



# [C]ompanion [A]nalysis and [N]on- [D]etection in [I]nterferometric [D]ata

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- CANDID is a suite of Python tools to search for high contrast companions around stars from interferometric observations
- OIFITS files as input so any interferometric data should work (OLBI, SAM)
- First presented in Gallenne et al. 2015 (A&A, 579, A68) but it has evolved since then

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## **Robust high-contrast companion detection from interferometric observations**

### **The CANDID algorithm and an application to six binary Cepheids<sup>★</sup>**

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- Freely available on Github:
  - <https://github.com/amerand/CANDID>
  - <https://github.com/agallenne/GUIcandid> (additional features + GUI)

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### Setup

Color map: 
 Titles
 N Cores:

Exec. Time(s): 
 Region:

Instrument: 
 WL range:

### Fit Map

Step: 
 Fig:

rmin: 
 Remove Comp.

rmax: 
 N detect:

Map

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### Fitted Parameters

CP
  V2
  T3amp
  iCP
  |V|

diam1: 
 alpha: 
 diam2:

fratio: 
 fres:

### Bootstrap

N: 
 MC
  B
 Fig:

x: 
 y:

diam1: 
 diam2:

fratio: 
 fres:

Bootstrap

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### Detection Map

Step: 
 rmin: 
 rmax: 
 Remove Comp.

Nsigma: 
 Maps
 Method: 
 Full map

Fig:

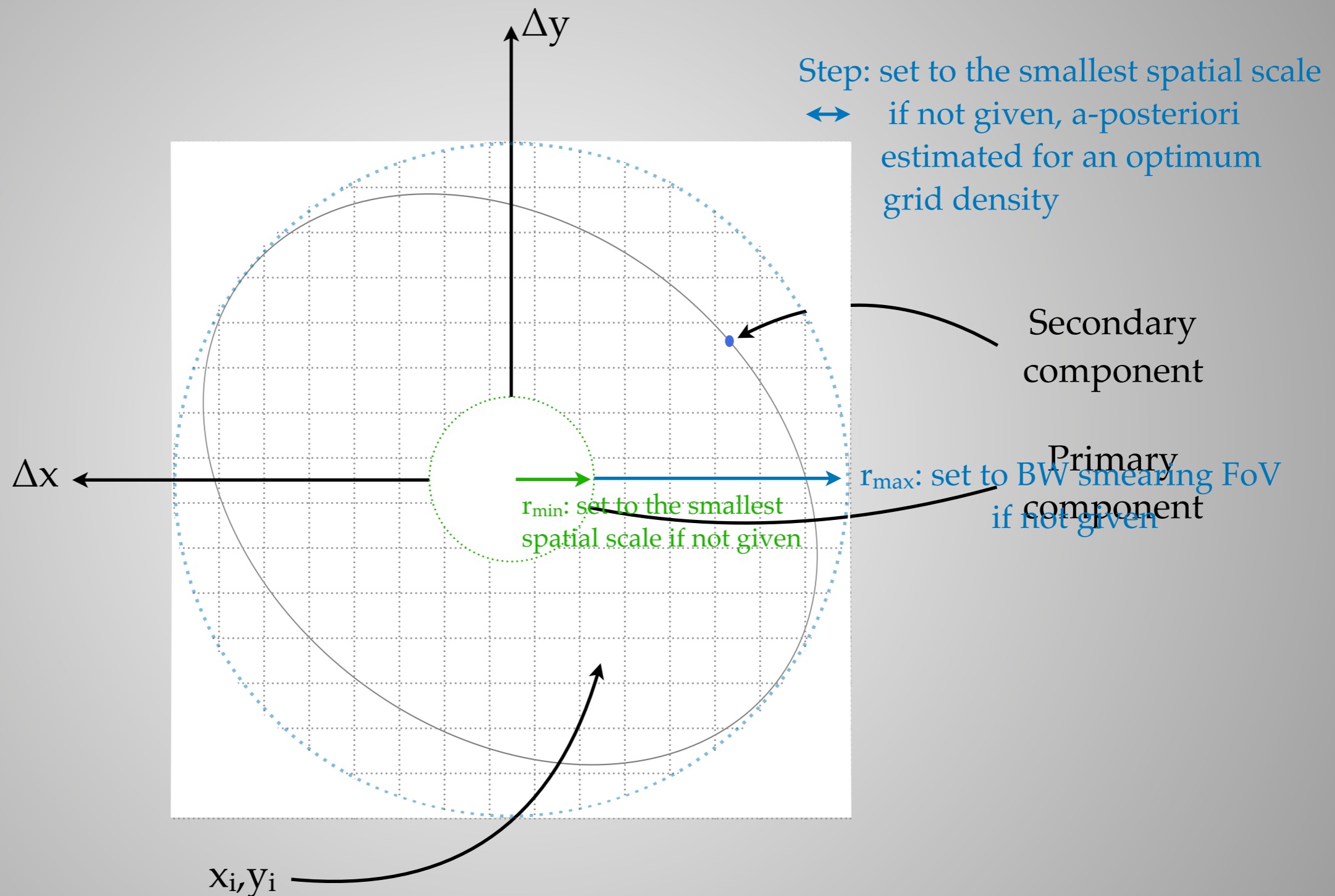
Map

[Gallenne et al. \(2015\)](#)

- Two main functionalities:
  - 1- Search Map
  - 2- Detection limit maps
- Additional features in my version:
  - Graphical user interface + tool tip (more user friendly)
  - More info when loading the oifits files (baseline length, MJD, ...)
  - Can display several minima
  - Can select a wavelength range
  - Can search in any region (centered on 0 or not)
  - Can select the  $n\sigma$  level for the detection limit map
  - Can save the detection map in fits format
- Uses multiprocessing
- Observables:  $V^2$ ,  $|V|$ , CP and  $T3_{\text{amp}}$
- Fitted parameters:  $\Delta x$  (mas),  $\Delta y$  (mas),  $f$  (%),  $\theta_1$  (mas),  $\theta_2$  (mas),  $f_{\text{res}}$  (%)
- Possibility to fit a limb-darkened primary diameter with a fixed power law coefficient
- Bandwidth smearing numerically computed

# Search Map

- Parameters are fitted at each point  $(x_i, y_i)$  of a  $N \times N$  grid



- All positions are explored by estimating a-posteriori if the grid was dense enough, and provide an estimate of the optimum grid density

# Search Map

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**Setup**

Load Oifits Close Plots Quit

Color map: cubehelix  Titles N Cores: 15

Exec. Time(s): 300 Region: 0,0

Instrument: All WL range: Full

**Fitted Parameters**

CP  V2  T3amp  iCP  |V|

diam1: 1.0  alpha: 0  diam2: 0

fratio: 2.0  fres: 0

**Fit Map**

Step: 5 Fig: Fig 1

rmin:   Remove Comp.

rmax:  N detect: 1

Map

**Bootstrap**

N: 1000  MC  B Fig: Fig 1

x:   y:

diam1:   diam2:

fratio:   fres:

Bootstrap

**Detection Map**

Step: 5 rmin:  rmax:   Remove Comp. Fig: Fig 1

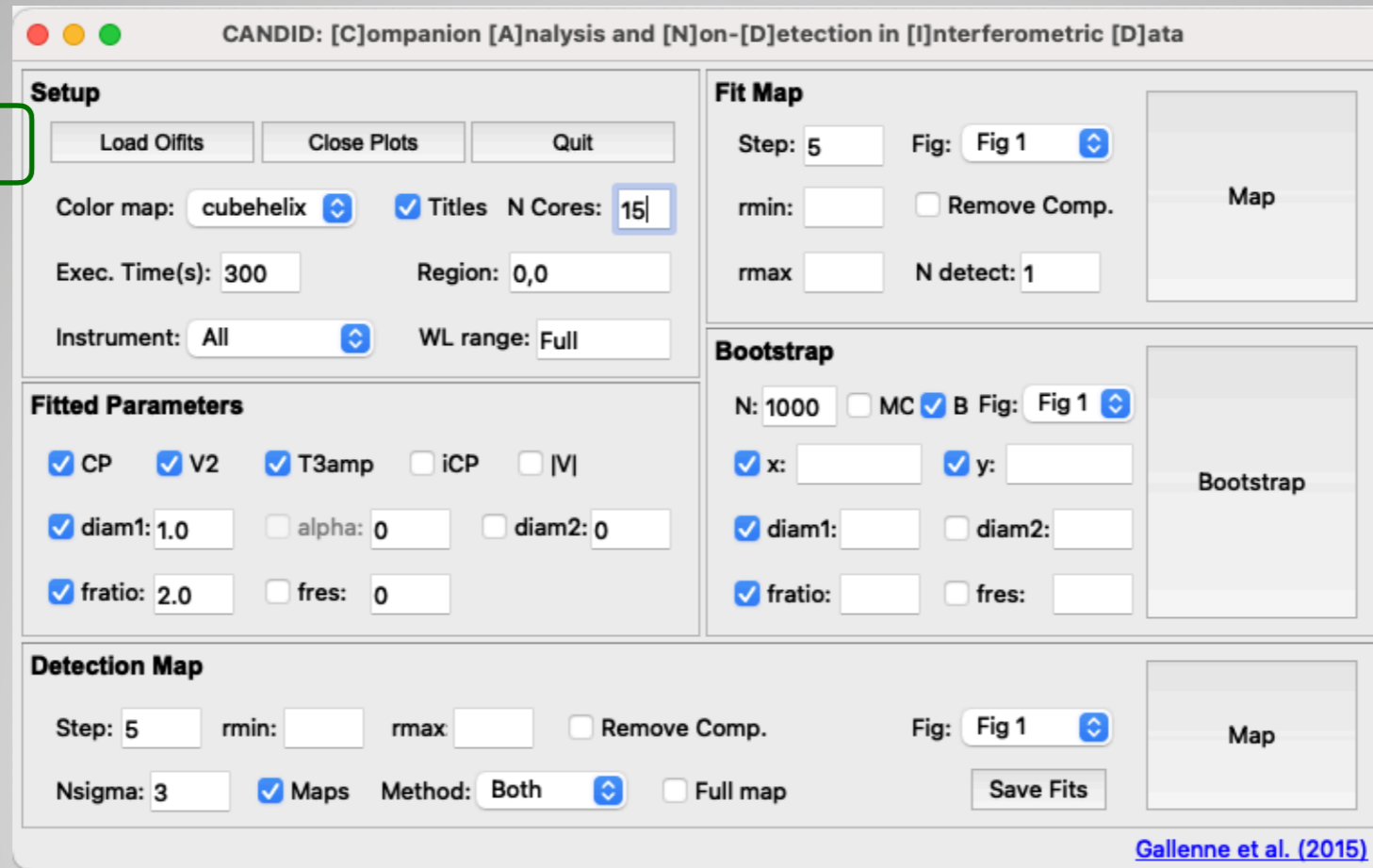
Nsigma: 3  Maps Method: Both  Full map Save Fits

Map

[Gallenne et al. \(2015\)](#)

```
In [1]: import candid
In [2]: oi = candid.Open('my oifits files')
```

# Search Map



First step is to load an ofits file

```
===== This is CANDID =====  
[C]ompanion [A]nalysis and [N]on-[D]etection in [I]nterferometric [D]ata  
https://github.com/amerand/CANDID  
=====
```

```
version: 1.0.7.1 | 2022/12/01  
| global parameters (can be updated):  
CONFIG['color map'] cubehelix_r  
CONFIG['chi2 scale'] auto  
CONFIG['long exec warning'] 300  
CONFIG['suptitle'] False  
CONFIG['progress bar'] True  
CONFIG['Ncores'] None  
CONFIG['Nsmear'] 4  
  
| loading file /Users/alex/Data/MIRC/v1334_Cyg_2012Jul27.oifits  
| Smallest spatial scale: 0.93 mas  
| Diffraction Field of view: 307.44 mas  
| WL Smearing Field of view: 40.78 mas  
| baselines: S1-S2-E1-W1-W2-E2 (min/max = 32.5/330.4 m)  
| H_PRISM: 128 V2 and 112 CP measurements / 8 spectral channels (1.49-1.73um)  
| MJD: 56135.454  
| compute aux data for companion injection  
| observables available: ['t3', 'cp', 'v2']  
| instruments: ['H_PRISM']  
| rmin= not given, set to smallest spatial scale: rmin= 0.93 mas  
| rmax= not given, set to 1.2*Field of View: rmax=48.94 mas
```

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https://github.com/amerand/CANDID  
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| global parameters (can be updated):  
CONFIG['color map'] cubehelix_r  
CONFIG['chi2 scale'] auto  
CONFIG['long exec warning'] 300  
CONFIG['suptitle'] False  
CONFIG['progress bar'] True  
CONFIG['Ncores'] None  
CONFIG['Nsmear'] 4  
  
| loading file /Users/alex/Data/GRAVITY/2023-01-26-calibrated.fits  
| Smallest spatial scale: 3.07 mas  
| Diffraction Field of view: 225.75 mas  
| WL Smearing Field of view: FT: 73 mas, SC: 11440 mas  
| baselines: A0-G1-J2-J3 (min/max = 58.0/132.4 m)  
| GRAVITY_SC: 8186 V2 and 6465 CP measurements / 1628 spectral channels (1.97-2.40um)  
| GRAVITY_FT: 32 V2 and 24 CP measurements / 6 spectral channels (1.99-2.38um)  
| MJD: 58815.175  
| compute aux data for companion injection  
| observables available: ['cp', 't3', '|v|', 'v2']  
| instruments: ['GRAVITY_FT', 'GRAVITY_SC']  
| rmin= not given, set to smallest spatial scale: rmin= 3.07 mas  
| rmax= not given, set to 1.2*Field of View: rmax=87.47 mas
```

# Search Map

## 2 Initial setup

Color map: cubehelix  Titles N Cores: 15  
Exec. Time(s): 300 Region: 0,0  
Instrument: All WL range: Full  
Fitted Parameters  
 CP  V2  T3amp  iCP  |V|  
 diam1: 1.0  alpha: 0  diam2: 0  
 fratio: 2.0  fres: 0  
Detection Map  
Step: 5 rmin: 3.1 rmax: 87.5  Remove Comp.  
Nsigma: 3  Maps Method: Both  Full map  
Fit Map  
Step: 5 Fig: Fig 1  
rmin: 3.1  Remove Comp.  
rmax: 87.5 N detect: 1  
Bootstrap  
N: 1000  MC  B Fig: Fig 1  
 x:  y:   
 diam1:  diam2:   
 fratio:  fres:   
Save Fits  
Gallenne et al. (2015)

Select region

Select instrument(s)

Parameters updated.  
Modify if necessary

Select wavelength range

Color map: cubehelix  Titles N Cores: 15  
Exec. Time(s): 300 Region: 0,0  
Instrument: All WL range: Full  
Fitted Parameters  
 CP  V2  T3amp  iCP  |V|  
 diam1: 1.0  alpha: 0  diam2: 0  
 fratio: 2.0  fres: 0  
Detection Map  
Step: 5 rmin: rmax:  Remove Comp.  
Nsigma: 3  Maps Method: Both  Full map  
Fit Map  
Step: 5 Fig: Fig 1  
rmin:   Remove Comp.  
rmax:  N detect: 1  
Bootstrap  
N: 1000  MC  B Fig: Fig 1  
 x:  y:   
 diam1:  diam2:   
 fratio:  fres:   
Save Fits  
Gallenne et al. (2015)

3 Start searching



# Search Map

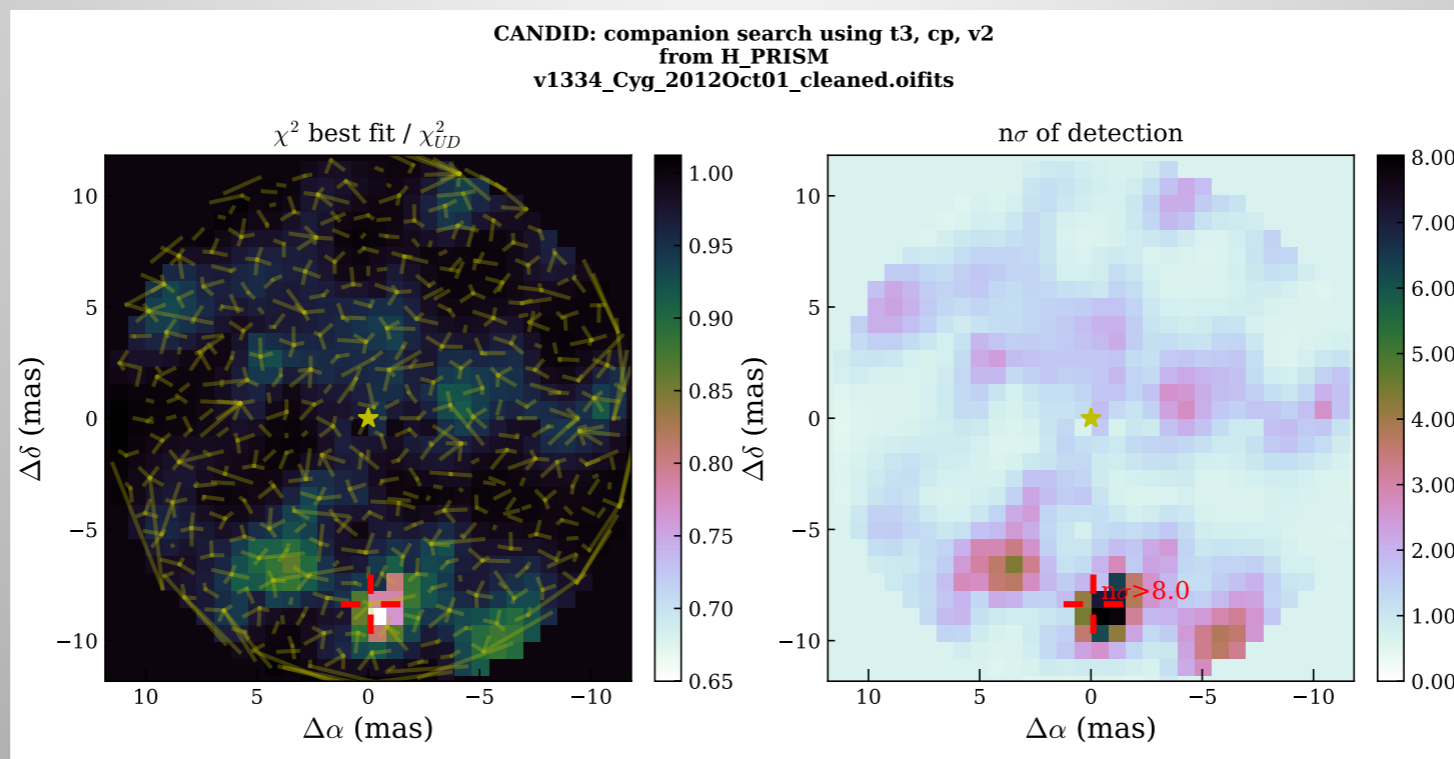
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| setting up Nsmear = 3
| observables: ['t3', 'cp', 'v2'] from ['t3', 'cp', 'v2']
| instruments: ['H_PRISM'] from ['H_PRISM']
| baselines: ['S1-S2-E1-W1-W2-E2']
| mean JD: 2456201.711200
| UD diam Fit
| best fit diameter: 0.487 +- 0.004 mas
| chi2 = 1.951
|===== | 92% 1 s remaininggd take about 32 seconds
| grid of fit took 9.4 seconds
| Computing map of interpolated Chi2 minima
| 101 individual minima for 104 fits
| 10, 50, 90 percentiles for fit displacement: 0.2, 0.5, 0.9 mas
| grid step was 2.0 mas
| 1.0 fit per minima with step 2.00
| minima density: 2.1 mas
| WARNING, grid may be too wide! --> try step=0.73mas
| for interpolating: 101 points -> 169 pixels map
| BEST FIT 0: chi2=1.1631
| alpha*= 0.0000 [none]
| diam*= 0.4359 +- 0.0041 [mas]
| f= 3.0961 +- 0.0973 [% primary]
| x= -0.1070 +- 0.0151 [mas]
| y= -8.3626 +- 0.0097 [mas]
| for information:
| sep= 8.3633mas
| PA= -179.2668deg
| chi2r_UD=1.95, chi2r_BIN=1.16, NDOF=1531 -> n sigma: 8 (assumes uncorr data)
| Correlations: >=.9 >=.8 >=.7 >=.5 >=.2 <.2
| 0 1 2 3
| 0:diam* ##### -.44 .01 -.04
| 1: f -.44 ##### -.02 .03
| 2: x .01 -.02 ##### -.29
| 3: y -.04 .03 -.29 #####

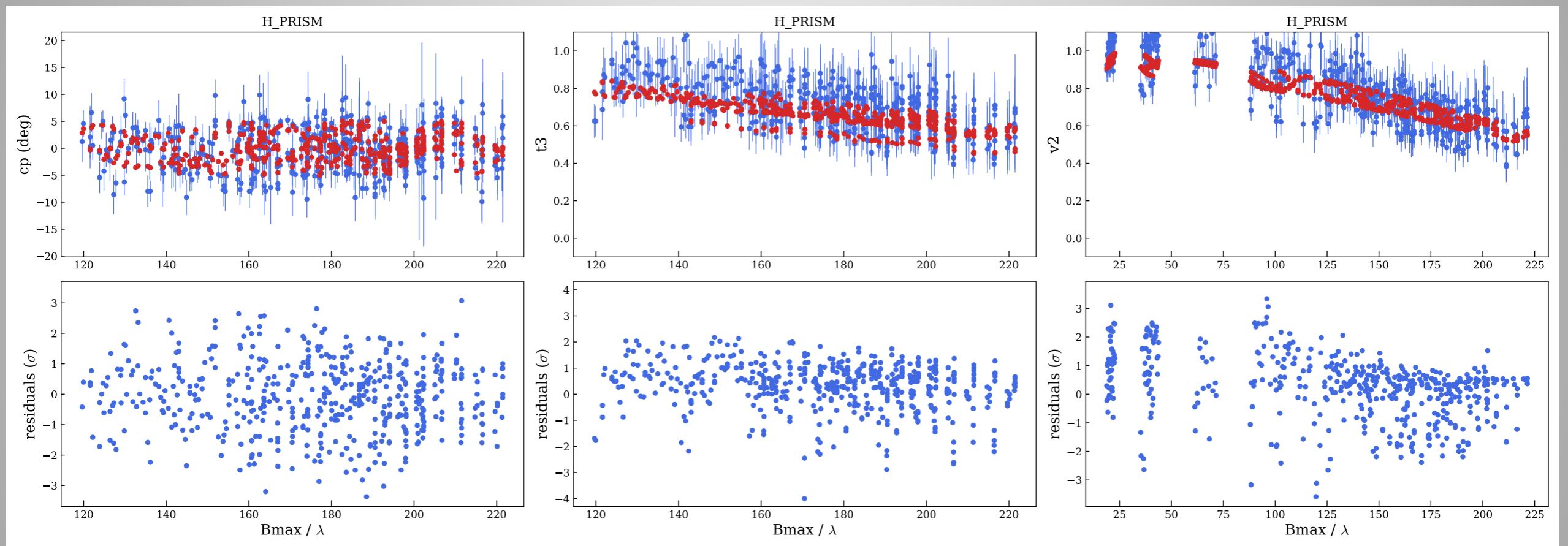
```

Fitted parameters {

Fit "Travel distance"  
 $> \sqrt{2}/2 * \text{size of the square grid}$



# Search Map

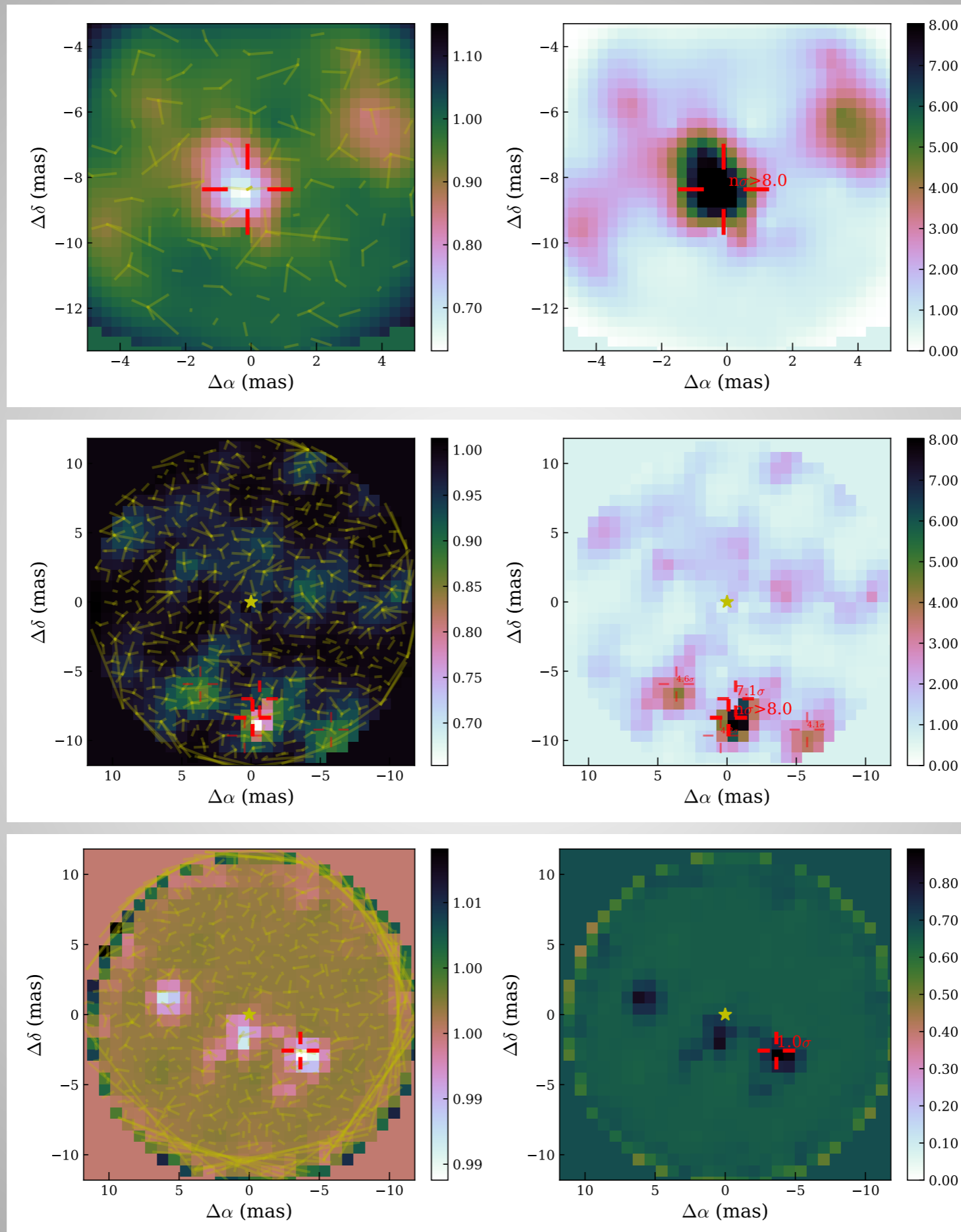


# Search Map

● Region:

● N Detect:

● Companion removed:



Titles N Cores: 15  
Region: 0,-8.3,5  
WL range: Full

Remove Comp.  
N detect: [5]

43 Fig: Fig 1  
 Remove Comp.  
N detect: 1

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**Setup**

Load Ofits Close Plots Quit

Color map: cubehelix  Titles N Cores: 15

Exec. Time(s): 300 Region: 0,0

Instrument: H\_PRISM WL range: Full

**Fitted Parameters**

CP  V2  T3amp  iCP  |M|

diam1: 1.0  alpha: 0  diam2: 0

fratio: 2.0  fres: 0

**Fit Map**

Step: 0.727 Fig: Fig 1

rmin: 0.  Remove Comp. Map

rmax 12 N detect: 1

**Bootstrap**

N: 1000  MC  B Fig: Fig 1

x: -0.107  y: -8.363 Bootstrap

diam1: 0.436  diam2: 0

fratio: 3.1  fres: 0

**Detection Map**

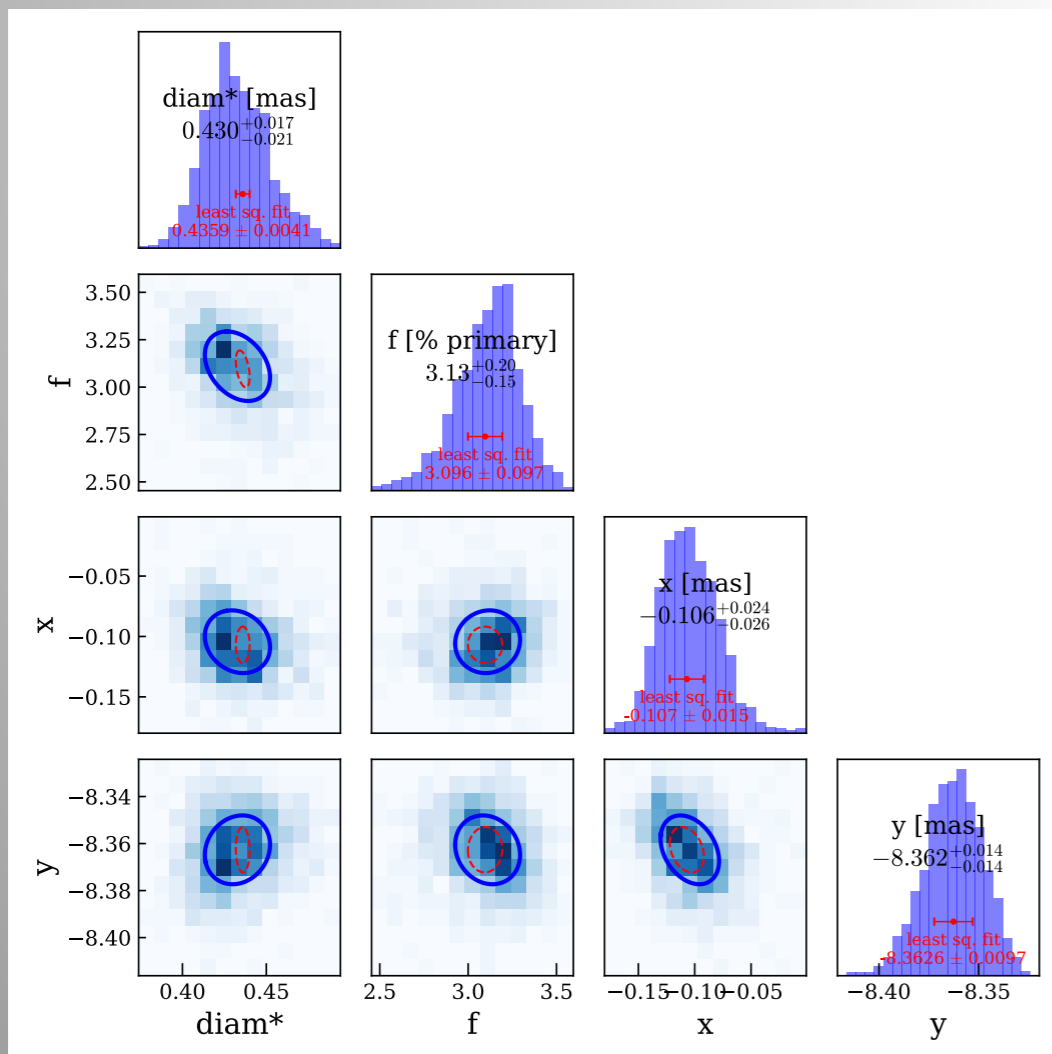
Step: 0.727 rmin: 0.9 rmax: 49.0  Remove Comp. Fig: Fig 1 Map

Nsigma: 3  Maps Method: Both  Full map Save Fits

Gallenne et al. (2015)

4 Start bootstrapping

Last search already filled



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using best solution from last search (fitMap or chi2Map)
running N=1000 fit [Pooling 15 processors]... it should take about 207 seconds
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Reference Least Square Fit (all data):
chi2 = 1.163
alpha* = 0.0000 +- 0.0000 none
diam* = 0.4359 +- 0.0041 mas
f = 3.0960 +- 0.0973 % primary
x = -0.1070 +- 0.0151 mas
y = -8.3626 +- 0.0097 mas
Correlations: >=.9 >=.8 >=.7 >=.5 >=.2 < .2
0: diam* #### -.44 .01 -.03
1: f -.44 #### -.02 .02
2: x .01 -.02 #### -.29
3: y -.03 .02 -.29 ####
-----
Bootstrapping on 61 MJDs: 56201.14836 => 56201.30280
===== | 99% 0 s remainingg
grid of fit took 11.7 seconds
sigma clipping in position and flux ratio for nSigmaClip= 4.5
All fits [N=1000] 16, 50 and 84% percentiles:
x: -0.1297 -0.1058 -0.0794
y: -8.3767 -8.3622 -8.3478
f: 2.9333 3.1303 3.2848
d: 0.4134 0.4305 0.4517
1 fits ignored
diam* = 0.4304 + 0.0170 - 0.0212 mas
f = 3.1303 + 0.1960 - 0.1545 % primary
x = -0.1058 + 0.0238 - 0.0265 mas
y = -8.3622 + 0.0145 - 0.0145 mas
Astrometric error ellipse:
x = -0.1044 mas
y = -8.3627 mas
PA = 165.8945 deg
a = 0.0266 mas
b = 0.0135 mas
Correlations: >=.9 >=.8 >=.7 >=.5 >=.2 < .2
0: diam* #### -.33 -.18 .15
1: f -.33 #### .06 -.15
2: x -.18 .06 #### -.32
3: y .15 -.15 -.32 ####

```

# Detection Limits

The screenshot displays the CANDID software interface with the following sections:

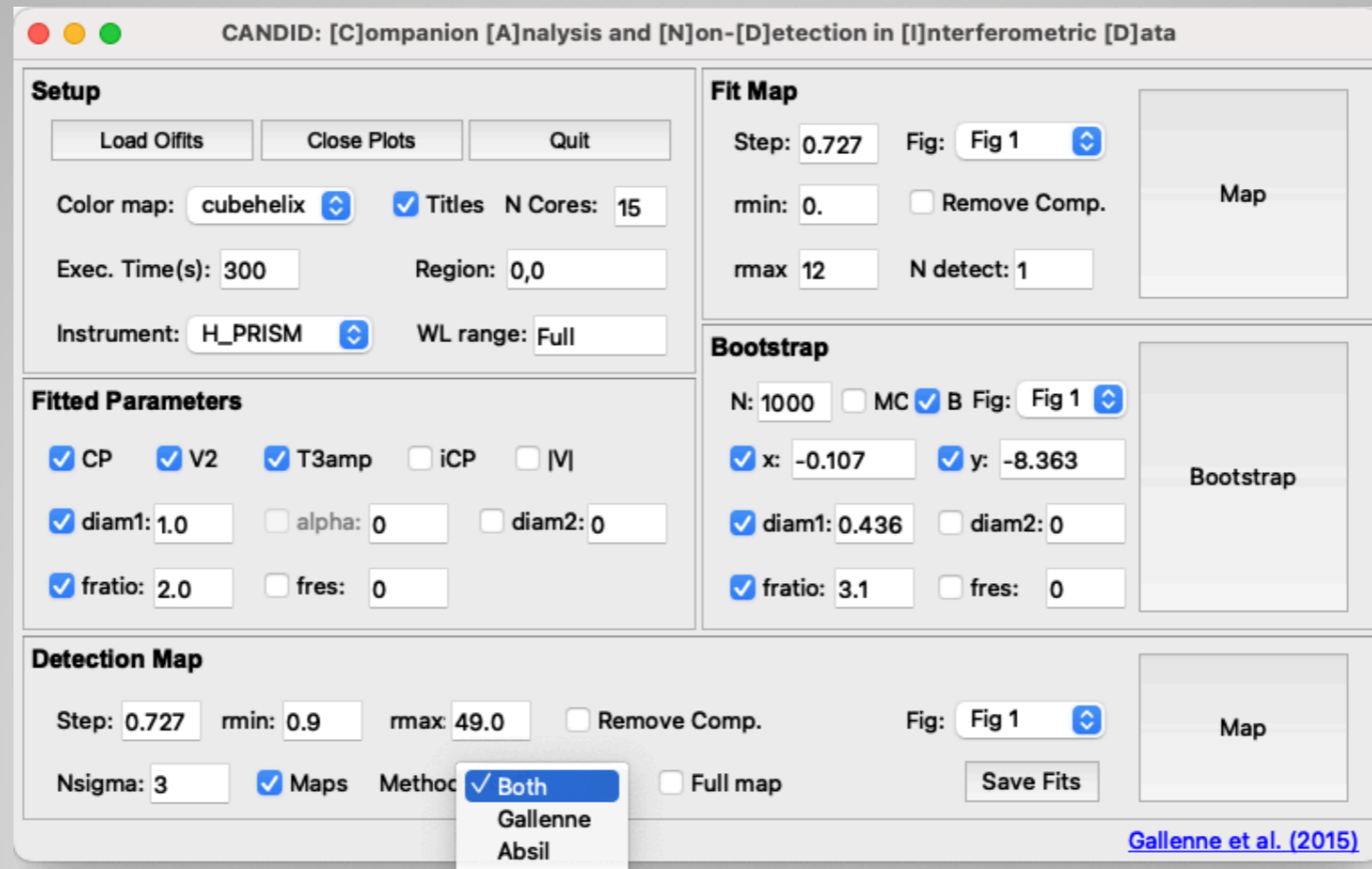
- Setup:** Includes buttons for 'Load Ofits', 'Close Plots', and 'Quit'. Parameters include 'Color map: cubehelix', 'Titles' (checked), 'N Cores: 15', 'Exec. Time(s): 300', 'Region: 0,0', 'Instrument: H\_PRISM', and 'WL range: Full'.
- Fitted Parameters:** Includes checkboxes for 'CP', 'V2', 'T3amp', 'iCP', and '|M|'. Parameters include 'diam1: 1.0', 'alpha: 0', 'diam2: 0', 'fratio: 2.0', and 'fres: 0'.
- Fit Map:** Includes 'Step: 0.727', 'Fig: Fig 1', 'rmin: 0.', 'Remove Comp.' (unchecked), 'rmax: 12', and 'N detect: 1'. A 'Map' plot area is visible.
- Bootstrap:** Includes 'N: 1000', 'MC' (unchecked), 'B Fig: Fig 1', 'x: -0.107', 'y: -8.363', 'diam1: 0.436', 'diam2: 0', 'fratio: 3.1', and 'fres: 0'. A 'Bootstrap' plot area is visible.
- Detection Map (highlighted with a green border):** Includes 'Step: 0.727', 'rmin: 0.9', 'rmax: 49.0', 'Remove Comp.' (unchecked), 'Fig: Fig 1', 'Nsigma: 3', 'Maps' (checked), 'Method: Both', 'Full map' (unchecked), and a 'Save Fits' button. A 'Map' plot area is visible.

[Gallenne et al. \(2015\)](#)

Can change the requested detection level

Can save the final map in fits format

# Detection Limits



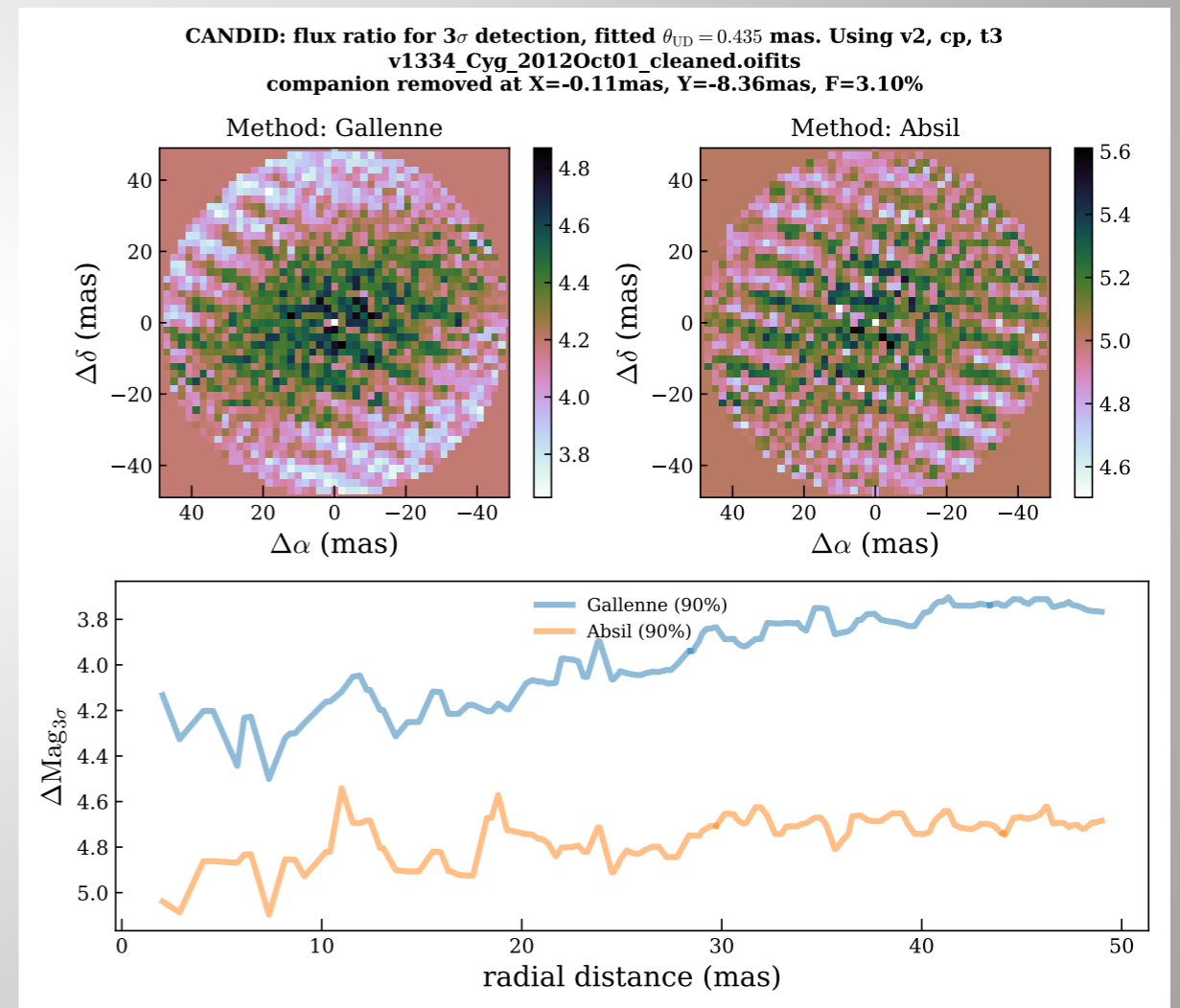
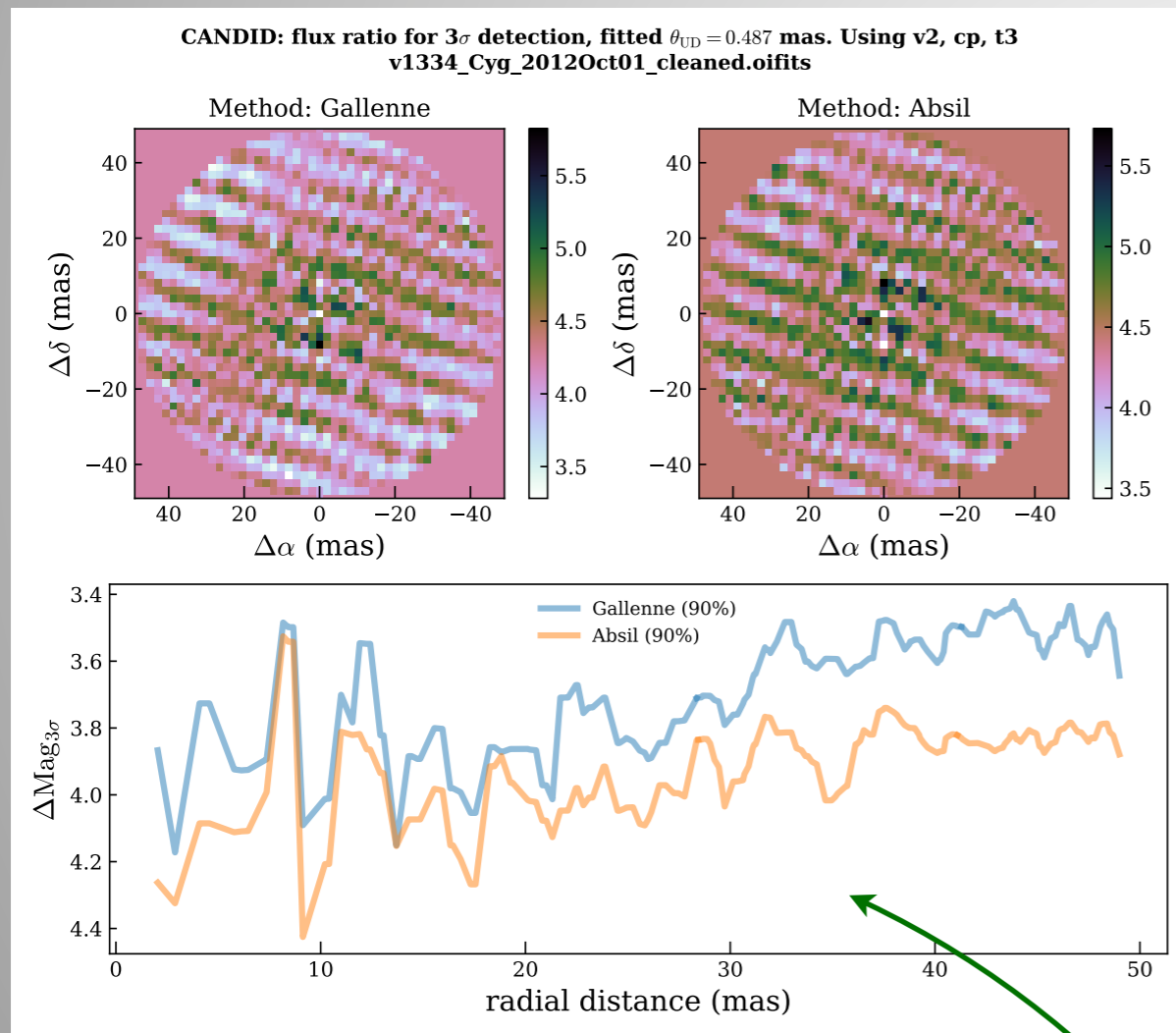
- Two methods for each astrometric position:
  - **Absil:** compare a uniform disk model (true model) with a binary model (hypothesis) --> Absil et al. 2011, A&A, 535, A68
  - **Gallenne:** inject a companion with various flux ratio and compare the binary model (true model) with a uniform disk (hypothesis)

$$P(\Delta\alpha, \Delta\delta) = 1 - CDF_{\nu} \left( \frac{\nu\chi_{UD}^2}{\chi_{r,bin}^2(\Delta\alpha, \Delta\delta)} \right)$$

$$P(\Delta\alpha, \Delta\delta) = 1 - CDF_{\nu} \left( \frac{\nu\chi_{r,bin}^2(\Delta\alpha, \Delta\delta)}{\chi_{UD}^2} \right)$$

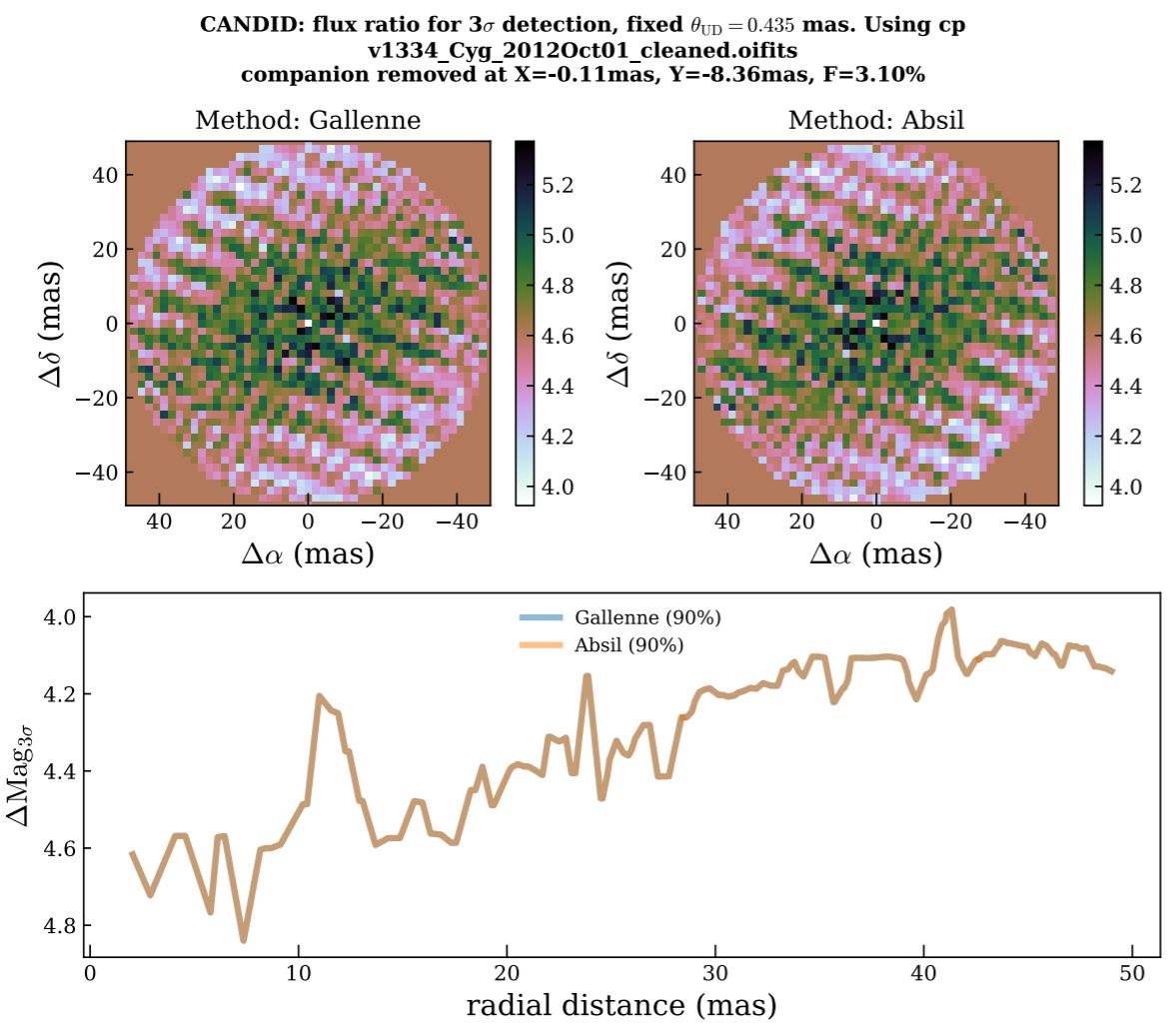
# Detection Limits

- Injection method is more robust to biased data when estimating detection limits
- Remove (analytically) a previously detected companion



Radial profile  $f(r)$  using 90% completeness level from the cumulated histogram in rings for all azimuths

# Detection Limits



- Injection and Absil method identical because no UD diameter is fitted

```
setting up Nsmear = 4
observables: ['t3', 'v2', 'cp'] from ['t3', 'v2', 'cp']
instruments: ['H_PRISM'] from ['H_PRISM']
UD diam Fit
best fit diameter: 0.435 +- 0.003 mas
chi2 = 1.161
Detection Limit Map 20x20 [Pooling 15 processors]... it should take about 137 seconds
Method: Gallenne
===== | 99% 0 s remainingg
Method: Absil
===== | 99% 0 s remainingg

Average detection limits:
r < 24mas: dm = 4.21mag, std = 0.10mag
r > 24mas: dm = 3.93mag, std = 0.10mag
r < 49mas: dm = 4.00mag, std = 0.15mag
```



That is all you need to know about CANDID  
to fit a **simple** binary model

Thank you













