



Interferometry and surface brightness colour relations PLATO STESCI workshop III

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Basic principles

Interferometry means "Fringes or Visibility/Closure Phase or Fourier Transform or Aperture Synthesis..."

But Interferometry means also "brightness distribution"... ... and it offers a unique angular resolution allowing to 'see' details on stars.

"Brightness distribution" could mean:

- Equivalent uniform disk diameter
- Limb darkened diameter and limb darkening law (or more directly intensity profile)
- Surface of stars and environment

Exemples





Fig. 3. Adjustment of a power law limb darkened disk model to the PIONIER squared visibilities of α Cen A (solid gray curve). The dashed gray curve represents the best-fit uniform disk model. The *bottom panels* show the residuals of the fit in number of times the statistical error bar. The coverage of the (u, v) plane is shown in the *upper right corner*.



The interferometric products

- 'OIFITS' files containing the calibrated measurements (\rightarrow OIDB database)
- + θ_{LD} from measurement of θ_{UD} and estimation of LD coefficient
- θ_{LD} from combined measurement of θ_{UD} and LD coefficient
- θ_{LD} from adjustment of intensity profile (1D/3D models) and parallax
- Images of surface and/or environment of stars
- Last but not least: from the collection of all these previous direct measurements, absolute calibration of SBC relations to be used for further estimations of angular diameters of faint targets.

Already existing tools

French expertise center: JMMC

- User support
- Preparation of observations
- Data processing
- Data analysis
- Archiving and dissemination

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Who are we? Who was JMM ? Partners Structure Working Groups Training Proposal Preparation ASPRO GetStar

LITpro: a JMMC model fitting software

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LITpr

LITpro is a model fitting software, developed and maintained by one JMMC working group (CRAL, IPAG and LAGRANGE).

This software has been developed for the model fitting of data obtained from various stellar optical interferometers and written in the OI Exchange Format. It provides a set of elementary geometrical and center-to-limb darkening functions, all combinable together, which allow to fit Visibilities, Square Visibilities or Triple Products, or any combination of previous observables. It allows to visualize by various plots the data as well as the models and the results of the fits. Tools also have been developed to help users to find the global minimums.

AMHRA service

The AMHRA ("Analyse et Modélisation en Haute Résolution Angulaire") WEB service is a working group of MOIO/JMMC. The main objective of the AMHRA is to develop and/or provide astrophysical models and data analysis tools dedicated to the scientific exploitation of high angular and high spectral facilities (in particular ESO-VLTI instruments) by the astronomical community, including non-specialists in interferometry. Several tools are offered to the user that seeks to prepare, model, and analyze interferometric observations, notably those from the second generation of VLTI instruments (GRAVITY and MATISSE), which provide unprecedented capabilities on high spectral and spatial resolution. A full desciption of AMHRA and references are provided here.



The different types of tools offered or to be offered by AMHRA are:

Polychromatic images from astrophysical models with fast-computation time (real-time models) Polychromatic images from a pre-calculated grid of astrophysical models Spectro-interferometric observables from model images (OIFITSModeler) Analysis and model-fitting tools for spectro-interferometry

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Real Time astrophysical models





Binary Spiral Model





Optical interferometry DataBase



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The JMDC catalog (\rightarrow Vizier, Duvert+2016)

- ~1500 stellar angular diameter measurements from different techniques (lunar occultation, intensity interferometry and optical interferometry).
- 11% (resp. 22%) of stars have their angular diameter measured with a precision better than 1% (resp. 2%). It corresponds to 159 and 323 measurements, respectively.



But issues are remaining...

Indeed, the JSDC (Chelli+16) provides the angular diameter of 453000 stars with a median statistical uncertainties of 1.1% But, if we consider the 23 surface-brightness color relations (SBCR) available in the literature, we have inconsistencies



1.
$$S_{\rm V} = V - 5\log \theta_{\rm LD} = \sum a_{\rm k} (V - K)^k$$

2. $F_{\rm V} = 4.2207 - 0.1S_{\rm V} = \alpha + \beta (V - K)$
3. $\log \theta_{\rm LD} = d_1 + c_1 1 (V - K) - 0.2V$
4. $\theta_{\rm LD} (V = 0) = 10^{A + B(V - K)}$
5. $\Phi_{\rm V} = \frac{\theta}{9.305 * 10^{\frac{-V}{5}}} = \sum z_{\rm k} (V - K)^k$

If we apply the 23 SBCR to an hypothetic star of mV=6; we obtain a dispersion of :

- > 2% if V-K=3
- 9% if V-K=0 (early-type stars)
- > 9% if V-K=5 (late-type stars)

Conclusion: We are probably far from being able to estimate the angular diameter of stars with a 1% precision and accuracy.

Definition of the main objectives of CHARA/SPICA

Measuring a large number of angular diameters

- To support the exoplanet researches through direct characterization of the host star.
- To support, e.g., the direct determination of extragalactic distances through accurate and homogeneous SBC relationships, but also to permit precise and accurate angular diameter estimations for many different purposes.
- Many other projects

Very timely with the new space missions (TESS, CHEOPS, PLATO) and their objectives of measuring brighter stars than with the first generation of space missions (CoRoT, KEPLER)

Visibility function of a star θ_{UD} =1mas

CHARA, 330m, λ =700nm + θ_{LD} (0.5)

VLTI, 180m, λ =1600nm + θ_{LD} (0.5)



End2End modelling

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 $\theta_{\rm LD}$ =0.8mas, u=0.5 (ASPRO2 & LITpro tools JMMC)



 $\theta_{UD} = 0.7611 + -0.0002$ but chi²=38! θ_{1D} = 0.8004 +-0.0002, u=0.504+-0.002 chi2=1.1

The three main objectives of CHARA/SPICA



1. Exoplanet Host Stars

2. Asteroseismology



3. SBCR: Araucaria and PLATO

Three objectives:

- 1. Exoplanet Host Stars
- 2. Asteroseismology
- 3. SBCR for distances of EB and PLATO

For these three objectives, stellar activity has to be taken into account:





The CHARA/SPICA products

Level 1: thetaUD + conversion factor \rightarrow 0.2mas < thetaLD < 0.8mas Many thousands of stars accessible, δ >-30°, V<9-10

Level 2: thetaLD + limb-darkening coefficient: theta>0.8mas → on CHARA, V=4.2 for F V, V=5.1 for G V, and V=5.9 for K V → ~ 100 F stars, 200 G stars, and 800 K stars.

→ ThetaLD (+Fbol) → Teff (Δ T<30K)

Level 2bis: direct fit of intensity profile from Stellar Atmosphere models

always possible but degeneracy for 'small' stars

Level 3: image reconstruction V<5, theta>1mas a few hundreds of stars



| magV | F | G | K |
|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 4 | 0,892 | 1,332 | 1,935 |
| 5 | 0,563 | 0,840 | 1,221 |
| 6 | 0,355 | 0,530 | 0,770 |



CHARA/SPICA and PLATO timelines



The plan in relation to PLATO

- 1. Contributing to non seismic parameters and benchmarking for fundamental stellar parameters
 - 1. CHARA/SPICA data in IODB
 - 2. Linking OIDB to PDC-DB and implementation of St-Pa-Extraction softwares
- 2. Establishment of accurate and unbiased SBC relations
 - 1. Criteria for selecting homogeneous and unbiased samples
 - 2. New relations with clear range of applications (colour, index of activity...)

3. Ground follow-up of PLATO targets

- 1. Access to the CHARA Internal Collaboration time (~50/60n per year)
- 2. Guaranteed time through community funding (~20n/year?)
- 3. Open Time (~20n?)