

Optical Long Baseline Interferometry News

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LONG BASELINE STELLAR INTERFEROMETERS

Operational Ground-Based Interferometers

- CHARA Array - Center for High Angular Resolution Astronomy Array (Mnt Wilson, *Up to 400 m* California; GSU).
- COAST - Cambridge Optical Aperture Synthesis Telescope (MRAO, UK). *Up to 100 m*
- FLUOR - Fiber Linked Unit for Optical Recombination (Obs. de Paris, France).
- GI2T/REGAIN - Grand Interféromètre à 2 Télescopes (Obs. de Calern, France).
- IOTA - Infrared-Optical Telescope Array (Whipple Obs., Arizona). Photo.
- ISI - Infrared Spatial Interferometer (Mount Wilson Obs., California).
- NPOI - Navy Prototype Optical Interferometer (Lowell Obs., Arizona). Photos.
- PTI - Palomar Testbed Interferometer (Mount Palomar, California).
- SUSI - Sydney University Stellar Interferometer (Narrabri, Australia). *Up to 690 m*

The following interferometers have ceased operations - the indicated dates are approximately the dates that the interferometers were operational: 20ft (1920-1931), 50ft (1931-1938), Intensity Interferometer (1964-1976), I2T (1974-1987), Mark I (1979), Mark II (1982-1984), 11.4m prototype (1985-1988), SOIR D'ETE (1979-1993), IRMA (1990-1992), Mark III (1986-1993), I2T/CHARON (1993-1996), and MIRA-I (1998-1999).

A Timeline of Stellar Interferometry from 1955 to the present shows the development of these interferometers.

Ground-Based Interferometers Under Construction

- Keck Interferometer at the Keck Observatory, (Mauna Kea, Hawaii).
- Large Binocular Telescope (Mnt Graham, Arizona). See Live Webcam of site construction.
- MIRA-1.2 - Mitaka IR Array (Optical and Infrared Astronomy Div., NAOJ, Japan). Abstract.
- VLT - the interferometer mode of the VLT project at the European Southern Observatory site (Cerro Paranal, Chile). The What's New page at ESO contains news items and photographs of the VLT site. The ESO Video page also contains interesting news items. Instruments under development include VINCI, MIDI, AMBER, and PRIMA. Groups