Dependent on the Earth

- 1. Position
 - a. Right Ascension
 - b. Declination
 - c. Distance
- 2. Motion
 - a. Proper Motion & Tangential Velocity
 - b. Radial Velocity
 - c. Space Motion
- 3. Brightness

Independent of the Earth

Size (Diameter, Volume) Variability

Surface Temperature & Color Mass

Chemical Composition Magnetic Fields, Turbulence

Luminosity Number of components

Age and Evolution

Effects on Characteristics as a Function of Time

Predicting the Past

Predicting the Future