



# Data Format, Modeling, and Imaging



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# 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 Format

- 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)
T3AMP	Triple Product Amplitude
T3AMPERR	Error in Triple Product Amplitude
T3PHI	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
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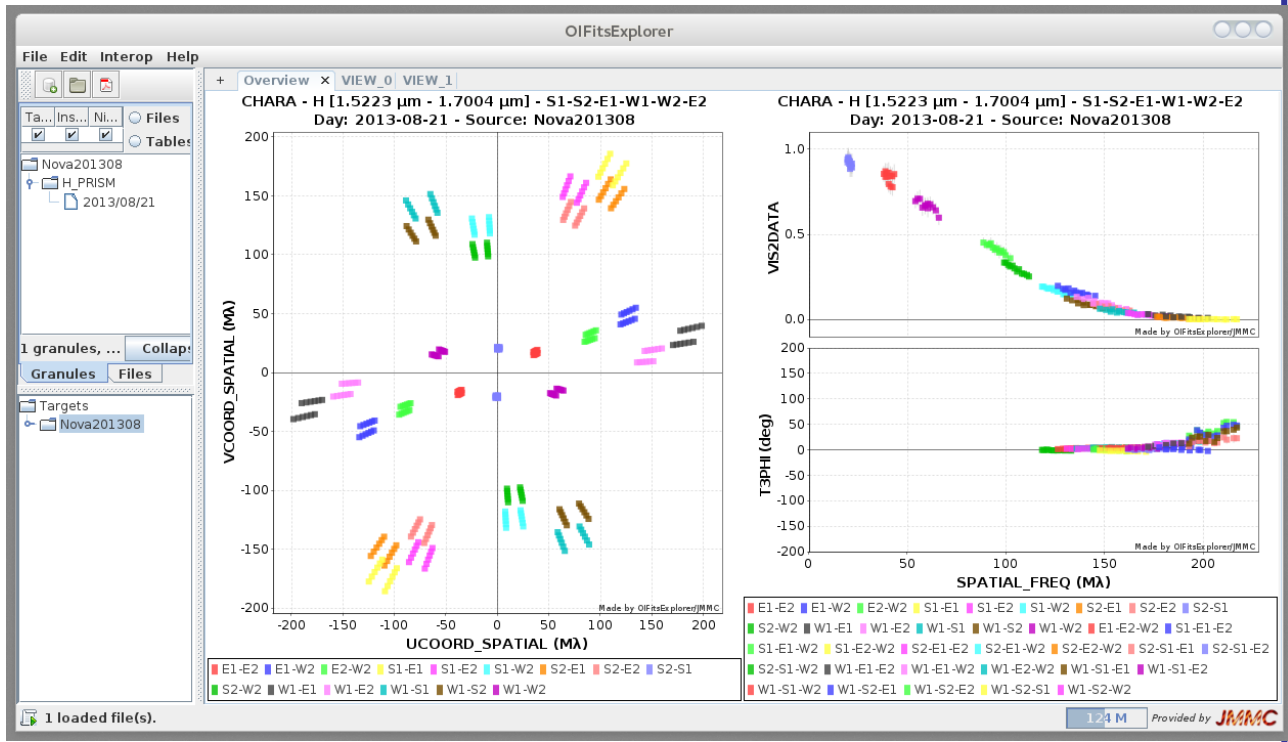


# Software for Reading/Writing OIFITS Files

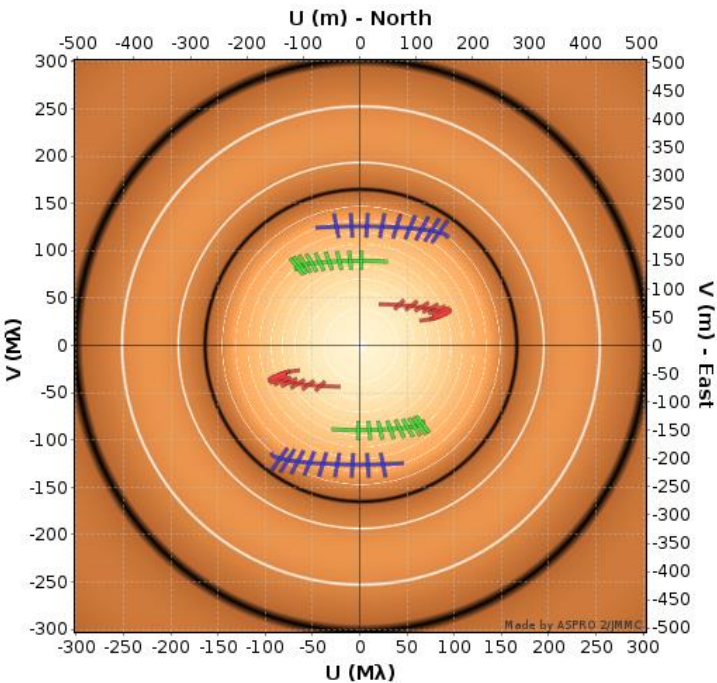
- **OIFITSlib** – C Library
  - <https://github.com/jsy1001/oifitslib>
- **IDL OIFITS Library** – by John Monnier
  - [http://dept.astro.lsa.umich.edu/~monnier/oi\\_data/](http://dept.astro.lsa.umich.edu/~monnier/oi_data/)
- **OIFITS Explorer** – by JMMC
  - [http://www.jmmc.fr/oifitsexplorer\\_page.htm](http://www.jmmc.fr/oifitsexplorer_page.htm)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

# OIFITS Explorer

- Visualization
- Load OIFits files
- Plots:
  - uv coverage
  - V2, T3, ...
  - HA, PA, SNR
- Future:
  - Editor: flag and export merged OIFITS files
  - Better data selection graphically



# Data Analysis

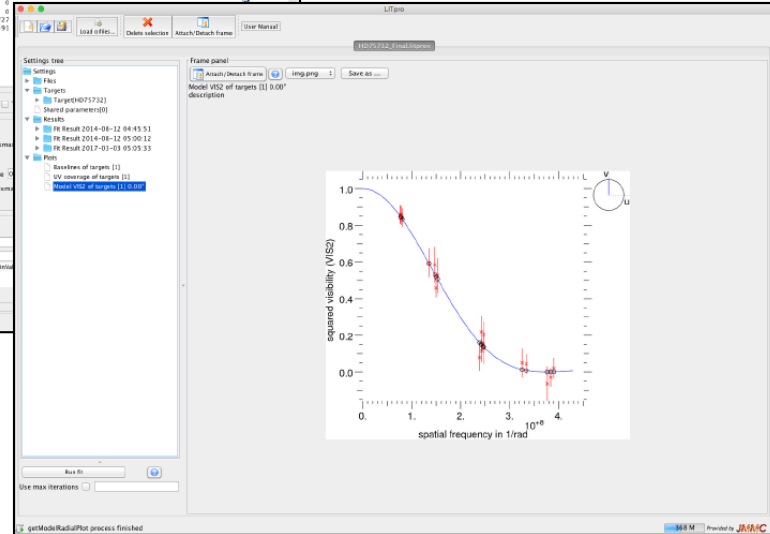
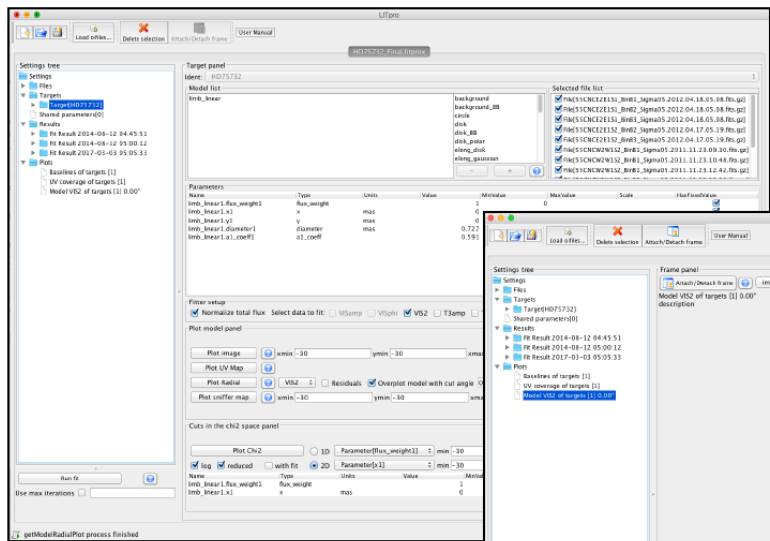


- Interferometers measure the Fourier Transform of the brightness distribution
- Sparse sampling
- Geometric model fitting
- Physical models
- Image reconstruction

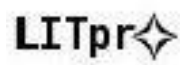


# Model Fitting: LITpro

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



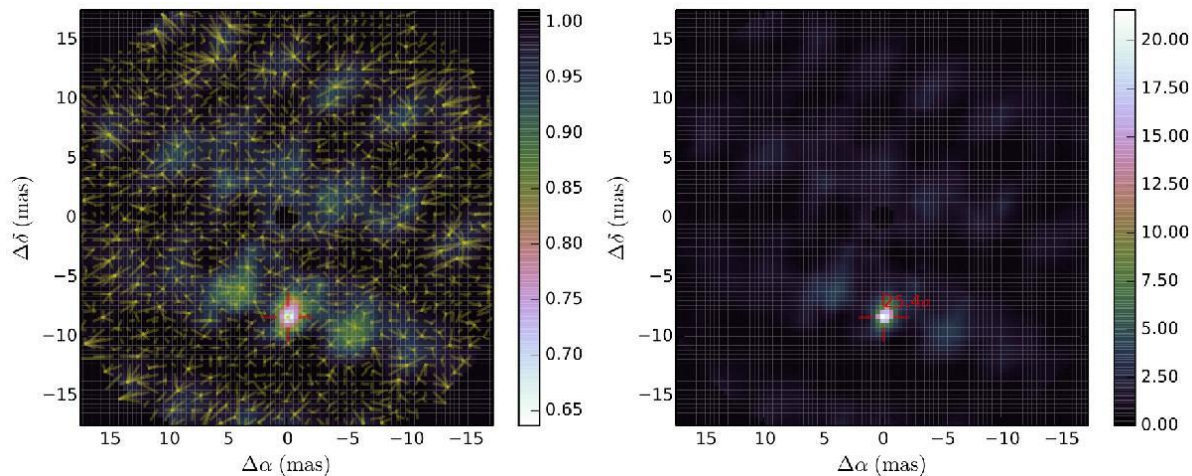
Roxanne Ligi (2016)



[http://www.jmmc.fr/litpro\\_page.htm](http://www.jmmc.fr/litpro_page.htm)

# 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>



Gallenne et al.  
(2015)



# Model Fitting: SIMTOI

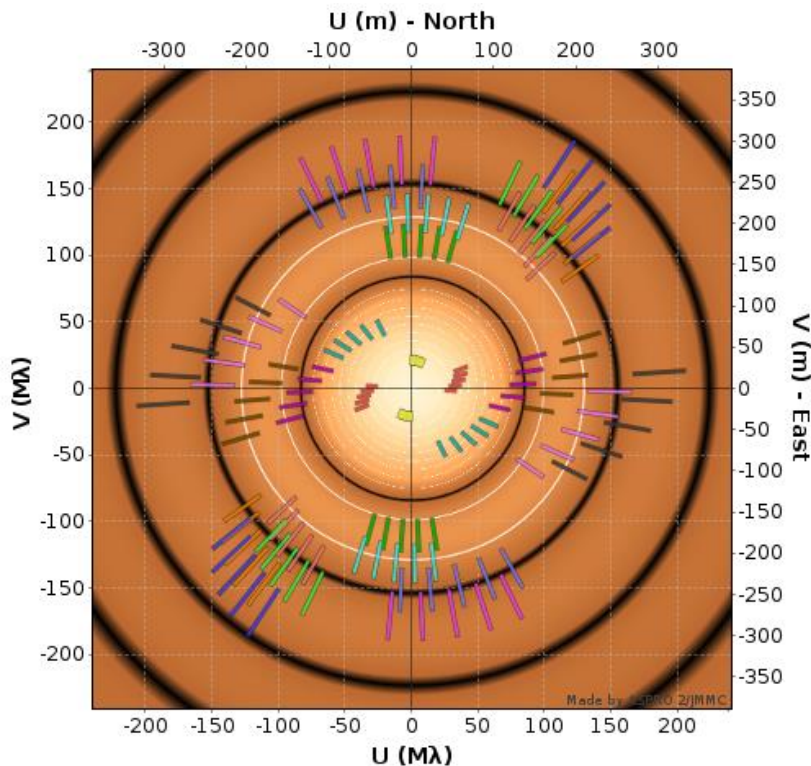
- **SIMTOI: Simulation and Modeling Tool for Optical Interferometry**
- Written by Brian Kloppenborg
- GPU accelerated
- Photometry + interferometry
- Physical models
- Global optimization
- Keplerian orbits

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<https://github.com/bkloppenborg/simtoi>



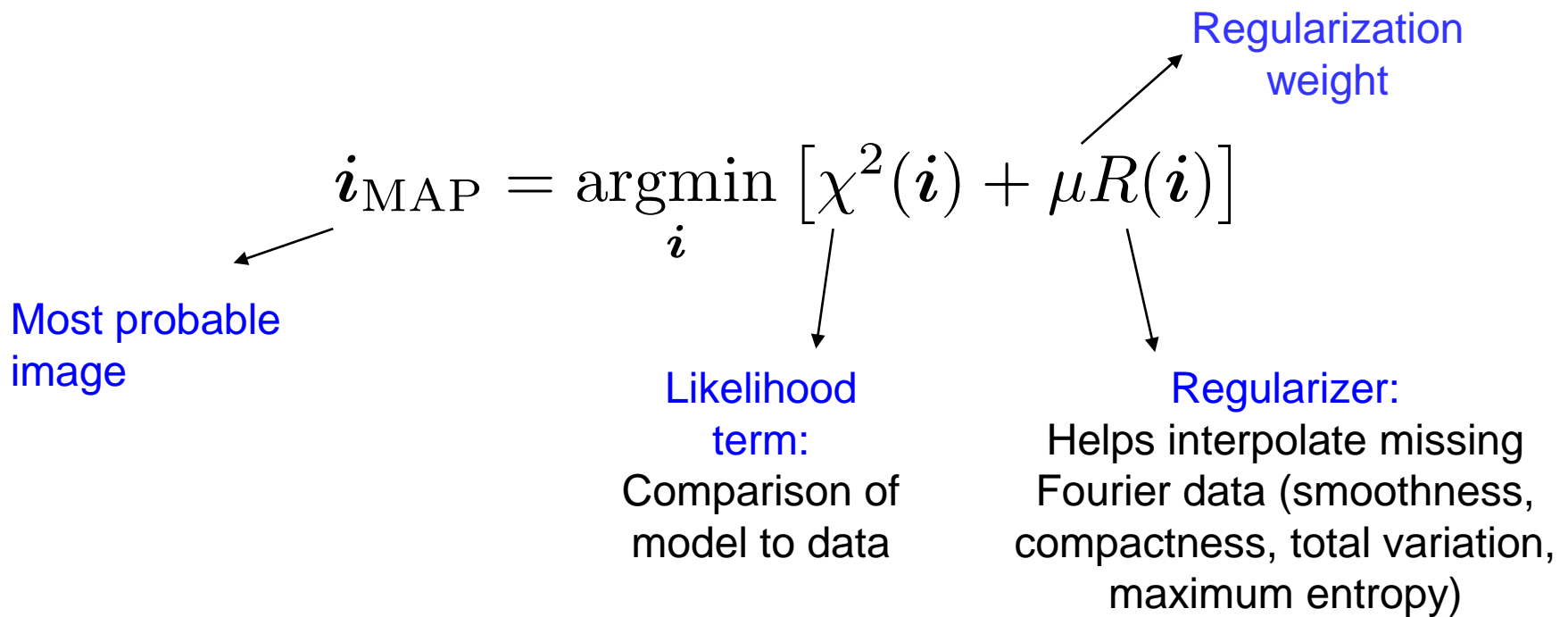
# Image Reconstruction



- Sparse sampling of Fourier frequencies in plane of sky
- Inverse Fourier transform to obtain image
- Compromise between:
  - Fitting available data
  - Keeping the image as regular (simple) as possible

# Image Reconstruction

## Regularized maximum likelihood





# Image Reconstruction Software

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



# Imaging Tutorial

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Tutorial

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OPTICS, IMAGE SCIENCE, AND VISION

## Principles of image reconstruction in optical interferometry: tutorial

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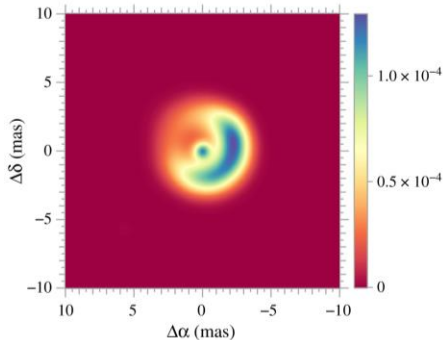
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JMMC is developing a common interface for “classic” image reconstruction software  
<http://www.jmmc.fr/oimaging.htm>

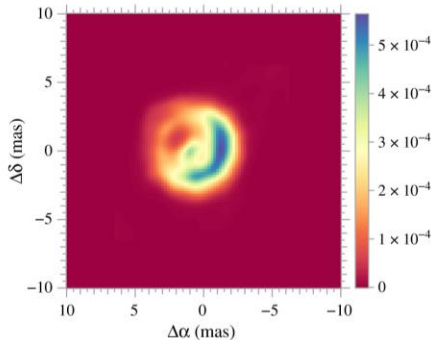
# Different Reconstruction Methods and Regularizers

Thiebaut & Young (2017)

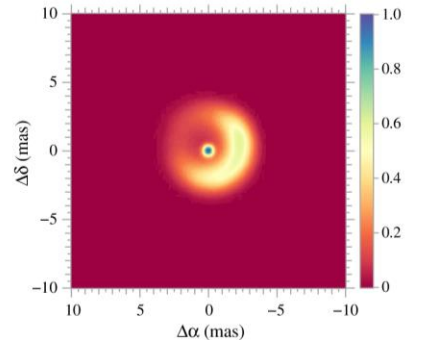
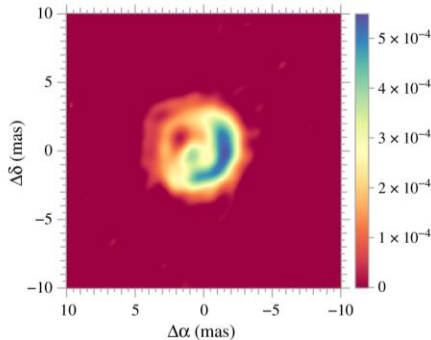
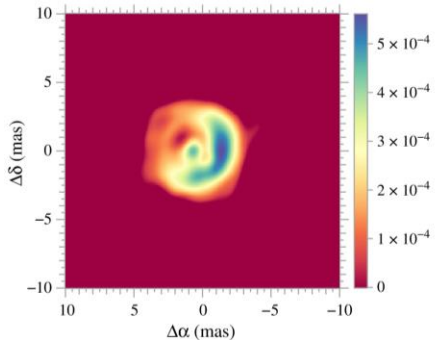
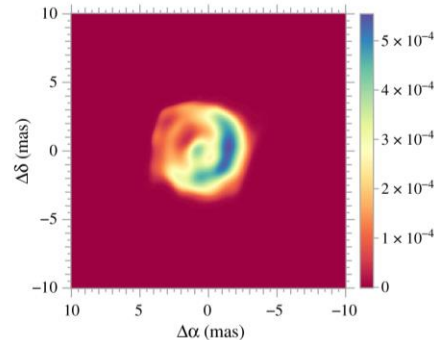
Original Image (LkH $\alpha$  101)



BSMEM



MiRA + MEM regularizer



MiRA + compactness quadratic

MiRA + edge-preserving

SQUEEZE with  $I_0$  norm wavelet coefficients





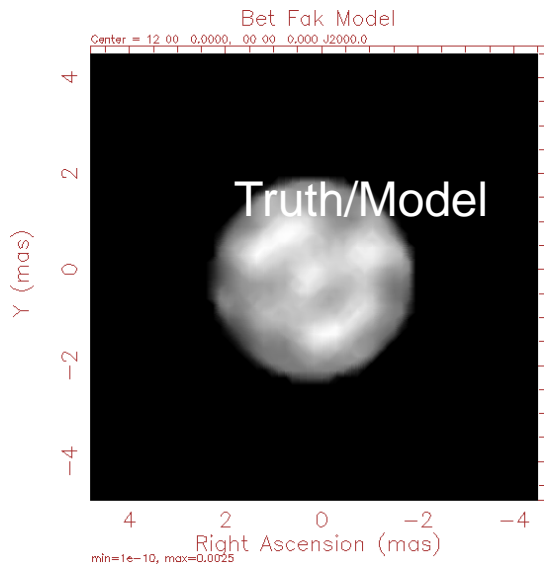
# High Fidelity Imaging of Complex Targets is Difficult

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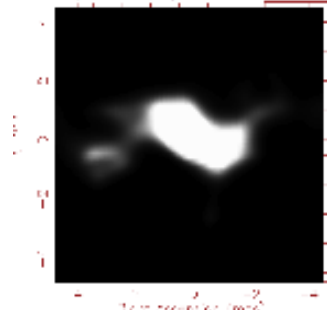
2012 IAU Interferometry

Beauty Contest

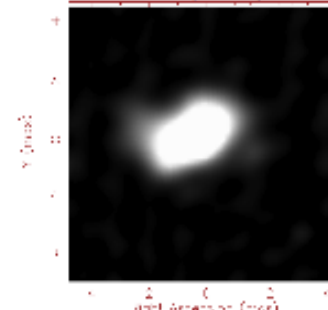
Baron et al. 2012



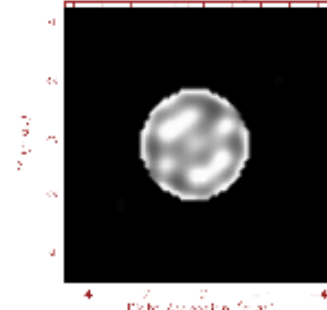
Rengaswamy (unnamed method)



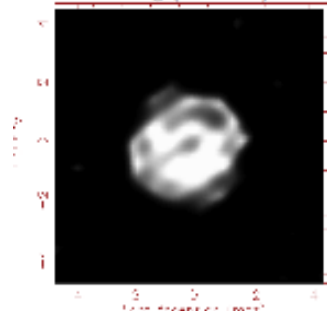
Elias (CASA)



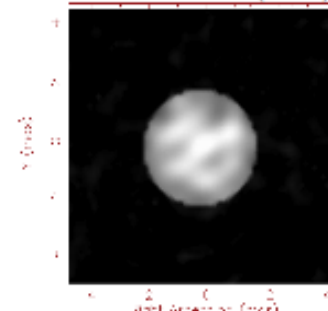
Millour & Vannier (BSMEM)



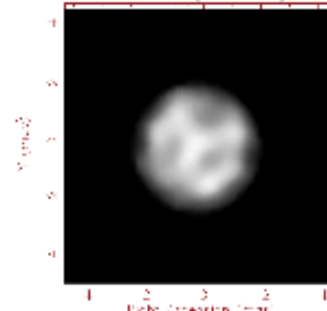
Young (BSMEM)



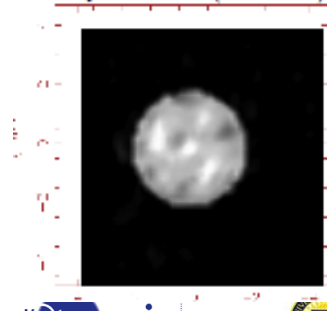
Thiébaud & Soulez (MiRA)



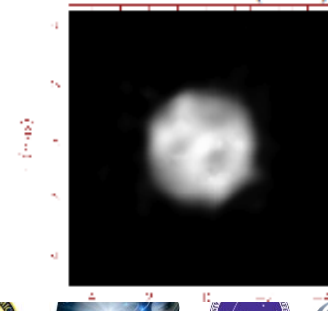
Monnier (MACIM)



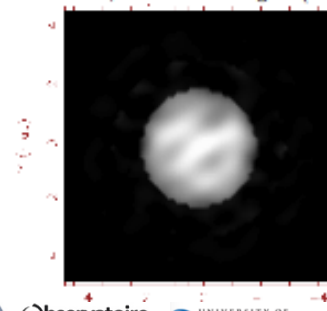
Mary & Vannier (MIROIRS)



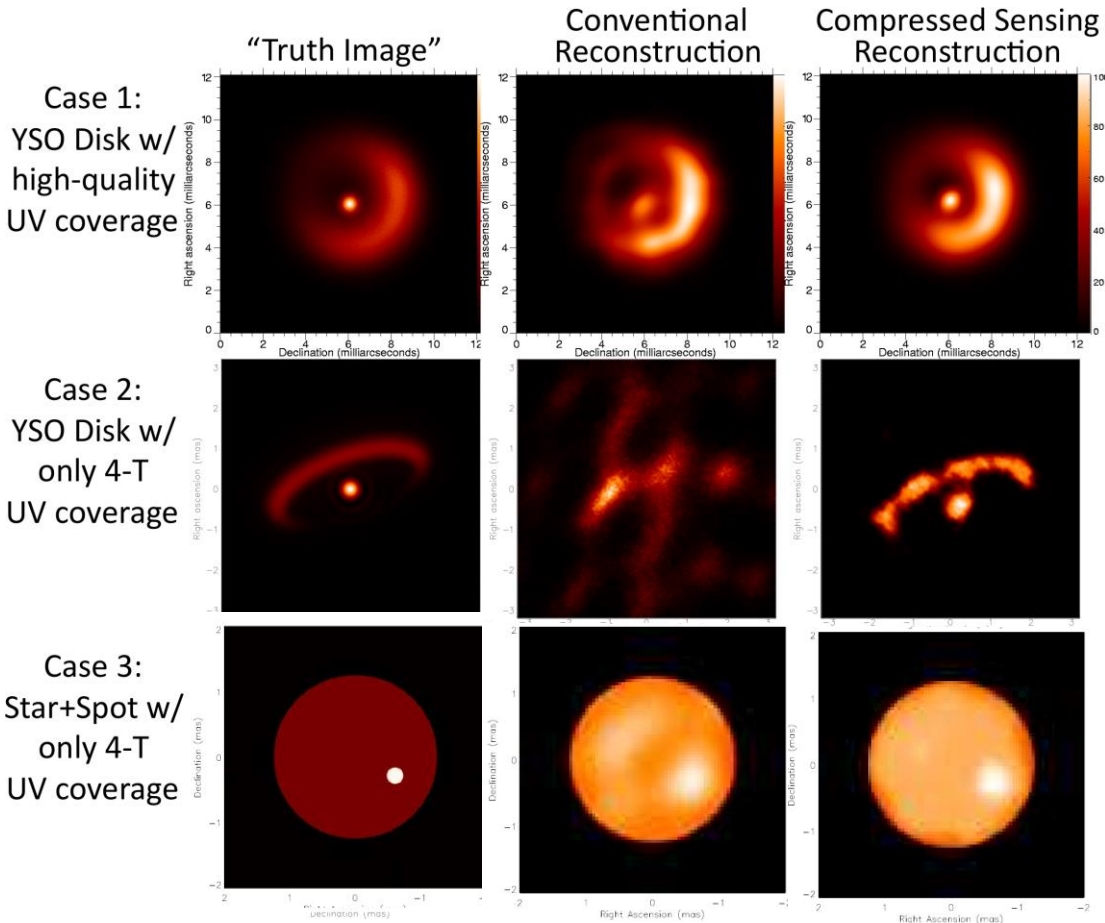
Millour & Vannier (MiRA)



Hofmann, Schertl & Weigelt (IRS)



# Ongoing Research on Better Regularization

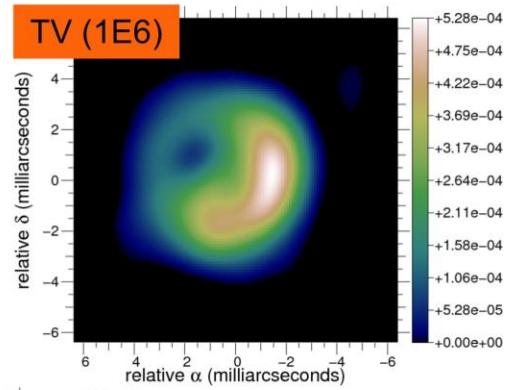
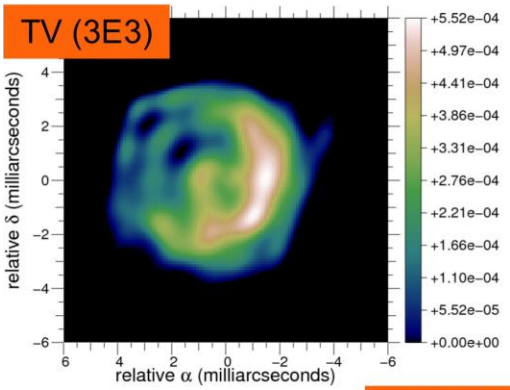
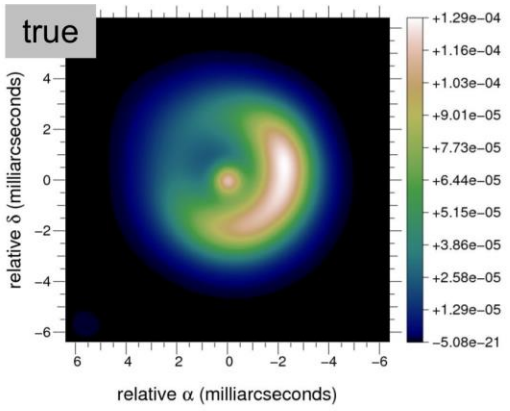


- Sparsity basis
  - Isotropic
  - wavelets
  
- Arclets
  
- Gradient

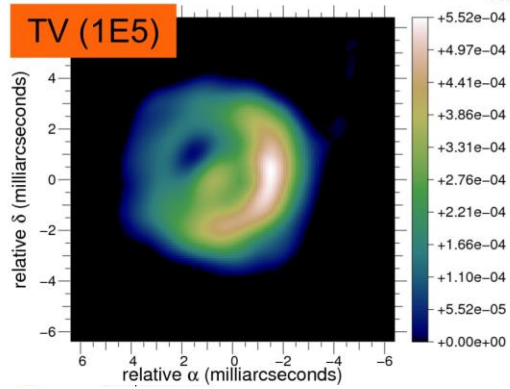
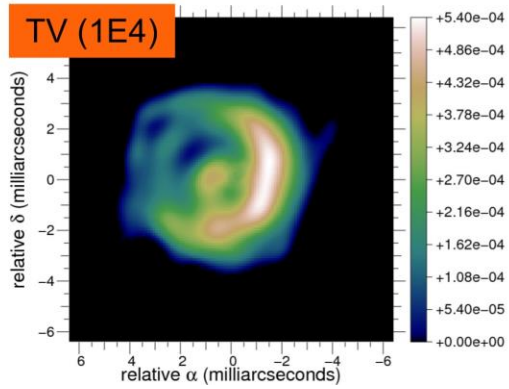
• Baron et al., in prep

# Regularization Weight

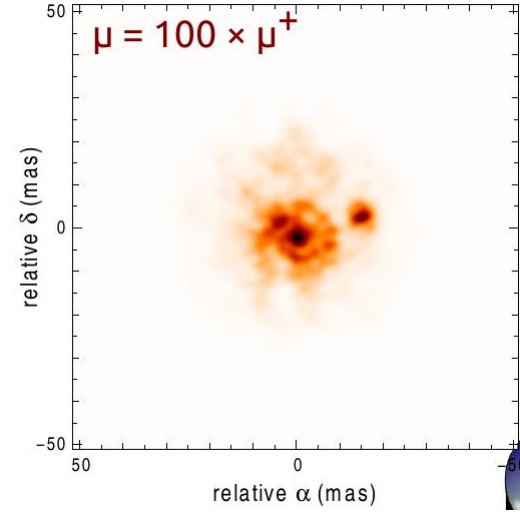
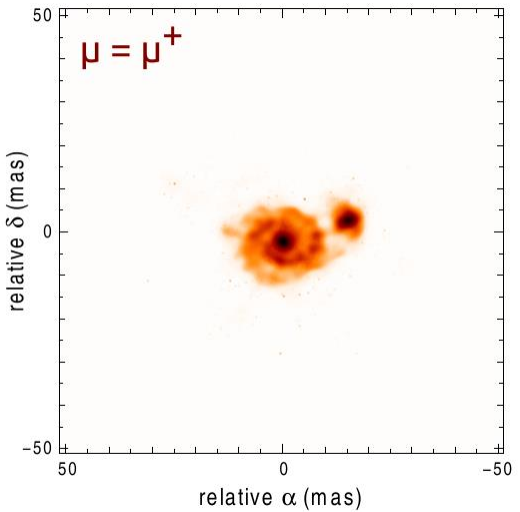
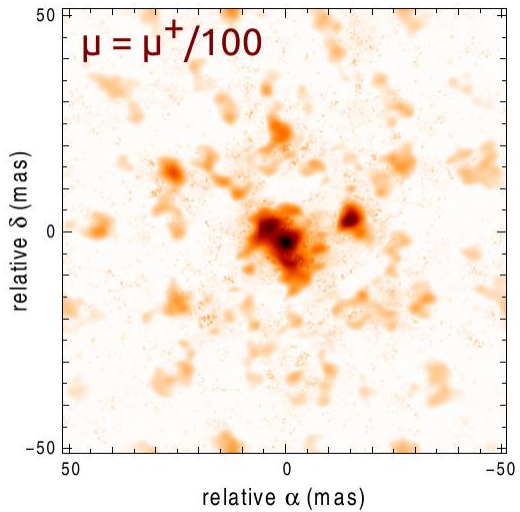
Images by  
E. Thiebaut (MiRA)  
courtesy of F. Baron



$$i_{\text{MAP}} = \underset{i}{\operatorname{argmin}} [\chi^2(i) + \mu R(i)]$$



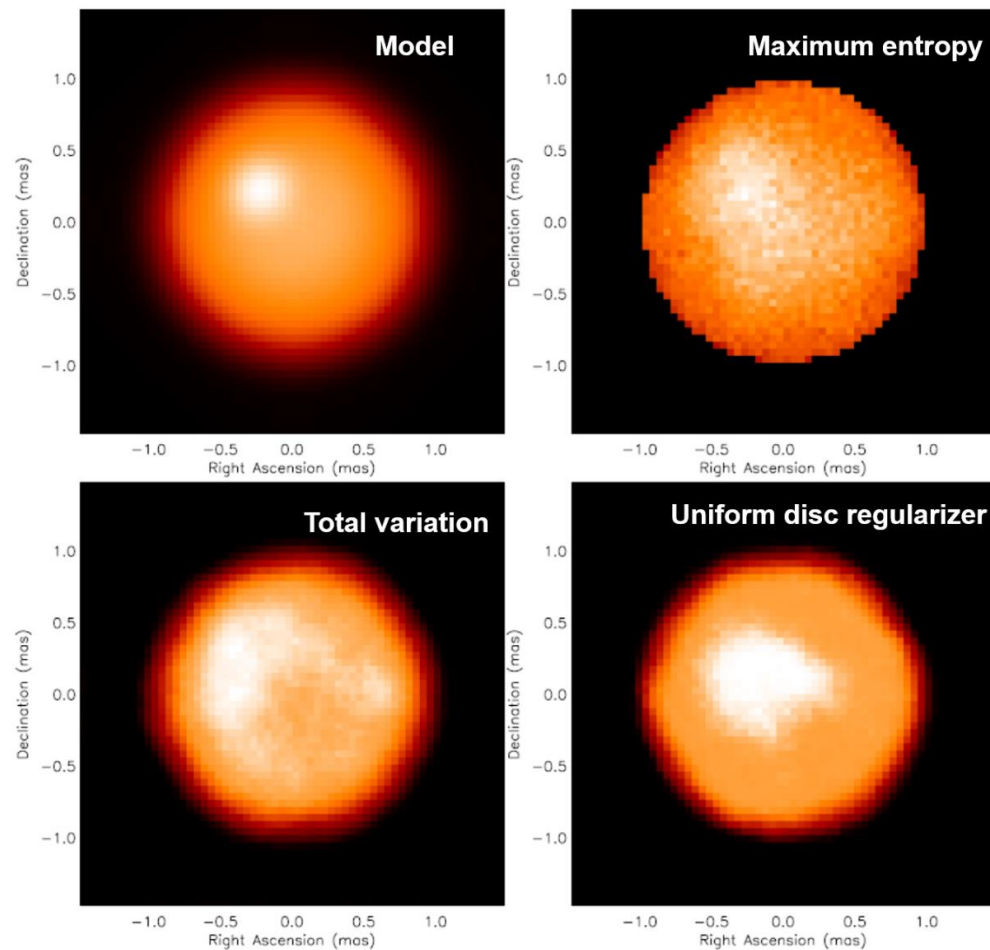
# Avoid under and over regularization



Images by S. Renard  
See Renard et al., 2011

# Artifact Detection **Fabien Baron**

- 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?



This method will help identify the best regularization



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

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