration of the full

44 Gaia mission will not suffice for derivation of astrometric  
 45 or spectroscopic orbits with periods longer than  $\sim 10$  yr,  
 46 but the combination of the Gaia and ground-based data  
 47 opens exciting perspectives for accurate measurements  
 48 of stellar masses and for other applications.

49 The structure and content of this paper are similar  
 50 to other papers of this project. Section 2 reviews all  
 51 speckle programs that contributed to this paper, the ob-  
 52 serving procedure, and the data reduction. The results  
 53 are presented in Section 3 in the form of electronic tables  
 54 archived by the journal. We also discuss new resolutions  
 55 and present orbits resulting from this data set. A short  
 56 summary and an outlook of further work in Section 4  
 57 close the paper.

## 58 2. OBSERVATIONS

### 59 2.1. Observing Programs

60 As in previous years, HRCam (see Section 2.2) was  
 61 used during 2023 to execute several observing programs,  
 62 some with common targets. In the data tables, new or  
 63 recently discovered objects are linked to respective pro-  
 64 grams by labels in place of usual discoverer designations  
 65 (that are not yet assigned), see Section 3.1. They are  
 66 also marked by tags, where N means new pair resolved  
 67 in 2023, and other tags refer to pairs resolved previously  
 68 but not yet published.

69 *Hierarchical systems* are currently the core of our  
 70 program. Their architecture is relevant to star for-  
 71 mation, while dynamical evolution of these hierarchies  
 72 increases chances of stellar interactions and mergers  
 73 (Tokovinin 2021a). Orbital motions of many triple  
 74 systems are monitored at SOAR, and these data are  
 75 used for orbit determinations and dynamical analysis  
 76 (Tokovinin & Latham 2020; Tokovinin 2021b, 2023a,b).  
 77 We re-observed some tight inner subsystems of hierar-  
 78 chies discovered at SOAR in 2021-2022 by Powell et al.  
 79 (2023, label POW, tag P) and hierarchies within 100 pc  
 80 Tokovinin (2023c, label GKM, tag T), see Section 3.5.  
 81 Wider pairs within 100 pc resolved by Gaia but not  
 82 yet featured in the WDS were observed in search for  
 83 inner subsystems (tag G). Also, on request by S. Ma-  
 84 jewski, we targeted several doubly eclipsing quadruples  
 85 discovered from the TESS photometry by Kostov et al.  
 86 (2022); these stars are labeled QUAD in the data ta-  
 87 bles. New data on all hierarchical systems are reflected  
 88 in the Multiple Star Catalog, MSC (Tokovinin 2018a).  
 89 Its latest update in 2023 December is available at the  
 90 MSC [home page](#) and at [Vizier](#).

91 *Orbits* of resolved binaries are improved in quantity  
 92 and quality using our new measurements, contributing  
 93 to the [Sixth Catalog of Orbits of Visual Binary Stars](#)  
 94 (Hartkopf et al. 2001). We provide large tables of re-

95 liable and preliminary orbits in Section 3.3. Data on  
 96 visual orbits serve in many areas, e.g. to probe align-  
 97 ment of exoplanetary orbits (Lester et al. 2023).

98 *Hipparcos binaries* within 200 pc are monitored to  
 99 measure masses of stars and to test stellar evolutionary  
 100 models, as outlined by, e.g., Horch et al. (2015, 2017,  
 101 2019). The southern part of this sample is addressed  
 102 at SOAR (Mendez et al. 2017). This program overlaps  
 103 with the general work on visual orbits.

104 *Nearby M dwarfs* are being observed at SOAR since  
 105 2018 following the initiative of T. Henry and E. Vrij-  
 106 moet. The goal is to assemble statistical data on orbital  
 107 elements, focusing on short periods. First results on  
 108 M dwarfs are published by Vrijmoet et al. (2022). In  
 109 2023, we continued to monitor these pairs; a paper con-  
 110 taining  $\sim 50$  orbits of M dwarfs is in preparation. In  
 111 anticipation, residuals to some of those orbits are given  
 112 in the data table. Measurements of previously known  
 113 pairs are published here, and those of new pairs from  
 114 Vrijmoet et al. (2022) are deferred to the paper on or-  
 115 bits. In 2023, a modest number of additional low-mass  
 116 M dwarfs within 25 pc were targeted (labeled as M25),  
 117 and two were resolved.

118 *Neglected close binaries* from the Washington Double  
 119 Star Catalog, WDS (Mason et al. 2001),<sup>1</sup> were observed  
 120 as a “filler” at low priority.

121 *TESS follow-up* continues the program executed in  
 122 2018–2020, at a reduced rate. Its past results are pub-  
 123 lished by Ziegler et al. (2020, 2021). All speckle obser-  
 124 vations of TESS targets of interest are promptly posted  
 125 on the [EXOFOF web site](#). These data are used in the  
 126 growing number of papers on TESS exoplanets, mostly  
 127 as limits on close companions to exohosts. We pub-  
 128 lish here measures of four pairs from the TESS program  
 129 resolved for the first time in 2023 and lacking relative  
 130 positions in GDR3 (tag Z).

131 *Acceleration stars* were observed in 2021-2022 as po-  
 132 tential targets of high-contrast imaging of exoplanets in  
 133 a program led by K. Franson and B. Bowler (tag A).  
 134 While their paper is still in preparation, we re-observed  
 135 many of resolved targets in 2023 to confirm the detec-  
 136 tions and to clarify their nature.

137 A few close subsystems in *wide pairs* resolved previ-  
 138 ously in the program led by J. Chanamé (tag C) have  
 139 been re-observed in 2023 to detect orbital motion, while  
 140 their first resolutions still await publication.

141 Speckle observations in 2023 were conducted during  
 142 9 observing runs for a total of approximately 9 nights  
 143 (7.5 allocated nights and 1.5 nights of engineering time).

<sup>1</sup> See the latest [online](#) WDS version.

144 Two additional nights allocated by the SOAR partners  
 145 for the TESS follow-up were lost to clouds. The seeing in  
 146 the second half of 2023 has been consistently worse than  
 147 usual, often precluding observations of faint targets.

## 148 2.2. Instrument, Observing Procedure, and Data 149 Processing

150 The observations reported here were obtained with  
 151 the *high-resolution camera* (HRCam) — a fast im-  
 152 ager designed to work at the 4.1 m SOAR telescope  
 153 (Tokovinin 2018b). The instrument and observing pro-  
 154 cedure are described in the previous papers of these se-  
 155 ries (e.g. Tokovinin et al. 2020) and briefly summarized  
 156 by Mason et al. (2023). There is no need to repeat the  
 157 same text here. We used mostly the near-infrared *I* filter  
 158 (824/170 nm), while the Strömgren *y* filter (543/22 nm)  
 159 was used for brighter and/or closer pairs. Calibration  
 160 of the pixel scale and orientation is based on a set of  
 161 wide binaries with well-modeled motion, linked to the  
 162 Gaia astrometry. Typical external errors of positional  
 163 measurements, evaluated from the calibrators and from  
 164 residuals to orbits, are 1-2 mas; the errors are larger for  
 165 pairs with large contrast or faint magnitudes. The total  
 166 number of HRCam observations made since 2008 ap-  
 167 proaches 40 000 (26 331 measurements and 12 965 non-  
 168 resolutions).

169 The diffraction limit  $\lambda/D$  of the 4.1 m SOAR telescope  
 170 in the *y* and *I* filters is 27 and 41 mas, respectively.  
 171 However, as shown in Figure 1, many pairs at closer  
 172 separations were measured. Their positions are obtained  
 173 by modeling the speckle power spectra of the target and  
 174 of the reference star. Below the diffraction limit, only  
 175 part of the elongated central fringe is accessible, and  
 176 the resulting positions become less accurate (they are  
 177 marked by colons). Nevertheless, the closest pairs are  
 178 also the fastest, and even less accurate data are useful  
 179 for tracing their orbital motion.

## 180 3. RESULTS

### 181 3.1. Data Tables

182 The results (measures of resolved pairs and non-  
 183 resolutions) are presented in almost the same format  
 184 as in Mason et al. (2023). The long tables are published  
 185 electronically; here we describe their content.

186 A note on system designations is needed here. The  
 187 historic data on double stars in the WDS database  
 188 (Mason et al. 2001) use a tradition of assigning each pair  
 189 a unique Discoverer Designation (DD), linking it to the  
 190 first published measurement. For example, COU 929  
 191 indicates that this pair has been discovered visually by

**Table 1.** Measurements of Double Stars at SOAR

Col.	Label	Format	Description, units
1	WDS	A10	WDS code (J2000)
2	Discov.	A16	Discoverer Designation
3	Other	A16	Alternative name
4	RA	F8.4	R.A. J2000 (deg)
5	Dec	F8.4	Declination J2000 (deg)
6	Epoch	F9.4	Julian year (yr)
7	Filt.	A2	Filter
8	<i>N</i>	I2	Number of averaged cubes
9	$\theta$	F8.1	Position angle (deg)
10	$\rho\sigma_\theta$	F5.1	Tangential error (mas)
11	$\rho$	F8.4	Separation (arcsec)
12	$\sigma_\rho$	F5.1	Radial error (mas)
13	$\Delta m$	F7.1	Magnitude difference (mag)
14	Flag	A1	Flag of magnitude difference <sup>a</sup>
15	Tag	A1	System tag <sup>b</sup>
16	$(O-C)_\theta$	F8.1	Residual in angle (deg)
17	$(O-C)_\rho$	F8.3	Residual in separation (arcsec)
18	Ref	A9	Orbit reference <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Magnitude Flags: q – the quadrant is determined; \* –  $\Delta m$  and quadrant from average image; : – noisy data or tentative measures.

<sup>b</sup> System tags: A – Hipparcos-Gaia acceleration stars (K. Franson); C – Wide pairs observed for J. Chanamé; G – Wide pairs with relative positions in Gaia DR3; N – New pair resolved in 2023; P – Hierarchical systems from Powell et al. (2023); T – Hierarchies within 100 pc (Tokovinin 2023c); Z – TESS objects of interest (Ziegler et al. 2021).

<sup>c</sup> Orbit References are provided at [https://crf.usno.navy.mil/data\\_products/WDS/orb6/wdsref.html](https://crf.usno.navy.mil/data_products/WDS/orb6/wdsref.html)

**Table 2.** Unresolved Stars

Col.	Label	Format	Description, units
1	WDS	A10	WDS code (J2000)
2	Discov.	A16	Discoverer Designation
3	Other	A16	Alternative name
4	RA	F8.4	R.A. J2000 (deg)
5	Dec	F8.4	Declination J2000 (deg)
6	Epoch	F9.4	Julian year (yr)
7	Filt.	A2	Filter
8	<i>N</i>	I2	Number of averaged cubes
9	$\rho_{\min}$	F7.3	Angular resolution (arcsec)
10	$\Delta m(0.15)$	F7.2	Max. $\Delta m$ at 0'.15 (mag)
11	$\Delta m(1)$	F7.2	Max. $\Delta m$ at 1'' (mag)

192 P. Couteau. In the modern epoch, most new pairs are  
 193 identified in surveys such as Hipparcos or Gaia; WDS  
 194 currently assigns them disparate DDs based on the first  
 195 author of (usually multi-author) publications listing the  
 196 pairs. Furthermore, new subsystems in multiple stars  
 197 are often given “recycled” DDs of the wide pairs to  
 198 which they belong, with modified components qualifiers.

199 Nowadays the DDs became obsolete and they are no  
 200 longer used by the wider community. They have lost  
 201 links both to the primary data source (e.g. Gaia) and  
 202 to the original papers. In the WDS supplement, WDSS,  
 203 the DDs are no longer assigned. The combination of  
 204 the WDS code and component designations like A,B or  
 205 Aa,Ab uniquely identifies each pair, and the DDs are  
 206 redundant. Objects without existing DDs are identified  
 207 in the data tables by the WDS codes, labels related to  
 208 the observing programs (e.g. GKM, QUAD, or M25),  
 209 and component designations if resolved.

210 Table 1 lists 1913 measures of 1533 resolved pairs  
 211 and subsystems, including new discoveries. The pairs  
 212 are identified by their WDS-style codes based on the  
 213 J2000 coordinates and DDs adopted in the WDS cata-  
 214 log (Mason et al. 2001) or their substitutes, as well as  
 215 by alternative names in column (3), mostly from the  
 216 Hipparcos catalog. Equatorial coordinates for the epoch  
 217 J2000 in degrees are given in columns (4) and (5) to facil-  
 218 itate matching with other catalogs and databases. Cir-  
 219 cumstances of this particular observation (Julian Year,  
 220 filter, number of cubes), be it Table 1 or 2, are given in  
 221 columns (6) through (8). In the case of resolved multi-  
 222 ple systems, the positional measurements and their er-  
 223 rors (columns 9–12) and magnitude differences (column  
 224 13) refer to the individual pairings between components,  
 225 not to their photocenters. As in the previous papers of  
 226 this series, we list the internal errors derived from the  
 227 power spectrum modeling and from the difference be-  
 228 tween the measures obtained from two data cubes. The  
 229 real (external) errors are usually larger, especially for  
 230 difficult pairs with substantial  $\Delta m$  and/or with small  
 231 separations.

232 The flags in column (14) indicate the cases where the  
 233 true quadrant is determined (otherwise the position an-  
 234 gle is measured modulo  $180^\circ$ ), when the relative pho-  
 235 tometry of wide pairs is derived from the long-exposure  
 236 images (this reduces the bias caused by speckle anisopla-  
 237 natism), and when the data are noisy or the resolutions  
 238 are tentative (see TMH10).

239 To facilitate identification of pairs that either have  
 240 been resolved previously but remain unpublished or are  
 241 published but not yet entered in the WDS, we pro-  
 242 vide in column (15) one-character tags as follows: A  
 243 — acceleration stars (Franson, Bowler), C — wide pairs  
 244 (Chanamé), G — wide pairs with relative positions in  
 245 GDR3, N — new pairs resolved here for the first time  
 246 (Section 3.2), P — hierarchical systems published by  
 247 Powell et al. (2023), T — components of triple or higher-  
 248 order hierarchies within 100 pc (Tokovinin 2023c), Z —  
 249 TESS objects of interest (Ziegler et al. 2021). For those  
 250 pairs, the column (2) contains program-related labels

251 and component’s pairings, e.g. GKM Aa,Ab, instead of  
 252 DDs.

253 For binary stars with known orbits, the residuals to  
 254 the latest orbit and its reference are provided in columns  
 255 (16)–(18). Residuals close to  $180^\circ$  mean that the orbit  
 256 swaps the brighter (A) and fainter (B) stars. However,  
 257 in some binaries or triples the secondary is fainter in one  
 258 filter and brighter in the other. In these cases, it is better  
 259 to keep the historical identification of the components  
 260 in agreement with the orbit and to provide a negative  
 261 magnitude difference  $\Delta m$ .

262 The non-resolutions of 552 targets (mostly reference  
 263 stars) are reported in Table 2. Its first columns (1) to (8)  
 264 have the same meaning and format as in Table 1. Col-  
 265 umn (9) gives the minimum resolvable separation when  
 266 pairs with  $\Delta m < 1$  mag are detectable. It is computed  
 267 from the maximum spatial frequency of the useful signal  
 268 in the power spectrum and is normally close to the for-  
 269 mal diffraction limit  $\lambda/D$ . The following columns (10)  
 270 and (11) provide the indicative dynamic range, i.e., the  
 271 maximum magnitude difference at separations of  $0''.15$   
 272 and  $1''$ , respectively, at  $5\sigma$  detection level.

### 273 3.2. New Pairs

274 Newly resolved pairs are marked by the tag N in Ta-  
 275 ble 1, so there is no need to give their separate list.  
 276 There are 61 measures with this tag referring to 38 pairs  
 277 (some of them have multiple measures). This does not  
 278 include the wider pairs with tag G present in the GDR3  
 279 but not yet recognized as such in the WDS. Comments  
 280 on 11 new subsystems in nearby hierarchies (label GKM)  
 281 are given below in Section 3.5. Four new pairs from the  
 282 TESS program have tags Z, so the total number of first-  
 283 time resolutions is 42.

284 Two subsystems in nearby triple M-type dwarfs,  
 285 18113–7859 and 20253–2259, have been discovered in  
 286 2019.5 and 2022.4, respectively. Their measures should  
 287 have been published by Vrijmoet et al. (2022), but were  
 288 omitted owing to a technical oversight, while the outer  
 289 pairs were reported. All measures of these subsystems  
 290 are published here. The first pair has an orbit with a pe-  
 291 riod of 1.7 yr that will appear in the forthcoming paper  
 292 by Vrijmoet et al.

293 Of the 22 observed doubly eclipsing quadruples (label  
 294 QUAD) from the paper by Kostov et al. (2022), 10 were  
 295 resolved. These stars are mostly faint, early-type, and  
 296 distant. The resolved objects are entered in the MSC as  
 297 2+2 quadruples, but in fact they may be higher-order  
 298 hierarchies if the resolved secondaries are not eclipsing,  
 299 while the doubly eclipsing objects belong to the brighter  
 300 primaries.

As noted above, we observed 15 candidate faint M dwarf binaries within 25 pc (label M25). Two were resolved. The resolution of 01465–5340 at 0′′03 is tentative (it has been confirmed in 2024), while 03287–1537 is resolved securely at 0′′33.

As in the previous years, we discovered that a few Hipparcos stars observed as point-source references had close and faint companions (HIP 8387, 9534, 41375, 47070, 72640). One of those, HIP 47070, also has a physical companion BD–18° 2729 at 51′′4. The estimated period of the inner 0′′23 pair Aa,Ab is 60 yr, and its GDR3 astrometry does not show (yet) deviations from the linear motion. Other resolved Hipparcos stars were targeted on purpose because they had strong indications of binarity in the Gaia data (HIP 16526, 37505, 42728, 96562).

01350–0430 Aa,Ab is the brighter ( $V = 14.98$  mag) component of the 40′′ nearby pair LDS 5338 AB at 80 pc from the Sun. It was observed on suggestion by D. Nazor who noted that GDR3 contains two equal stars at 0′′35 separation. Star A was indeed resolved at 0′′307. This triple is added to the MSC. The distant companion LDS 5338 B is a white dwarf.

The star BD–17° 1383 (06100–1702) has been observed as potential target for long-baseline interferometry; its resolution at 0′′028 is below the estimated detection limit and might be spurious. Another interferometric candidate 18042–6430 was resolved at 0′′037 in 2023.325, but found single in 2023.663; its estimated period is 1 yr.

12592–6256 Aa,Ab (HIP 63377) has been resolved by the speckle camera at the Gemini-S telescope (R. Mendez, 2023, private communication) and is confirmed here, while the wider companion at 0′′45 (TOK 422) has been discovered at SOAR in 2016. The estimated period of the inner pair is 3 yr, double lines were noted in its spectrum, although GDR3 does not give yet its orbit. This is another solar-type triple within 100 pc.

21199–5327 Ba,Bb is the secondary star in the bright binary  $\theta$  Indi (HJ 5258 AB, 7′′3). H. Zirm (2023, private communication) has computed astrometric orbit of the subsystem Ba,Bb with a period of 26 yr and suggested that it should be resolvable by speckle interferometry. His prediction has been confirmed in 2023.32 and 2023.57. The magnitude difference of Ba,Bb is 5.4 mag in  $y$  and 3.7 mag in  $I$ , and the masses of Ba and Bb estimated from their absolute magnitudes are 1.08 and 0.54  $M_{\odot}$ , respectively. According to the Zirm’s orbit, Ba,Bb is closing down and it will pass through the periastron in 2027.3. The brighter star A has been reportedly resolved in 2012.56 at 62 mas and designated as

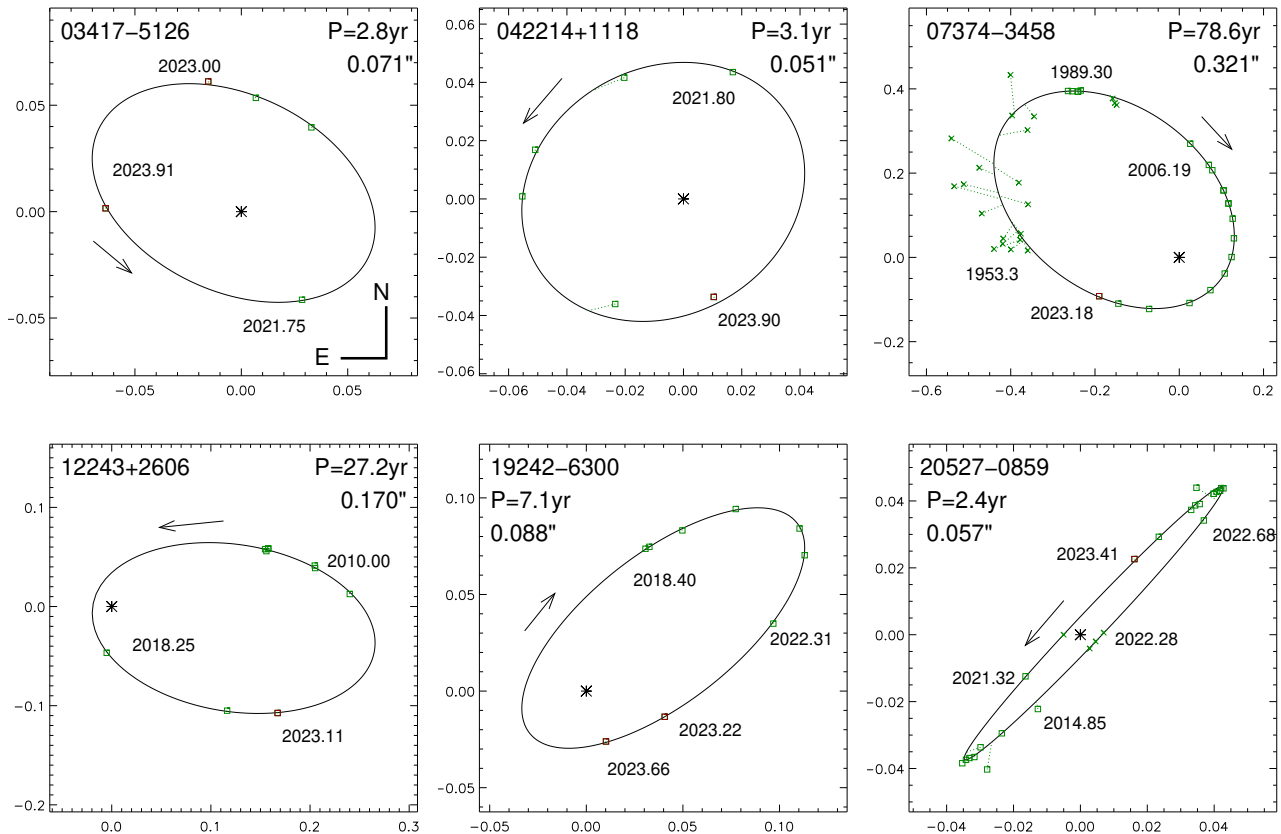
MRN 3Aa,Ab (Marion et al. 2014). However, this resolution, never confirmed, is likely spurious, considering the constant radial velocity of star A (Lagrange et al. 2009) and its good Gaia astrometry.

### 3.3. New and Updated Orbits

The seven Campbell orbital elements were fitted to all available positional measurements using the IDL code `orbit` (Tokovinin 2016). The weights are inversely proportional to the squares of the position errors, assumed to be 2 mas for the SOAR data (larger for fainter stars or pairs with large contrast), 5 mas for other speckle data, and 0′′05 or larger for visual measurements. The  $\chi^2/(N - M)$  goodness-of-fit parameter is typically on the order of one, indicating that the adopted errors are approximately correct. When the orbit is poorly constrained, some elements are fixed to values that match both the positions and the expected mass sum, computed with parallaxes from GDR3 or other sources. The longitude of periastron  $\omega$  is fixed to zero in the degenerate cases of circular or face-on orbits. Note that in our previous paper (Mason et al. 2023), the orbits were calculated using a different tool and a different weighting scheme.

The list of 147 computed orbits is divided into two groups, reliable (87) and preliminary (60), using criteria outlined by Mason et al. (2023). In these Tables 3 and 4, the system is identified by the WDS J2000 coordinate and the DD (when available), followed by the seven Campbell elements. The two rightmost columns contain the orbit grade and a reference to the most current orbit which has been here improved, when available; the first-time orbits are referenced as SOAR2023. The grades are assigned by the standard method described by Hartkopf et al. (2001), which includes both the rms residual as well as the phase or position angle coverage, total number of measures, and the total number of orbits. The grades do not always correlate with the quality metrics based strictly on absolute or relative errors of the elements determined by the least-squares fits, so that some orbits in Table 3 would be considered preliminary by their grades of 4 and 5. In Table 3 the errors of each orbital element are listed in the subsequent line below the main entry, while in Table 4 the errors are not provided.

Many orbits in the present lists are based exclusively on the positions measured at SOAR. It would be desirable to obtain data on these pairs from other teams for a cross-check. Some pairs (04237+1131 and others) are Hipparcos “problem” stars (suspected non-single, acceleration, or stochastic solutions).



**Figure 2.** Six new visual orbits with well-constrained orbital elements. In each plot, the ellipse shows the fitted orbit, squares connected to the ellipse are accurate speckle data, while visual measures and non-resolutions are shown as crosses. The primary component (asterisk) is at coordinate origin, the axis scale is in arcseconds. Orientation, periods, semimajor axes, and sense of rotation are indicated.

403 Figure 2 contains illustrative plots of six visual orbits  
 404 computed here for the first time (except one), but  
 405 nevertheless well constrained. The pair 03417–5126 is a  
 406 Hipparcos star with acceleration, first resolved at SOAR  
 407 in 2021 (tag A, to be published by Franson and Bowler);  
 408 its preliminary orbit is based on five measures covering  
 409 more than half of the 2.8 yr period. Regular monitor-  
 410 ing of 04224+1118, a neglected binary in the Hyades  
 411 (PAT 5), enables calculation of the first orbit. The orbit  
 412 of 07374–3458 (FIN 324AC) is an update of the previ-  
 413 ous solution (Tokovinin et al. 2015a). It highlights the  
 414 vastly improved accuracy of the speckle data compared  
 415 to the historic visual measurements. The SOAR data  
 416 from 2008 to 2023 cover the periastron, and no substan-  
 417 tial orbit improvement is expected in the coming decade.  
 418 Note that the pair FIN 324AB listed in the WDS is spu-  
 419 rious. If it were real, it would make the triple system  
 420 unstable and would certainly affect the observed motion  
 421 of AC, which shows no deviations from the orbit apart  
 422 from the measurement errors (the weighted residuals are  
 423 2 mas). The pair 12243+2606 has been resolved by the  
 424 Yale speckle program (YSC 97), but most data come

425 from SOAR; the measures of 19242–6300 (TOK 799)  
 426 come only from this program. Finally, the orbit of the  
 427 bright speckle binary 20527–0859 (McA 64 Aa,Ab) has  
 428 not been determined previously despite many measures  
 429 because of the short period (2.4 yr) and the lack of fre-  
 430 quent visits. The puzzle has been eventually solved with  
 431 the help of the dense coverage at SOAR, including the  
 432 times of non-resolutions; four positions corresponding to  
 433 non-resolutions are plotted by crosses in Figure 2 only  
 434 for illustration. The quality of this orbit is excellent,  
 435 with weighted residuals of 1 mas (some old speckle data  
 436 were given reduced weights). Yet, the official grade is  
 437 only 4, illustrating a limitation of the current grading  
 438 system and possibly an over-reliance on the total num-  
 439 ber of measures and the total phase coverage. The 4.3  
 440 yr spectroscopic orbit of this star by Abt & Levy (1985)  
 441 is spurious; a plot of their RVs phased with the correct  
 442 period reveals only noise.

443 Below we comment on some other pairs with new or-  
 444 bits.

445 *05321–0305 (V1311 Ori)* is a system of pre-main  
 446 sequence M-type dwarfs containing at least six stars

(Tokovinin 2022). The updated 150 yr orbit of Aa,Ab uses measures near the periastron recently published by Calissendorff et al. (2022) and the latest SOAR data, but it will remain loosely constrained until the binary approaches the apastron in a few decades. On the other hand, the tentative 8 yr orbit of the faster pair Ba,Bb discovered at SOAR in 2021 will become well-defined in the next few years.

09525–0806 (HR 3909). The very bright double star  $\gamma$  Sex was first split by Alvan Clark in 1854 while testing his telescopes (Clark & Dawes 1857). The first resolution of this pair and others, and the praise given to his telescopes by W. R. Dawes led to Clark and his sons getting many orders for telescopes and constructing the largest telescope in the world six different times in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The first accurate measure would wait more than two decades until Hall (1892) used a larger Clark refractor. We update the previous 77.8 yr orbit by Brendley & Mason (2007) using accurate speckle measures; its further improvement

is foreseen as the pair goes through the periastron in 2034.

13175+2024 (YSC 149) is a resolved triple system where the inner pair Aa,Ab has a period around 5 yr. Pending the full analysis, a preliminary 33 yr outer orbit is given here in Table 4.

16090–0939 (HIP 79122) is a  $\gamma$  Dor variable of spectral type A8V, originally observed at the request of Frank Fekel. The composite spectrum revealed evidence of two stars (Henry et al. 2011). This binary was first measured in 2008 with an early version of HRCam, when the USNO speckle camera did not arrive at CTIO in time for observing on the Blanco telescope. The pair with  $\Delta m \sim 3.5$  mag is not resolved at close separations near the periastron, the eccentricity is large but not well constrained, so it was fixed at  $e = 0.97$  to obtain the mass sum around  $5 \mathcal{M}_{\odot}$  with the GDR3 parallax of  $12.57 \pm 0.09$  mas.

**Table 3.** Visual Orbits with well-defined Errors

WDS	Discoverer	$P$	$T$	$e$	$a$	$\Omega$	$\omega$	$i$	Grade	Ref.
$\alpha, \delta$ (2000)	Designation	(yr)	(yr)		(arcsec)	(deg)	(deg)	(deg)		
00026+1841	HDS 2 Aa,Ab	22.68 $\pm 0.34$	2020.967 $\pm 0.074$	0.631 $\pm 0.013$	0.1106 $\pm 0.0028$	17.4 $\pm 2.3$	302.2 $\pm 3.1$	59.8 $\pm 1.3$	3	SOAR2023
00061+0943	HDS 7	51.23 $\pm 1.11$	2003.83 $\pm 0.11$	0.534 $\pm 0.014$	0.2145 $\pm 0.0032$	184.1 $\pm 1.1$	237.1 $\pm 2.1$	60.0 $\pm 0.9$	3	FRM2017c
00098–3347	SEE 3	295.7 $\pm 8.6$	1978.66 $\pm 0.48$	0.770 $\pm 0.009$	0.928 $\pm 0.020$	274.3 $\pm 3.4$	72.5 $\pm 3.4$	33.1 $\pm 2.0$	4	Hrt2010a
00111+0513	TOK 869	8.49 $\pm 0.10$	2018.22 $\pm 0.18$	0.183 $\pm 0.018$	0.1112 $\pm 0.0029$	108.8 $\pm 2.0$	239.7 $\pm 8.0$	51.2 $\pm 1.8$	4	Tok2023a
00135–3650	HDS 32	15.272 $\pm 0.054$	2009.080 $\pm 0.078$	0.242 $\pm 0.005$	0.2233 $\pm 0.0016$	101.2 $\pm 3.8$	266.0 $\pm 3.4$	159.6 $\pm 1.8$	2	Tok2017b
00143–2732	HDS 33	10.150 $\pm 0.016$	2013.465 $\pm 0.017$	0.608 $\pm 0.004$	0.1222 $\pm 0.0010$	33.3 $\pm 2.7$	82.5 $\pm 2.4$	27.6 $\pm 1.1$	2	Tok2015c
01017+2518	HDS 134	16.563 $\pm 0.056$	2015.209 $\pm 0.070$	0.396 $\pm 0.012$	0.1303 $\pm 0.0017$	237.1 $\pm 0.7$	288.0 $\pm 0.6$	59.0 $\pm 0.7$	2	AIW2014
01150–0908	UC 527 Aa,Ab	3.09 $\pm 0.21$	2022.40 $\pm 0.09$	0.40 $\pm 0.05$	0.0407 $\pm 0.0029$	110.5 $\pm 9.5$	260.2 $\pm 7.0$	51.5 $\pm 6.0$	4	SOAR2023
01158–6853	I 27 CD	85.14 $\pm 0.21$	2001.25 $\pm 0.92$	0.040 $\pm 0.002$	1.0877 $\pm 0.0054$	140.6 $\pm 0.9$	132.6 $\pm 3.3$	31.1 $\pm 0.3$	3	Izm2019
01406+0846	TOK 872	5.979 $\pm 0.026$	2004.600 $\pm 0.004$	0.710 $\pm 0.006$	0.0770 $\pm 0.0025$	122.9 $\pm 2.6$	245.6 $\pm 0.8$	60.3 $\pm 2.0$	3	SOAR2023
01497–1022	BU 1168	121.0 $\pm 3.5$	1924.56 $\pm 3.48$	0.700 fixed	0.2949 $\pm 0.0119$	205.5 $\pm 0.7$	106.8 $\pm 2.5$	94.9 $\pm 0.6$	4	SOAR2023
02166–5026	TOK 185	10.572 $\pm 0.062$	2012.51 $\pm 0.80$	0.023 $\pm 0.007$	0.0907 $\pm 0.0025$	266.6 $\pm 2.2$	338.9 $\pm 27.3$	47.1 $\pm 1.4$	2	Tok2022f
02167+0632	YSC 20	13.291 $\pm 0.045$	2010.630 $\pm 0.053$	0.418 $\pm 0.008$	0.1254 $\pm 0.0021$	45.9 $\pm 6.6$	31.2 $\pm 7.0$	27.4 $\pm 3.8$	3	Hor2021
02405–2408	SEE 19	307.2	2016.76	0.832	0.379	235.5	81.6	148.0	3	Tok2015c

**Table 3** continued

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WDS	Discoverer	$P$	$T$	$e$	$a$	$\Omega$	$\omega$	$i$	Grade	Ref.
$\alpha, \delta$ (2000)	Designation	(yr)	(yr)		(arcsec)	(deg)	(deg)	(deg)		
		$\pm 24.4$	$\pm 0.05$	$\pm 0.009$	$\pm 0.020$	$\pm 2.7$	$\pm 3.1$	$\pm 1.4$		
02415–1506	HDS 351	42.7	1979.8	0.374	0.241	24.2	294.6	88.8	3	Tok2022f
		$\pm 6.0$	$\pm 6.5$	$\pm 0.041$	$\pm 0.025$	$\pm 0.5$	$\pm 17.0$	$\pm 0.4$		
03309–6200	TOK 190	3.627	2021.081	0.445	0.0637	30.4	242.5	79.2	2	Tok2018i
		$\pm 0.011$	$\pm 0.027$	$\pm 0.023$	$\pm 0.0011$	$\pm 0.8$	$\pm 1.8$	$\pm 0.8$		
04224+1118	PAT 5	3.049	2024.18	0.162	0.0508	121.4	124.6	32.9	2	SOAR2023
		$\pm 0.014$	$\pm 0.101$	$\pm 0.032$	$\pm 0.0020$	$\pm 9.5$	$\pm 11.3$	$\pm 9.4$		
04279+2427	TOK 877	10.9	2015.15	0.192	0.156	85.9	221.1	63.1	4	SOAR2023
		$\pm 1.0$	$\pm 0.25$	$\pm 0.089$	$\pm 0.012$	$\pm 3.4$	$\pm 10.4$	$\pm 3.1$		
04506+1505	CHR 20	5.738	2003.825	0.048	0.0890	129.7	270.5	113.2	2	Doc2018h
		$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 0.085$	$\pm 0.010$	$\pm 0.0010$	$\pm 0.7$	$\pm 5.2$	$\pm 0.6$		
05301–3228	B 1946	67.2	2023.24	0.776	0.1140	180.2	358.7	34.9	3	Tok2022f
		$\pm 4.0$	$\pm 0.07$	$\pm 0.008$	$\pm 0.0014$	$\pm 5.5$	$\pm 7.5$	$\pm 4.2$		
05427–6708	I 745	205.1	2017.70	0.786	0.542	244.9	205.7	75.4	4	Tok2019c
		$\pm 35.1$	$\pm 0.18$	$\pm 0.024$	$\pm 0.061$	$\pm 0.8$	$\pm 1.5$	$\pm 0.7$		
06460–6624	TOK 826 CD	11.70	2023.000	0.621	0.0970	36.1	319.5	149.1	4	SOAR2023
		$\pm 1.86$	$\pm 0.048$	$\pm 0.044$	$\pm 0.0051$	$\pm 11.6$	$\pm 14.5$	$\pm 8.9$		
06481–0948	A 1056	113.6	1995.91	0.712	0.405	70.4	257.8	78.5	3	Tok2015c
		$\pm 3.7$	$\pm 0.65$	$\pm 0.047$	$\pm 0.022$	$\pm 1.5$	$\pm 1.5$	fixed		
07374–3458	FIN 324 AC	78.58	2016.772	0.656	0.3208	71.8	205.7	153.3	2	Tok2015c
		$\pm 0.73$	$\pm 0.021$	$\pm 0.002$	$\pm 0.0023$	$\pm 1.7$	$\pm 1.6$	$\pm 0.7$		
08250–4246	CHR 226 Ba,Bb	63.2	2018.04	0.502	0.0655	82.1	259.5	114.7	3	Tok2023d
		$\pm 7.7$	$\pm 0.35$	$\pm 0.035$	$\pm 0.0054$	$\pm 2.0$	$\pm 7.8$	$\pm 2.5$		
08277–0425	A 550	21.062	2002.583	0.844	0.0939	34.5	47.8	150.5	2	Tok2023a
		$\pm 0.051$	$\pm 0.069$	$\pm 0.009$	$\pm 0.0027$	$\pm 8.2$	$\pm 8.3$	$\pm 3.8$		
08313–0601	BAG 49 Aa,Ab	16.43	2007.60	0.718	0.247	122.0	253.6	72.7	3	SOAR2023
		$\pm 0.13$	$\pm 0.14$	$\pm 0.046$	$\pm 0.021$	$\pm 2.3$	$\pm 1.8$	$\pm 1.9$		
08375–5336	GKM Aa,Ab	2.90	2023.13	0.496	0.0520	66.4	199.9	41.7	3	SOAR2023
		$\pm 0.22$	$\pm 0.005$	$\pm 0.048$	$\pm 0.0025$	$\pm 7.3$	$\pm 10.9$	$\pm 8.7$		
09525–0806	AC 5 AB	77.61	1956.84	0.741	0.380	198.5	306.2	143.2	2	USN2007a
		$\pm 0.59$	$\pm 0.69$	$\pm 0.019$	$\pm 0.013$	$\pm 5.2$	$\pm 6.5$	$\pm 3.4$		
10255–6504	HDS 1499	20.44	2022.053	0.782	0.0815	130.1	132.9	36.4	3	Tok2023a
		$\pm 0.73$	$\pm 0.055$	$\pm 0.010$	$\pm 0.0019$	$\pm 4.7$	$\pm 5.4$	$\pm 3.8$		
11238–3829	CHR 241	3.530	2013.182	0.380	0.0582	155.7	254.8	111.8	2	Tok2016e
		$\pm 0.009$	$\pm 0.031$	$\pm 0.019$	$\pm 0.0009$	$\pm 1.0$	$\pm 1.4$	$\pm 0.9$		
12018–3439	I 215 AB	178.48	2016.29	0.407	0.862	269.8	268.4	111.3	3	Tok2015a
		$\pm 4.50$	$\pm 0.43$	$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 0.015$	$\pm 0.3$	$\pm 2.3$	$\pm 0.3$		
12104–4352	TOK 897	12.76	2017.90	0.597	0.0630	86.1	101.8	50.2	3	Tok2022f
		$\pm 0.69$	$\pm 0.05$	$\pm 0.023$	$\pm 0.0025$	$\pm 3.3$	$\pm 3.4$	$\pm 2.0$		
12114–1647	S 634 Aa,Ab	0.5792	2018.7250	0.2809	0.0253	49.3	284.2	43.8	2	SOAR2023
		$\pm 0.0006$	$\pm 0.0007$	$\pm 0.0018$	$\pm 0.0021$	$\pm 4.2$	$\pm 0.5$	$\pm 8.6$		
12243+2606	YSC 97	27.25	2017.80	0.868	0.170	164.0	275.1	32.3	4	Tok2023d
		$\pm 1.76$	$\pm 0.11$	$\pm 0.021$	$\pm 0.012$	$\pm 8.2$	$\pm 7.1$	$\pm 7.3$		
12386–2704	BWL 32	17.85	2019.996	0.334	0.2296	188.5	74.3	135.2	3	Tok2022f
		$\pm 0.65$	$\pm 0.093$	$\pm 0.016$	$\pm 0.0046$	$\pm 3.1$	$\pm 5.7$	$\pm 1.6$		
12455–4552	HDS 1789 Aa,Ab	23.41	2024.00	0.248	0.127	33.8	357.7	33.2	3	Tok2023d
		$\pm 0.45$	$\pm 0.38$	$\pm 0.059$	$\pm 0.005$	$\pm 13.5$	$\pm 21.4$	$\pm 5.4$		
12479–5127	TOK 720	10.78	2023.77	0.292	0.0505	85.7	134.1	152.2	3	Tok2022f
		$\pm 1.14$	$\pm 0.18$	$\pm 0.084$	$\pm 0.0045$	$\pm 16.1$	$\pm 15.1$	$\pm 11.1$		
12528+1225	TOK 401	9.964	2015.56	0.097	0.1108	117.3	294.5	75.1	3	Tok2018b
		$\pm 0.080$	$\pm 0.13$	$\pm 0.011$	$\pm 0.0010$	$\pm 0.6$	$\pm 5.0$	$\pm 0.6$		
13132–0501	TOK 402	17.48	2016.694	0.583	0.1534	114.7	254.4	111.2	3	Tok2020g

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$\alpha, \delta$ (2000)	Designation	(yr)	(yr)		(arcsec)	(deg)	(deg)	(deg)		
		$\pm 0.30$	$\pm 0.016$	$\pm 0.010$	$\pm 0.0014$	$\pm 0.4$	$\pm 0.7$	$\pm 0.5$		
13133+1621	DOC 1	25.44	2014.81	0.424	0.0852	95.0	18.6	61.0	4	Doc2018h
		$\pm 0.17$	$\pm 0.16$	$\pm 0.013$	$\pm 0.0018$	$\pm 2.1$	$\pm 4.2$	$\pm 3.6$		
13513-2423	WSI 77	10.490	2009.258	0.342	0.2848	171.6	140.2	96.4	2	Tok2012b
		$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 0.010$	$\pm 0.002$	$\pm 0.0006$	$\pm 0.1$	$\pm 0.4$	$\pm 0.1$		
13598-0333	HDS 1962	9.776	2008.342	0.396	0.0791	37.0	233.1	56.7	2	Tok2019c
		$\pm 0.056$	$\pm 0.057$	$\pm 0.011$	$\pm 0.0010$	$\pm 1.2$	$\pm 1.7$	$\pm 0.8$		
14219-3126	BWL 38	9.77	2020.221	0.371	0.0997	236.8	287.0	106.0	3	Tok2022f
		$\pm 0.15$	$\pm 0.093$	$\pm 0.035$	$\pm 0.0029$	$\pm 1.9$	$\pm 4.5$	$\pm 2.3$		
14453-3609	I 528 AB	15.95	2023.47	0.628	0.0484	226.5	76.1	32.8	2	Tok2022a
		$\pm 0.17$	$\pm 0.11$	$\pm 0.045$	$\pm 0.0038$	$\pm 12.2$	$\pm 10.5$	$\pm 9.2$		
14509-1603	BEU 19 Ba,Bb	16.229	2021.95	0.244	0.346	122.7	184.1	54.4	4	Tok2023d
		$\pm 0.043$	$\pm 0.12$	$\pm 0.008$	$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 1.4$	$\pm 3.3$	$\pm 1.5$		
15006+0836	YSC 8 AB	6.922	2016.878	0.375	0.1163	149.4	99.7	95.9	2	Tok2018
		$\pm 0.003$	$\pm 0.007$	$\pm 0.002$	$\pm 0.0006$	$\pm 0.3$	$\pm 0.4$	$\pm 0.3$		
15071-0217	A 689	67.26	1994.46	0.671	0.2194	145.1	12.6	107.4	5	Doc2023
		$\pm 0.92$	$\pm 0.41$	$\pm 0.015$	$\pm 0.0032$	$\pm 0.8$	$\pm 3.6$	$\pm 1.2$		
15332-2429	SEE 238 Ba,Bb	61.70	1999.82	0.676	0.228	204.7	132.5	24.0	2	Msn2017a
		$\pm 0.41$	$\pm 0.30$	$\pm 0.010$	$\pm 0.007$	$\pm 7.2$	$\pm 7.8$	$\pm 5.5$		
15367-4208	TOK 408 Ca,Cb	7.97	2014.41	0.0	0.0570	102.0	0.0	62.9	4	Tok2018b
		$\pm 0.16$	$\pm 0.15$	fixed	$\pm 0.0015$	$\pm 3.3$	fixed	$\pm 5.1$		
15481-5811	SKF 2839 Aa,Ab	11.11	2023.771	0.565	0.1704	14.3	46.3	160.5	3	SOAR2023
		$\pm 0.45$	$\pm 0.018$	$\pm 0.015$	$\pm 0.0020$	$\pm 10.6$	$\pm 8.4$	$\pm 6.8$		
16054-1948	BU 947 AB	220.0	2054.5	0.685	0.851	80.2	242.2	75.7	3	Tok2017c
		fixed	$\pm 3.5$	$\pm 0.021$	$\pm 0.032$	$\pm 1.5$	$\pm 1.8$	$\pm 0.9$		
16054-1948	MCA 42 CE	18.953	2006.00	0.610	0.1047	108.0	80.8	45.4	2	Tok2018e
		$\pm 0.064$	$\pm 0.12$	$\pm 0.010$	$\pm 0.0016$	$\pm 2.9$	$\pm 1.7$	$\pm 1.3$		
16077-2125	MCA 43	11.32	2017.06	0.40	0.0476	143.0	199.9	81.6	5	SOAR2023
		$\pm 0.11$	$\pm 0.68$	$\pm 0.11$	$\pm 0.0030$	$\pm 1.7$	$\pm 17.4$	$\pm 2.3$		
16090-0939	WSI 85	9.51	2020.89	0.970	0.098	139.6	319.6	83.5	3	SOAR2023
		$\pm 0.15$	$\pm 0.31$	fixed	$\pm 0.028$	$\pm 3.5$	$\pm 20.5$	$\pm 5.6$		
16249-2240	KSA 129 Aa,Ab	13.13	2019.45	0.290	0.0584	67.5	143.0	165.2	3	Tok2023d
		$\pm 0.34$	$\pm 0.37$	$\pm 0.048$	$\pm 0.0087$	$\pm 154.9$	$\pm 143.6$	$\pm 33.5$		
16283-1613	RST3950	26.23	2000.66	0.808	0.157	88.7	210.7	157.9	3	Doc2009g
		$\pm 0.17$	$\pm 0.35$	$\pm 0.018$	$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 16.1$	$\pm 16.6$	$\pm 12.8$		
16458-0046	A 1141	31.15	2019.22	0.877	0.1140	302.1	106.9	164.0	2	Baz1976
		$\pm 0.21$	$\pm 0.08$	$\pm 0.005$	$\pm 0.0034$	$\pm 21.5$	$\pm 20.5$	$\pm 8.8$		
16488+1039	CRC 73	11.51	2021.16	0.176	0.200	27.6	187.5	71.4	3	Tok2022f
		$\pm 0.38$	$\pm 0.26$	$\pm 0.019$	$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 1.6$	$\pm 8.4$	$\pm 0.9$		
17415-5348	HDS 2502	20.32	2018.045	0.593	0.1341	158.8	322.0	136.4	2	Tok2019c
		$\pm 0.22$	$\pm 0.027$	$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 0.0009$	$\pm 1.3$	$\pm 1.4$	$\pm 0.8$		
18480-1009	HDS 2665	42.03	2023.906	0.313	0.4964	42.8	178.6	57.2	4	Tok2019c
		$\pm 0.31$	$\pm 0.086$	$\pm 0.005$	$\pm 0.0019$	$\pm 0.5$	$\pm 1.8$	$\pm 0.4$		
18520+1358	CHR 80	64.6	1990.18	0.662	0.161	98.5	280.2	121.4	3	Tok2023d
		$\pm 3.1$	$\pm 0.84$	$\pm 0.052$	$\pm 0.020$	$\pm 2.4$	$\pm 2.3$	$\pm 5.4$		
18520-5418	TOK 325 Aa,Ab	11.04	2017.45	0.241	0.1033	107.9	328.3	50.3	3	Tok2022f
		$\pm 0.19$	$\pm 0.11$	$\pm 0.015$	$\pm 0.0020$	$\pm 2.1$	$\pm 4.1$	$\pm 1.7$		
19035-6845	FIN 357	14.102	2018.104	0.383	0.1493	148.8	234.7	155.5	2	Doc2018i
		$\pm 0.042$	$\pm 0.018$	$\pm 0.004$	$\pm 0.0010$	$\pm 3.5$	$\pm 3.8$	$\pm 1.4$		
19040-3804	I 1391	48.75	2003.88	0.505	0.1868	123.4	194.7	52.3	3	Tok2015c
		$\pm 0.72$	$\pm 0.59$	$\pm 0.028$	$\pm 0.0022$	$\pm 3.0$	$\pm 6.1$	$\pm 2.6$		
19242-6300	TOK 799	7.12	2024.08	0.585	0.088	127.3	356.2	122.6	3	SOAR2023

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$\alpha, \delta$ (2000)	Designation	(yr)	(yr)		(arcsec)	(deg)	(deg)	(deg)		
19294-4057	B 1385	$\pm 0.46$ 51.82	$\pm 0.12$ 1978.32	$\pm 0.075$ 0.100	$\pm 0.005$ 0.1821	$\pm 3.1$ 126.5	$\pm 7.9$ 108.7	$\pm 4.3$ 50.5	2	Tok2018b
19377-4128	VOU 34	$\pm 0.92$ 61.29	$\pm 1.03$ 2001.24	$\pm 0.016$ 0.065	$\pm 0.0015$ 0.1651	$\pm 1.5$ 133.9	$\pm 4.1$ 70.6	$\pm 0.9$ 97.6	3	Tok2017c
19453-6823	TOK 425 Ba,Bb	$\pm 1.95$ 4.291	$\pm 2.78$ 2017.128	$\pm 0.043$ 0.85	$\pm 0.0032$ 0.0503	$\pm 0.4$ 139.5	$\pm 17.1$ 203.8	$\pm 0.6$ 133.1	3	Tok2019c
19563-3137	TOK 698	$\pm 0.072$ 12.79	$\pm 0.079$ 2015.93	fixed 0.164	$\pm 0.0046$ 0.1085	$\pm 12.9$ 59.6	$\pm 20.7$ 44.0	$\pm 9.7$ 90.8	3	Tok2019c
20216+1930	COU 327 AB	$\pm 0.47$ 51.7	$\pm 0.19$ 1987.21	$\pm 0.049$ 0.46	$\pm 0.0040$ 0.1306	$\pm 0.4$ 67.5	fixed 326.1	$\pm 0.5$ 81.0	3	Doc2008a
20217-3637	HDS 2908	$\pm 2.5$ 12.699	$\pm 0.70$ 2007.37	$\pm 0.05$ 0.536	$\pm 0.0037$ 0.1113	$\pm 0.9$ 107.9	$\pm 11.6$ 336.2	$\pm 1.5$ 81.8	2	Tok2016e
20325-1637	SEE 512	$\pm 0.056$ 42.62	$\pm 0.11$ 2001.79	$\pm 0.007$ 0.915	$\pm 0.0016$ 0.136	$\pm 0.4$ 139.0	$\pm 3.2$ 199.6	$\pm 0.6$ 130.9	2	Doc2023
20527-0859	MCA 64 Aa,Ab	$\pm 0.72$ 2.404	$\pm 0.95$ 2018.973	$\pm 0.032$ 0.150	$\pm 0.011$ 0.0565	$\pm 19.0$ 136.6	$\pm 27.8$ 308.0	$\pm 6.5$ 85.7	4	Tok2023d
21130-1133	VOU 24 AB	$\pm 0.002$ 161.4	$\pm 0.068$ 2013.66	$\pm 0.024$ 0.316	$\pm 0.0008$ 0.309	$\pm 0.7$ 98.0	$\pm 9.8$ 250.0	$\pm 1.2$ 143.2	4	Tok2019c
21278-5922	TOK 731	$\pm 6.7$ 12.99	$\pm 0.57$ 2022.544	$\pm 0.019$ 0.616	$\pm 0.008$ 0.0600	$\pm 2.5$ 198.0	fixed 128.6	$\pm 2.4$ 27.6	3	Tok2022g
21310-3633	B 1008 AB	$\pm 0.62$ 75.05	$\pm 0.036$ 2019.737	$\pm 0.015$ 0.636	$\pm 0.0013$ 0.2222	$\pm 10.0$ 32.3	$\pm 11.4$ 163.3	$\pm 4.2$ 102.9	4	Tok2018b
21395-0003	BU 1212 AB	$\pm 1.91$ 48.88	$\pm 0.113$ 2020.814	$\pm 0.007$ 0.861	$\pm 0.0015$ 0.4211	$\pm 0.3$ 140.4	$\pm 1.5$ 294.4	$\pm 0.4$ 54.7	2	Tok2019c
21477-3054	FIN 330 AB	$\pm 0.10$ 20.23	$\pm 0.007$ 2007.34	$\pm 0.001$ 0.443	$\pm 0.0018$ 0.1232	$\pm 0.3$ 32.5	$\pm 0.3$ 216.5	$\pm 0.3$ 108.8	2	Tok2019c
21543+1943	COU 432 BC	$\pm 0.13$ 62.9	$\pm 0.08$ 2029.84	$\pm 0.012$ 0.094	$\pm 0.0013$ 0.192	$\pm 0.7$ 7.8	$\pm 1.8$ 137.2	$\pm 0.4$ 108.3	4	Tok2022f
22056-5858	B 548	$\pm 2.1$ 36.92	$\pm 2.79$ 2025.27	$\pm 0.037$ 0.624	$\pm 0.008$ 0.148	$\pm 1.3$ 35.9	$\pm 17.7$ 337.0	$\pm 1.3$ 56.3	2	Tok2019c
22441+0644	TOK 703	$\pm 0.86$ 4.887	$\pm 0.30$ 2015.886	$\pm 0.042$ 0.370	$\pm 0.004$ 0.0588	$\pm 1.7$ 170.5	$\pm 3.5$ 343.3	$\pm 3.3$ 135.4	3	Tok2019c
22504-1744	DON 1038	$\pm 0.064$ 163.0	$\pm 0.090$ 1992.09	$\pm 0.039$ 0.432	$\pm 0.0026$ 0.3934	$\pm 6.8$ 137.7	$\pm 12.8$ 0.0	$\pm 5.4$ 0.0	4	Doc2016i
23126+0241	A 2298 AB	$\pm 5.6$ 29.161	$\pm 0.61$ 2012.529	$\pm 0.017$ 0.401	$\pm 0.0074$ 0.1989	$\pm 1.6$ 287.0	fixed 312.9	fixed 102.7	2	Pbx2000b
23179-0302	YSC 167	$\pm 0.054$ 15.89	$\pm 0.092$ 2016.52	$\pm 0.005$ 0.63	$\pm 0.0013$ 0.077	$\pm 0.3$ 35.2	$\pm 1.1$ 137.8	$\pm 0.3$ 98.3	4	Tok2023d
23285+0926	YSC 138	$\pm 0.61$ 20.28	$\pm 1.80$ 2008.12	$\pm 0.16$ 0.539	$\pm 0.028$ 0.0774	$\pm 4.7$ 154.1	$\pm 41.4$ 326.5	$\pm 4.6$ 149.0	3	Tok2022f
23350+0136	MEL 9 BC	$\pm 0.73$ 35.23	$\pm 0.17$ 2009.66	$\pm 0.036$ 0.082	$\pm 0.0022$ 0.446	$\pm 13.5$ 9.3	$\pm 18.5$ 126.4	$\pm 7.3$ 82.9	3	MaN2019
		$\pm 0.94$	$\pm 1.18$	$\pm 0.012$	$\pm 0.012$	$\pm 0.4$	$\pm 13.2$	$\pm 0.2$		

**Table 4.** Preliminary Visual Orbits

WDS	Discoverer	$P$	$T$	$e$	$a$	$\Omega$	$\omega$	$i$	Grade	Ref.
$\alpha, \delta$ (2000)	Designation	(yr)	(yr)		(arcsec)	(deg)	(deg)	(deg)		
00036–3106	TOK 686	14.014	2013.792	0.233	0.1310	11.8	264.9	71.2	4	Tok2023d
00321–1218	HDS 71	62.190	2035.840	0.216	0.2734	124.9	320.2	131.5	4	Cve2017
01503–8714	HDS 247	100.000	2030.110	0.355	0.2056	90.8	92.5	115.4	4	SOAR2023
02035–0455	TOK 873	20.000	2019.042	0.111	0.2303	51.8	196.8	28.3	4	SOAR2023
02143–4952	TOK 815	9.196	2017.400	0.300	0.1446	273.4	111.7	78.0	4	SOAR2023
02297–0216	BU 519	1000.000	2033.675	0.800	1.0282	80.5	104.5	64.9	3	SOAR2023
02370–3056	RST 2283	143.078	1906.421	0.500	0.2762	33.8	54.0	53.8	4	SOAR2023
03417–5126	HIP 17255	2.791	2021.688	0.170	0.0709	65.7	124.8	49.1	4	Tok2023d
03571–0828	RST 4764	200.000	1995.313	0.243	0.2270	155.9	353.9	124.7	4	SOAR2023
04237+1131	LSC 30	72.551	2024.214	0.550	0.0861	52.2	58.8	50.0	4	Tok2023d
04249–3445	DAM 1313 Aa,Ab	32.310	2021.200	0.500	0.1520	108.4	352.4	55.0	5	SOAR2023
04493+2934	RAS 18	57.350	2026.540	0.174	0.1590	274.0	64.6	152.5	4	SOAR2023
04550+1436	HDS 634	48.287	2013.029	0.527	0.1007	61.4	103.5	160.0	3	SOAR2023
05286–4548	HDS 723	80.000	2016.917	0.937	0.1569	148.5	135.0	114.4	4	SOAR2023
05289–0318	DA 6	1800.000	1995.856	0.860	1.0924	68.8	167.6	46.9	4	Tok2015c
05321–0305	JNN 39 Aa,Ab	150.000	2019.445	0.859	0.7899	132.8	44.8	66.5	4	Tok2022x
05321–0305	JNN 39 Ba,Bb	7.795	2022.159	0.000	0.0801	75.9	0.0	31.8	4	SOAR2023
05418–5000	HU 1568	320.000	2019.186	0.327	1.0281	174.4	70.3	109.8	4	Hrt2011d
06236+1739	A 2517	300.000	1969.492	0.372	0.1866	26.7	139.0	105.5	4	Tok2017c
07558+1320	YSC 199	54.787	2008.175	0.000	0.1522	121.4	0.0	117.8	4	SOAR2023
08134–4534	TOK 832	9.666	2018.994	0.000	0.0410	183.7	0.0	108.5	3	SOAR2023
09033–7036	HEI 223 AB	21.882	2023.220	0.206	0.0861	88.4	301.2	109.2	3	Tok2022f
09095–5538	YMG 29	12.000	2025.409	0.124	0.0478	157.2	212.9	39.4	3	SOAR2023
09133–5529	ELP 24	33.172	2021.416	0.806	0.0949	124.8	163.3	150.5	4	SOAR2023
09180–5453	JNN 69 Aa,Ab	6.964	2020.846	0.381	0.0486	217.0	74.6	39.9	4	Tok2023d
09477+2036	COU 284	133.858	2068.313	0.880	0.4014	94.3	265.9	96.7	5	Doc2019c
09494+1832	HDS 1419	36.347	2021.487	0.962	0.1042	149.9	243.2	20.0	3	SOAR2023
09586–2420	TOK 437	15.000	2012.429	0.223	0.0652	112.6	90.2	92.3	3	SOAR2023
10227–2350	B 197	171.5	1986.73	0.684	0.216	134.3	212.6	20.0	4	SOAR2023
10356–4715	GKM Aa,Ab	1.499	2016.643	0.471	0.0223	83.5	137.5	103.4	5	SOAR2023
10406–5342	FIN 40	300.000	1927.108	0.200	0.3493	146.8	355.9	35.0	5	SOAR2023
10527+0029	TOK 893 BC	32.762	2001.454	0.199	0.2422	180.9	259.2	128.1	5	SOAR2023
11136–4749	HDS 1602	100.000	2042.495	0.400	0.3276	37.2	15.6	84.2	5	SOAR2023
11430–3933	RST 5358	151.850	2035.744	0.277	0.1466	168.2	125.0	160.0	4	SOAR2023
12175+0636	BU 796	172.137	1980.853	0.290	0.3257	94.4	353.0	84.5	3	SOAR2023
12349–0509	RST 4502	223.477	2006.343	0.200	0.2261	63.6	151.0	66.1	4	SOAR2023
12407–4803	TOK 849	10.622	2018.485	0.500	0.0899	236.1	180.0	15.3	4	SOAR2023
13175+2024	YSC 149 AB	32.959	2016.098	0.085	0.2151	118.3	311.2	143.4	4	SOAR2023
13229–7209	B 1736	73.039	1962.488	0.627	0.1628	156.4	324.4	54.2	4	Tok2023d
13377–2337	RST 2856 AB	200.000	2117.606	0.046	0.3502	103.6	15.6	79.9	3	Tok2016e
13401–6033	TOK 292 Ca,Cb	40.000	2019.059	0.267	0.1987	131.9	195.4	155.5	4	Tok2023d
14490–5807	HDS 2087	28.815	2027.684	0.320	0.1670	111.7	14.4	121.4	3	Tok2023d
16076+0002	HDS 2276	161.761	2024.282	0.774	0.6006	172.0	172.1	71.5	5	Tok2018i
16120–1928	CHR 146 Aa,Ab	10.061	2014.987	0.920	0.0733	346.4	118.9	89.7	3	Tok2021f
16161–3037	I 1586 AB	180.000	2110.616	0.129	0.3347	145.6	133.4	154.6	4	Tok2019c
16385+1240	TOK 727	8.647	2022.391	0.492	0.1009	171.8	316.0	92.9	3	Tok2023d
16536–1045	YSC 156	31.287	2024.604	0.299	0.1076	25.4	129.7	35.6	3	Tok2020g
17184–0147	BAG 51	30.372	2000.506	0.200	0.4637	121.5	309.8	58.2	4	Tok2023d
17535–0355	TOK 54	47.309	2032.612	0.242	0.0928	151.1	0.0	180.0	4	Tok2023d
19301–4904	HDS 2772	290.000	2019.614	0.823	0.5913	175.9	111.2	64.4	4	Tok2017c
19369–6949	GKM Aa,Ab	2.013	2015.363	0.154	0.0239	208.1	42.8	142.3	4	SOAR2023
19561–3208	BWL 53 Ba,Bb	20.000	2025.372	0.522	0.1529	33.6	45.6	55.0	3	Tok2023a

Table 4 *continued*

Table 4 (continued)

WDS	Discoverer	$P$	$T$	$e$	$a$	$\Omega$	$\omega$	$i$	Grade	Ref.
$\alpha, \delta$ (2000)	Designation	(yr)	(yr)		(arcsec)	(deg)	(deg)	(deg)		
20205–2749	RST 3255	54.643	2027.239	0.929	0.1011	266.9	0.0	0.0	3	Hei1996a
22006–1345	HU 282	500.000	2029.823	0.900	0.4846	102.4	93.1	25.1	4	Tok2023d
22343+0345	HDS 3201	27.770	2000.161	0.451	0.1221	36.8	98.0	52.0	3	Tok2023d
23025–4605	I 1462	155.000	2035.714	0.619	0.1943	105.0	282.4	160.0	4	Tok2023d
23052–1822	B 1898	119.895	1912.955	0.406	0.2569	236.3	94.2	116.8	4	SOAR2023
23210–0229	LSC 107	35.000	2015.328	0.575	0.1327	176.1	13.4	27.4	4	Tok2022f
23224–6516	HDS 3328	45.095	2022.798	0.679	0.1432	110.2	134.9	69.3	3	Tok2022f
23384–2922	B 606	182.729	2035.648	0.000	0.3177	175.7	0.0	83.7	4	SOAR2023

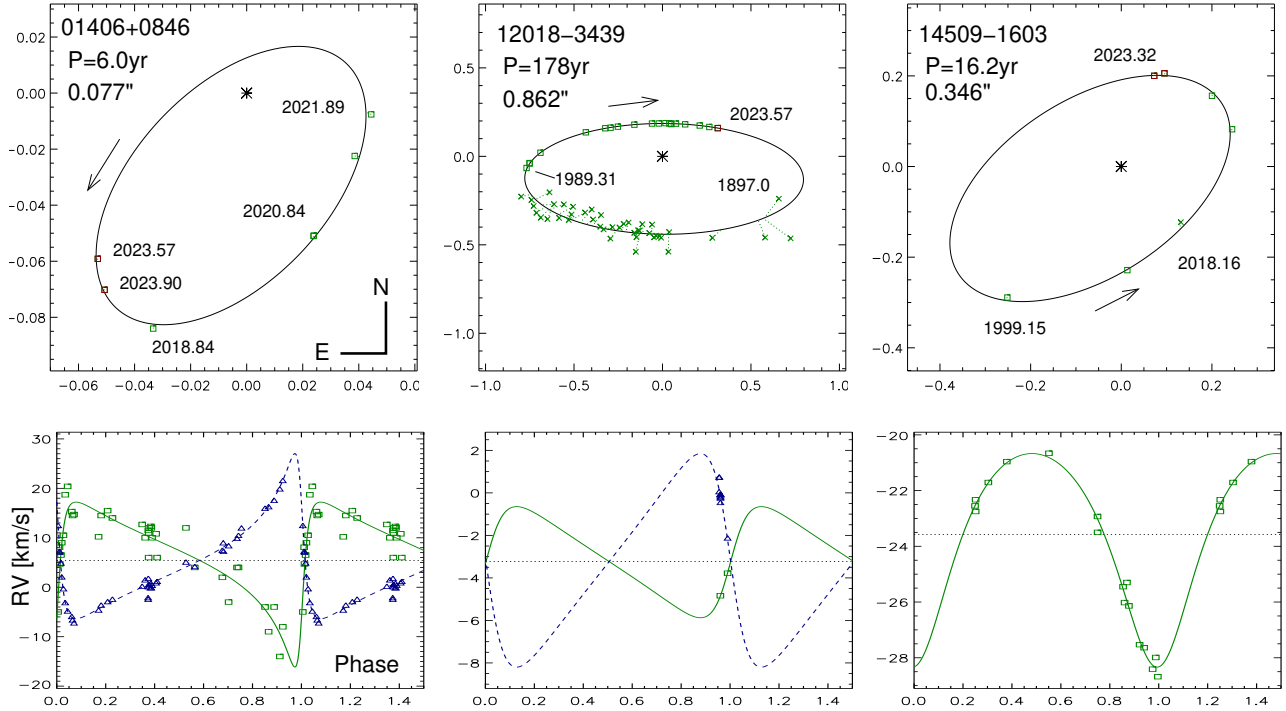
### 3.4. Combined Spectro-Interferometric Orbits

In calculation of eight orbits we used the radial velocities (RVs), fitting combined spectro-visual orbits. In addition to the visual elements in Table 3, we provide in Table 5 the RV amplitudes of the primary and secondary components  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$  and the systemic velocity  $V_0$ . These parameters, delivered by the combined fits of positions and RVs, are similar but not equal to the published spectroscopic elements. The first three columns repeat the WDS codes, DDs, and periods, and the last column gives references to publications containing the RVs used here. In the combined orbits, the angles  $\Omega$  and  $\omega$  are selected to match the ascending node and RV of the primary component and the relative positions of the secondary component.

Three combined spectro-interferometric orbits in Figure 3 illustrate different contributions of the RV data to the combined solutions. The double-lined spectroscopic orbit of 01406+0846 (HD 10262, TOK 872, spectral type F2) with a period of 5.85 yr was published by Griffin (2007). The RVs from his paper strongly constrain the orbital period. However, the RV amplitudes of 16.0 and 16.1 km s<sup>-1</sup> derived by Griffin, together with the inclination, correspond to the nearly equal component’s masses of 2.24  $M_\odot$  and contradict the substantial magnitude difference of  $\Delta y = 1.2$  mag measured at SOAR. The large scatter in the RV curve attests to the uncertain splitting of the blended lines used to derive the RVs. Spectroscopy with a higher resolution and future less biased parallax from Gaia that would explicitly account for the orbital motion will eventually lead to accurate measurement of the masses. All position measures come from SOAR; it was unresolved in 2022 near the periastron, when the secondary moved to the opposite quadrant.

The second example in Figure 3, 12018–3439 (I 215, HD 104471) is a classical long-period visual pair. Spectroscopy revealed this as a triple-lined star containing a 148-day inner subsystem (Tokovinin et al. 2015b). The RVs of both visual components (center of mass of the inner binary and the visual secondary) help somewhat in constraining the eccentricity. Here, the century-long historic visual data, although less accurate than speckle, are essential in providing nearly complete coverage of the orbit. Further improvement of this orbit will be painfully slow. The third example, 14509–1603 (BEU 19 Ba,Bb, HD 130819,  $\alpha^1$  Lib), refers to the spectroscopic subsystem paired to the bright star  $\alpha^2$  Lib (HD 130841) at 231'', which is itself a 70-day spectroscopic binary. The RVs of Ba are taken from the seminal paper by Duquennoy & Mayor (1991). The pair Ba,Bb has been resolved by J.-L. Beuzit in 2004, while all other measures come from SOAR. The magnitude difference is  $\sim 4.5$  mag in the  $I$  filter, so the measures are less accurate than usual.

Combined visual-spectroscopic orbits allow measurement of the component’s masses and distances independently of the trigonometric parallax (e.g. Pourbaix 2000). However, the masses are proportional to the cube of the RV amplitudes and to  $\sin^3 i$ , therefore high accuracy of these parameters is required for getting usefully accurate masses. The example of 01406+0846 above shows that the small RV amplitudes cannot be trusted, and the masses based on the combined orbit are misleading. On the other hand, the double-lined spectroscopic orbit of 12114–1647 with a period of 211 days is quite accurate, but its semimajor axis of 25.3 mas, at the limit of the SOAR resolving power, is too small for measuring accurate masses (the inclination is poorly constrained). The only pair in Table 5 with sufficiently accurate speckle and RV data is 15006+0836 (HIP 73449); the masses are  $0.902 \pm 0.008$  and  $0.899 \pm 0.008 M_\odot$  and the orbital parallax is  $26.31 \pm 0.15$  mas. The GDR3 parallax of  $26.26 \pm 0.16$  mas is in agreement because the components are nearly equal and the photocenter is little



**Figure 3.** Three combined spectro-interferometric orbits. The upper plots are similar to those in Figure 2, the corresponding RV curves are shown below.

**Table 5.** Combined Spectro-Interferometric Orbits

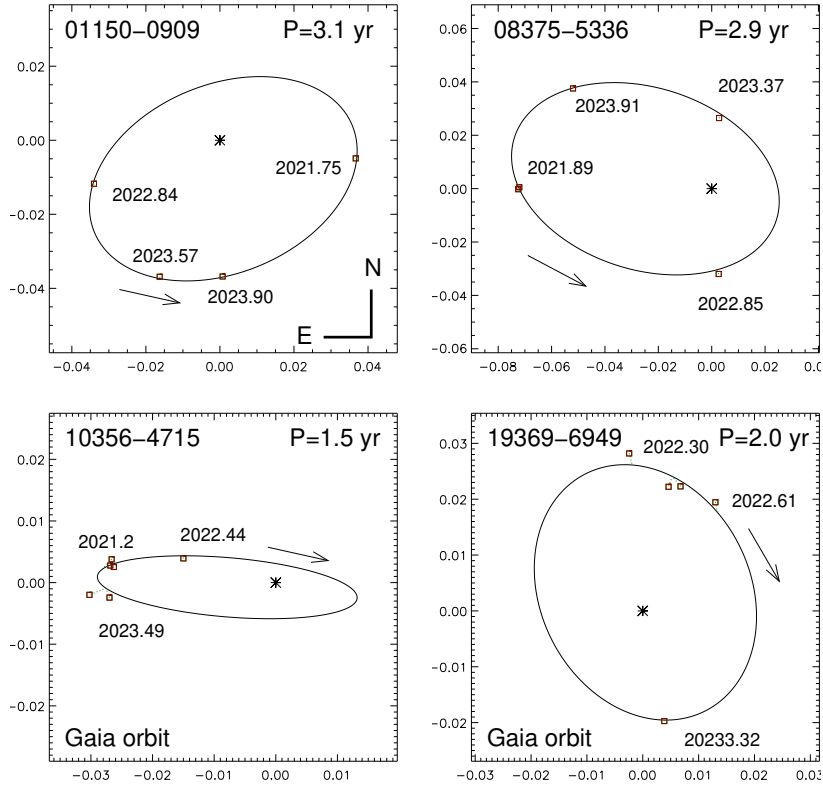
WDS	Discoverer	$P$	$K_1$	$K_2$	$V_0$	Reference
$\alpha, \delta$ (2000)	Designation	(yr)	( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ )	( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ )	( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ )	
01406+0846	TOK 872	5.979	16.69	16.70	5.43	Griffin (2007)
		$\pm 0.026$	$\pm 1.08$	$\pm 0.28$	$\pm 0.11$	
12018–3439	I 215 AB	178.48	2.61	5.02	-3.23	Tokovinin et al. (2015b)
		$\pm 4.50$	$\pm 0.31$	$\pm 0.31$	$\pm 0.14$	
12114–1647	S 634 Aa,Ab	0.5792	15.48	17.71	2.35	Tokovinin (2019)
		$\pm 0.0006$	$\pm 0.04$	$\pm 0.04$	$\pm 0.02$	
13133+1621	DOC 1	25.44	6.04	6.53	-7.01	Griffin (2017)
		$\pm 0.17$	$\pm 0.13$	$\pm 0.13$	$\pm 0.09$	
13513–2423	WSI 77	10.490	6.18	...	5.27	Willmarth et al. (2016)
		$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 0.04$	...	$\pm 0.03$	
14509–1603	BEU 19 Ba,Bb	16.229	3.83	...	-23.57	Duquennoy & Mayor (1991)
		$\pm 0.043$	$\pm 0.12$	...	$\pm 0.09$	
15006+0836	YSC 8	6.922	10.19	10.23	8.13	Halbwachs et al. (2020)
		$\pm 0.003$	$\pm 0.05$	$\pm 0.04$	$\pm 0.02$	
23126+0241	A 2298 AB	29.161	5.24	8.04	34.48	Pourbaix (2000)
		$\pm 0.054$	$\pm 0.14$	$\pm 0.25$	$\pm 0.11$	

560 affected by the orbital motion. This is not the case for  
 561 the majority of close visual pairs with absent or biased  
 562 GDR3 parallaxes.

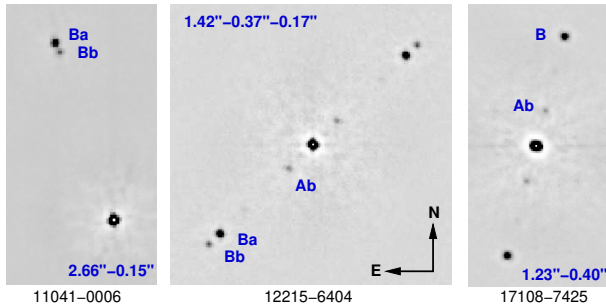
### 563 3.5. Hierarchies within 100 pc

564 During 2021–2022, HRCam has been used to probe  
 565 components of 1200 wide binaries located within 100 pc

566 that had indications of unresolved inner subsystems in  
 567 the Gaia data; about half of those targets were actu-  
 568 ally resolved, as reported by Tokovinin (2023c). The  
 569 remaining half are likely beyond the speckle detection  
 570 limit, either too close and/or with large contrast. In  
 571 2023 we revisited some of those new pairs, mostly the  
 572 closest ones. The goal was twofold. First, to determine



**Figure 4.** Orbits of four inner pairs in nearby hierarchical systems. The axis scale is in arcseconds.



**Figure 5.** Fragments of speckle auto-correlation functions (ACFs) of three newly identified compact hierarchies within 100 pc (in arbitrary negative rendering). Outer and inner separations are indicated, and the ACF peaks corresponding to true companion locations are labeled.

573 the sense of motion which, when combined with the Gaia  
 574 astrometry of the outer components, gives statistical in-  
 575 formation on the relative orbit orientation. Second, to  
 576 collect data for determination of inner orbits.

577 Figure 4 presents the first preliminary orbits of inner  
 578 subsystems in nearby hierarchies derived from the  
 579 HRCam data. Two pairs in the top row have four mea-  
 580 surements each covering most of their 3-yr orbits. The  
 581 two remaining pairs have astrometric and spectroscopic  
 582 orbits in the GDR3, and we fixed some elements to those  
 583 values while fitting the speckle measurements. Elements

584 of these orbits are given in the Tables 3 and 4. Contin-  
 585 ued speckle monitoring of nearby hierarchies from this  
 586 program will yield more inner orbits in the near future.

587 The original 100-pc program, started in 2021, targeted  
 588 pairs wider than  $3''$  with reliable Gaia astrometry of  
 589 both components. It was later extended to pairs with  
 590 separations from  $1''$  to  $3''$ , and more such pairs were  
 591 observed during 2023 at low priority. In ten pairs, the  
 592 expected inner subsystems were actually resolved, and  
 593 one of them was revealed as a 2+2 quadruple. Repre-  
 594 sentative results are shown in Figure 5. The first triple,  
 595 11041–0006, is quite typical: its secondary component  
 596 was resolved into a  $0''.15$  pair Ba,Bb; this system with  
 597 the outer separation of  $2''.66$  is fairly hierarchical. Most  
 598 newly resolved triples are similarly hierarchical. How-  
 599 ever, the 2+2 quadruple 12215–6404 (FP Gru, K3.5e)  
 600 illustrated in the middle panel is not so hierarchical,  
 601 the ratio of separations in the outer Aa,Ba and inner  
 602 Aa,Ab pairs is only 3.8, not far from the limit of dy-  
 603 namical stability. Interestingly, this quadruple has a  
 604 linear configuration, suggesting coplanar orbits if it is  
 605 viewed edge-on. These stars are chromospherically ac-  
 606 tive and likely young. The triple system 17108–7425  
 607 (HIP 84035, G2V) in the right-hand panel is even more  
 608 extreme in terms of its separation ratio of 3.1, and it is  
 609 also arranged linearly; the projected separations suggest

610 periods between 100 and 600 yr. There is also a com-  
 611 mon proper motion companion at  $734''$  (LDS 582 AC)  
 612 with a projected separation of 53 kau that might be ei-  
 613 ther gravitationally bound or simply co-moving.

614 Weakly hierarchical systems of low-mass stars in the  
 615 solar neighborhood are amenable to the study of their  
 616 dynamics, while explaining their origin challenges star  
 617 formation theory. The prototype of such systems,  
 618 LHS 1070 (00247–2653), is being monitored at SOAR,  
 619 and deviations from the Keplerian motion in the inner  
 620 orbit caused by interaction with the outer star are mea-  
 621 surable. The SOAR speckle program has revealed sev-  
 622 eral more weak low-mass hierarchies, to which we add  
 623 two here.

### 624 3.6. Spurious Pairs

**Table 6.** Likely Spurious Pairs

WDS	Discoverer	Resolved	Unresolved <sup>a</sup>
00374–3717	I 705	0''4 Vis 1910	2008–23, S, R
00558–1832	B 645	0''2 Vis 1926	2008–23, R
05484+0745	JNN 267	1''6 Spe 2011	2023, L
09407–6639	TDS6731	0''5 Tycho	2023, R
10328+0918	WRH 19	0''1 Vis 1937	2009–23
10341+1222	CHR 31	0''2 Spe 1983	2023
11006+0337	CHR 33	0''2 Spe 1983	2014–23, S, R
11479+0815	CHR 134 Aa,Ab	0''3 Spe 1987	2014–23, S, R
11518–0546	CHR 36	0''2 Spe 1983	2014–23, L, R
15355–1447	WRH 20 Aa,Ab	0''1 Vis 1937	2009–23
16133+1332	CHR 52 Aa,Ab	0''2 Spe 1983	2008–23, S, R
17376–1524	ISO 6 Aa,Ab	0''3 Spe 1987	2023
18073+0934	STT 342 Aa,Ab	1''5 Vis 1842	2023
19247+0833	WSI 108	0''1 Spe 2008	2015–23, S, R
19255+0307	BNU 6 Aa,Ab	0''1 Spe 1979	2015–23
20285–2410	CHR 98	0''2 Spe 1983	2014–23
21400+0911	CHR 105 AB	0''3 Spe 1982	2008–23
23157+0118	CHR 141 AB	0''1 Spe 1986	2013–23, S

<sup>a</sup> Additional indications of the spurious nature of visual pairs: R – no excess noise in GDR3, RUWE<2; L – long estimated period; S – short estimated period or spectroscopic coverage.

625 Some double stars listed in the WDS are actually sin-  
 626 gle. These spurious pairs originate from erroneous visual  
 627 resolutions, dubious speckle data caused by instrumen-  
 628 tal artifacts, and for other reasons. Identifying spurious  
 629 pairs will save observing time in the future by eliminat-  
 630 ing the need to followup and examine these targets. In  
 631 Table 6 are listed pairs we identify as likely spurious,  
 632 continuing the clean-up effort from our previous papers.  
 633 In this table we provide the WDS identifier and DD,  
 634 the method and date of the original discovery, and the  
 635 year(s) it has been unresolved in this program. Follow-  
 636 ing that is a code giving other indications supporting the

637 characterization of the double as spurious (see details  
 638 in Tokovinin et al. 2022). In the WDS (Mason et al.  
 639 2001), these pairs are not removed but are given an X  
 640 code identifying them as a “dubious double” or a “bogus  
 641 binary”.

## 642 4. SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

643 Binary stars observed in this program illustrate  
 644 progress in this field, from historic visual discoveries to  
 645 Hipparcos and speckle pairs resolved at the end of the  
 646 20th century and to the modern, sometimes quite re-  
 647 cent, resolutions. The Gaia mission becomes a major  
 648 driver of speckle programs, in a similar role as played  
 649 by Hipparcos, but on a much greater scale.

650 The GDR3 data already include a million new pairs  
 651 (El-Badry et al. 2021), almost an order of magnitude  
 652 more than the content of the WDS. However, these wide  
 653 Gaia pairs move slowly and are not amenable to calcula-  
 654 tion of orbits in the near future. The historic micrometer  
 655 pairs, in contrast, have a larger time coverage and, de-  
 656 spite the low accuracy of old measures, their monitoring  
 657 at SOAR steadily produces new orbital solutions. Even-  
 658 tually, the resource of historic pairs will be exhausted,  
 659 although incremental improvement of their orbits will  
 660 continue for a long time, until they are fully covered by  
 661 accurate measures.

662 An increasing number of new visual orbits is being  
 663 computed for the tight and fast pairs discovered recently  
 664 by speckle. The  $10^5$  Gaia astrometric orbits outnumber  
 665 the catalog of visual orbits by two orders of mag-  
 666 nitude. Future Gaia data releases will further increase  
 667 the number of astrometric orbits and will extend their  
 668 maximum periods from 3 to 10 years. However, actual  
 669 resolution of astrometric binaries by speckle interferom-  
 670 etry is needed for measurement of their masses (see Fig-  
 671 ure 1). Two relevant examples are shown in lower panel  
 672 of Figure 4. Furthermore, the range of periods from 10  
 673 to 100 yr will not be accessible to Gaia without com-  
 674 plementary ground-based data, and obtaining this data  
 675 sooner rather than later will provide the required time  
 676 coverage. This period range corresponds to the maxi-  
 677 mum of the period distribution of low-mass stars and  
 678 matches the periods of massive planets in the solar sys-  
 679 tem. The match is not coincidental because formation  
 680 of both binaries and planets is related to the typical size  
 681 of circumstellar disks, 10–100 au.

682 The Gaia catalog of nearby stars within 100 pc con-  
 683 tains 61644 stars brighter than  $G = 12$  mag; 16315 of  
 684 those (26%) are likely binaries, based on the increased  
 685 astrometric noise or double transits. If half of these  
 686 candidates can be resolved by speckle interferometry, as  
 687 indicated by the recent survey (Tokovinin 2023c), there

are potentially 8000 targets for future orbits. For comparison, the WDS contains about 12600 pairs closer than  $0''.5$ , but most of these pairs are too distant and too slow for orbit determination. So, Gaia becomes the major driver of future speckle programs and future work on orbits

Considering the large number of potential speckle targets, one may ask whether it is necessary to observe all of them. A much smaller sample of *accurate* orbits and parallaxes will suffice to address the classical issue of stellar masses and the calibration of stellar evolutionary models. Current projects in this area focus on the less explored mass ranges, i.e. small (Mann et al. 2019; Vrijmoet et al. 2022) or large masses. However, accurate orbits of massive, close, and bright pairs are better determined by long-baseline interferometers than by speckle. But the role of visual orbits is much wider than just mass measurements. The SOAR speckle program concentrates on the dynamics of stellar hierarchical systems (e.g. Tokovinin 2023b). Orbits of exoplanet hosts (Lester et al. 2023) or of very young stars are other interesting research areas. Looking into the future, we foresee an increased demand for speckle astrometry of

binary stars driven by diverse astrophysical applications and stimulated by Gaia.

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