The CHARA Archive and Working with OIFITS Data



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The CHARA Server

- Located at GSU Data Center
- 3 Virtual Machines:
 - Database/Archive Machine
 - Data Reduction Machine
 - Remote Observing Machine
 - Active Mode
 - Passive Mode

















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CHARA Database Timeline

- Already Done:
 - VEGA L0 on OIDB
 - Classic/CLIMB L0 (to 2015) on OIDB
 - Classic, CLIMB, & PAVO L1 on CHARA archive























CHARA Database Timeline

- Short Term (Spring 2018):
 - All L1 on CHARA archive
 - CHARA archive made public •
 - All Classic/CLIMB L0 on OIDB
 - Automate L0 generation •







































CHARA Database Timeline

- Long Term (2019-2020):
 - All L2 data generated
 - All L2 data on OIDB
 - Online CHARA archive portal



















Data Reduction

- CHARA staff and consortium members will support data reduction to OIFITS format
- Many users may find it informative to run reduction software and calibration themselves
- Reduction software will be available on CHARA server
- Data analysis, model fitting, image reconstruction performed by users















- OIFITS: Data exchange standard for Optical Interferometry
- Target and instrument information tables:
 - OI_TARGET
 - OI_ARRAY
 - OI_WAVELENGTH
- Data tables:
 - OI_VIS2
 - OI_T3















OI_VIS2 Table (OIFITS)

TARGET_ID	Target number
TIME	UTC time of observation (s)
MJD	Modified Julian Date
INT_TIME	Integration time (s)
VIS2DATA	Squared Visibility
VIS2ERR	Error in Squared Visibility
UCOORD	U coordinate of data (m)
VCOORD	V coordinate of data (m)
STA_INDEX	Station numbers
FLAG	Flag















OI_T3 Table (OIFITS)

TARGET_ID	Target number
TIME	UTC time of observation (s)
MJD	Modified Julian Date
INT_TIME	Integration time (s)
ТЗАМР	Triple Product Amplitude
T3AMPERR	Error in Triple Product Amplitude
ТЗРНІ	Triple Product Phase in degrees
T3PHIERR	Error in Triple Product Phase in degrees
U1COORD	U coordinate of baseline AB in triangle (m)
V1COORD	V coordinate of baseline AB in triangle (m)
U2COORD	U coordinate of baseline BC in triangle (m)
V2COORD	V coordinate of baseline BC in triangle (m)
STA_INDEX	Station numbers
	Flag

Software for Reading/Writing OIFITS Files

- OIFITSlib C Library
 - https://github.com/jsy1001/oifitslib
- IDL OIFITS Library by John Monnier
 - <u>http://dept.astro.lsa.umich.edu/~monnier/oi_data/</u>
- **OIFITS Explorer** by JMMC
 - <u>http://www.jmmc.fr/oifitsexplorer_page.htm</u>
- OITOOLS.jl in development by Fabien Baron
 - Data visualization and modeling (Julia)













- Editor: flag and export merged OIFITS files
- Better data selection graphically















Data Analysis



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- Measurement:
 - Fourier Transform (FT) of brightness distribution
 - Irregular and sparse sampling, so we can't do an inverse FT

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• Solutions:

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- Geometric model fitting
- Physical models
- Image reconstruction



Another Model Example



Model Fitting: LITpro

- Fit geometric and limb-darkened models
- Plots to visualize data, models, and results of fits
- Tools to find global minimum











LITpr⇔











Model Fitting: Companion Search - CANDID

- Companion Analysis and Non-Detection in Interferometric Data
- Grid search for binary companions
- Estimate detection limits
- https://github.com/amerand/CANDID



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Image Reconstruction



- Sparse sampling of Fourier frequencies in plane of sky
- Can't inverse Fourier
 transform to obtain image
 - Compromise between:
 - Fitting available data
 - Keeping the image as regular (simple) as possible







Software	Optimization	Regularizer	Multi- Spectral	Simultaneous Model Fitting
BSMEM	Trust region gradient	Maximum Entropy Method	No	No
MACIM	Simulated annealing	Maximum Entropy Method, Darkness	No	Yes
MiRA	Variable Metric Limited Memory with bound constraints	Many	No	Yes
SQUEEZE	Parallel Tempering	Many	Yes	Yes
PAINTER	Alternating Direction Method of Minimizers	Many	Yes	No











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Principles of image reconstruction in optical interferometry: tutorial

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> JMMC is developing a common interface for "classic" image reconstruction software http://www.jmmc.fr/oimaging.htm















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High Fidelity Imaging of Complex Targets is Difficult

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Avoid under and over regularization





- Use two control sets:
 - model image of object with complexity (e.g., spotted star)
 - much simpler model image with no features (e.g. limb-darkened disk)
- Simulate observations copy Fourier coverage and signal to noise from original data
- Reconstruct images for two control data sets and check fidelity of reconstructions
- Were spurious features introduced in simple model?
- Were feature correctly recovered in the complex model?











Right Ascension (mas)



This method will help identify the best regularization





Right Ascension (mas)

Maximum entropy

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Model



Links for modeling and imaging software available on the CHARA website:

http://www.chara.gsu.edu/analysis-software/















