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difmap and wsclean imaging

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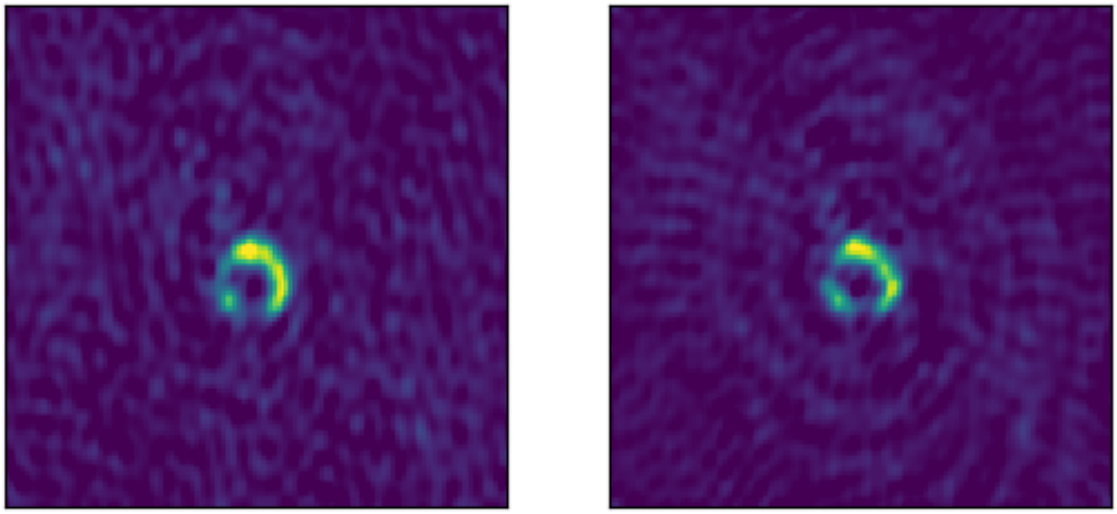

Figure 1: Difmap(L) and wsclean (R) images of the same dataset.

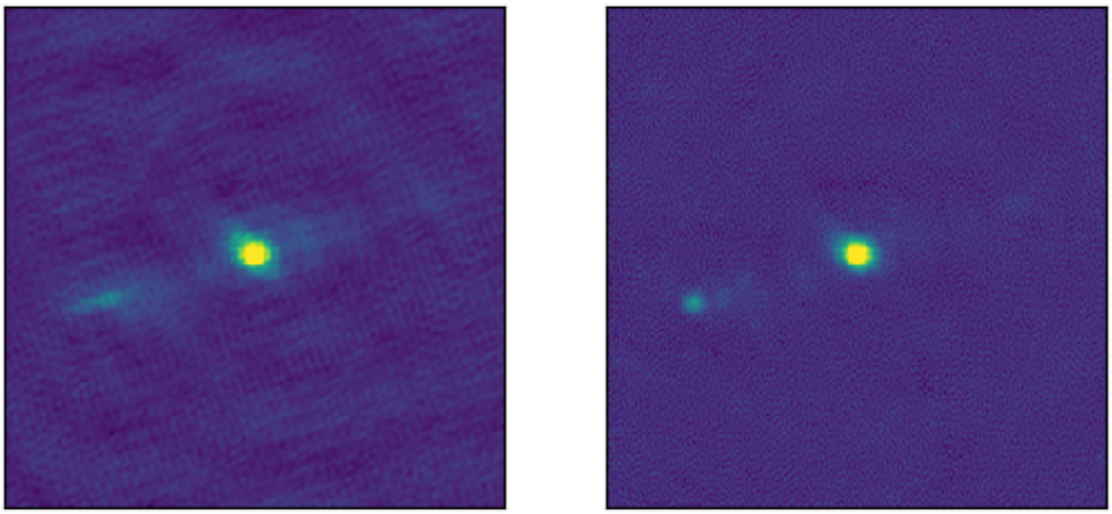

Figure 2: Difmap(L) and wsclean (R) images of the same dataset from the P205 field.

Some simple tests were done to check that the performance of imaging in `difmap` and `wsclean` is similar, due to suspicions that these might be different.

Selfcalibrated data on the gravitational lens MG0751+2716 was first used. `difmap` with default (uniform) weighting was used to make an image. `wsclean` was run with the same nominal weighting, and the restoring beam was set to be the same as the `difmap` beam. The resulting images are almost identical (Fig. **??**).

Some data from field P205 (source S2510=135146+551819) was also imaged with both packages in the same way. Again (Fig. **??**) there is very little difference. The restoring beam is the same, but the number of clean iterations is different.

Conclusion: there is no evidence that `difmap` and `wsclean` give significantly different results for long-baseline LOFAR data.