

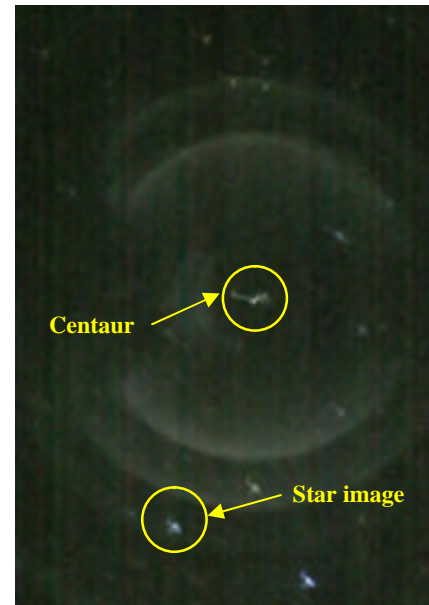
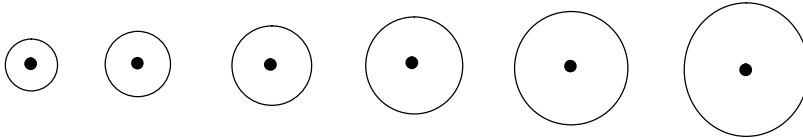
## Explanation of the IFO images

In Albert van Biljon's image, which, despite being shaky, shows that the star images and the Centaur rocket image have similar shapes because it was a short exposure.

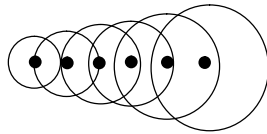
Most of the other images were taken with a longer exposure that followed, or tracked, the stars, meaning that the star showed up as 'points' whilst the Centaur rocket shows a 'trail' with the 'bubbles' of the ejected fuel increasing in size with time, as shown in the sketches below:

● = Centaur rocket

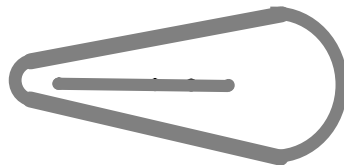
○ = expanding bubble of fuel



If the images had had a very short exposure with some time between them, they might well have had the above appearance. Had the time between successive images been shorter, they might have looked like this:



But with a time exposure you would get something like this, a (bit exaggerated!):



Which is clearly shown in both Greg Roberts' and Mitchell Krog's images below:



Mitchell's images in fact show a series of what would have been concentric bubbles.

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