



Figure 2: Infrared light-curves of comet Halley between February 17 and March 3 are shown. Observations were made with a diaphragm of 30". Filled circles (●): H-curve (scattered flux); empty circles (○): L-curve (emitted flux); small dots (•): colours (K-J, L-M and L-H) -curves. There was no observation on February 21.

and initial results indicate the outward dust propagation from the nucleus.

An impressive amount of IR data has already been collected at ESO and is being analysed. The first data on Halley were obtained with the 1-m telescope in September 1985, and we plan to pur-

sue, with it, our monitoring further on, at least till July 1986.

We are thankful to R. Vega who always, even after a long observing night, helped us with enthusiasm and skillfulness.

ESO Exhibition at the Amateur Astronomy Fair at Laupheim

Soon after the ESO exhibition at the Reuschel Bank in Munich closed on 30 April, it was transported to the city of Laupheim, about 150 km west of Munich. Here it was one of the highlights during the 3-day Amateur Astronomy Fair on May 17-19, 1986. The fair which was organized by Volkssternwarte Laupheim for the fifth time attracted more than 5,000 amateur astronomers from all over Germany and was a great success.

The photo on page 24 of this issue shows a model of the ESO New Technology Telescope (scale 1:20) which joined models of La Silla, the ESO 3.6-m and the future ESO VLT 16-m telescope in Laupheim. The ESO exhibition which also includes large colour pictures of the most beautiful objects in the southern sky, is available for similar occasions. Societies, institutions, etc. who are interested in borrowing (part of) the exhibition should contact the ESO Information and Photographic Service.

ESO Press Releases

The following material has been published since the last issue of the *Messenger*. It has been sent to about 350 addresses in the ESO member countries and beyond. The distribution is limited for practical reasons, but members of the press are welcome to apply for inclusion to the ESO Information and Photographic Service (address on last page).

PR s/n: The ESO 16-m Optical Telescope (VLT) - a Colour Brochure (20 March).

PR 07/86: Big Radio Galaxy Is Nearer Than Previously Thought (13 May; with photo of NGG 5128 = Cen A).

Note also that an ESO Halley Slide Set has now become available, see the announcement on page 17 in this issue of the *Messenger*.

ESO Book to Appear in 1987

It has been decided that the ESO Book "An Outlook to the Southern Sky", cf. the *Messenger* 43, p.25 (March 1986), shall now be published in 1987, on the occasion of ESO's 25-year anniversary. A publishing contract with a major European publishing house is in the final stages of negotiation.