

Wine, Cheese and Protoplanets: What I did on my sabbatical in Grenoble, France

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Biography:

Joel Kastner joined the faculty of RIT's Center for Imaging Science in 1999. After receiving his Ph.D. in Astronomy from UCLA in 1990, Kastner spent almost a decade at MIT, first as a postdoctoral fellow at Haystack Radio Observatory and then as staff scientist at the Chandra X-ray Observatory Science Center. Kastner's research interests involve studies of the life cycles of stars as well as the development of methods to maximize the science return from astronomical imaging systems. He has co-authored nearly 90 articles in the refereed astronomical literature (more than a third of these as first author, including papers appearing in the journals *Nature* and *Science*) and has been the lead or co-organizer of about a dozen conferences on astronomy and astronomical imaging.