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- Three "sub-programs":
 - I. Distances (B-W): FLUOR, PIONIER, VEGA
 - 2. Circumstellar envelopes: FLUOR, VEGA
 - 3. Cepheids in binary systems: MIRC, PIONIER

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Gives the angular size variation of the star

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p-factor = 1.27 ± 0.06 , with d=274 ± 11 pc from HST-FGS

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24 stars, with 22 stars suitable for IBW distance P93 program with PIONIER (5 stars) + VEGA (5 stars)









CEPHEIDS IN BINARIES

- Binary systems are very useful to derive masses and distances
- Cepheids are extremely bright (10³ 10⁵ Lsun), companions are difficult to detect
- Only a handful discovered using UV spectroscopy (essentially by Nancy Evans et al.)
- Most systems are unresolved SBI, except Polaris and distant companions on multi-century orbits
- Survey with CHARA/MIRC and VLTI/PIONIER: the companions of VI334 Cyg and AX Cir have been spatially resolved

AX CIR (VLTI/PIONIER)

Primary:

- Classical Cepheid
- Puls. P=5.27 days
- d ~ 500 pc
- H = 3.85







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Gallenne et al. A&A 561, L3 (2014)





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Binary model		1.09
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θ_{LD} (mas)	0.742 ± 0.020	0.821 ± 0.022 0.839 ± 0.022
f (%)	0.75 ± 0.17	0.009 ± 0.023
$\Delta \alpha$ (mas)	6.421 ± 0.198	6153 ± 0.155
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Separation = 8 mas, Contrast (H) = 3.1%, Period = 5.3 yr Gallenne et al. 2013, A&A, 552, A21



 HST/FGS astrometry and STIS spectroscopy in Cycle 21 to derive the distance and masses to 1%