Developing a user-friendly photometric software for exoplanets to increase participation in Citizen Science (CS)

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Definition - origins

Public participation in the scientific process

• 20th century → an activity for the privileged

- 21st century "Astronomy from the Chair"
 - everyone has access

Objectives

 Increase Public Understanding of Science (PUS)

 Increase Public Engagement with Science and Technology – Horizon 2020 (PEST)

Attract citizens that differ in their prexisting levels of engagement with science

Benefits

• For the scientific community: support for the research

• For the volunteers: involvement in real research and learning

• For the society: enhancement of the relationship between scientists and the public

Current issues in CS

Need for:

- Innovative tools
- Rigorous statistical analysis methods
- Systems for ensuring high-quality data
- Interactive technological and educational techniques
- Research on the best ways for people to learn through citizen science process
- Collaboration between various expertise for a better result

The case of HOPS

Features

• interactive techniques – User Interface

accessible from everyone

geospatial

• windows, linux, mac

PHOTOMETRY_5



Light-curve file

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Fitting

Qatar-1 b

Show/Update Preview

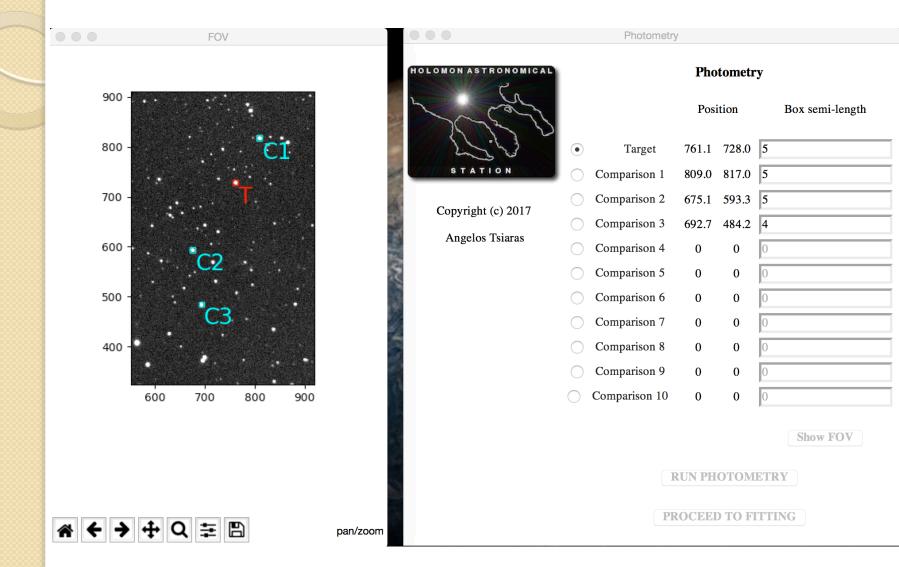
Planet

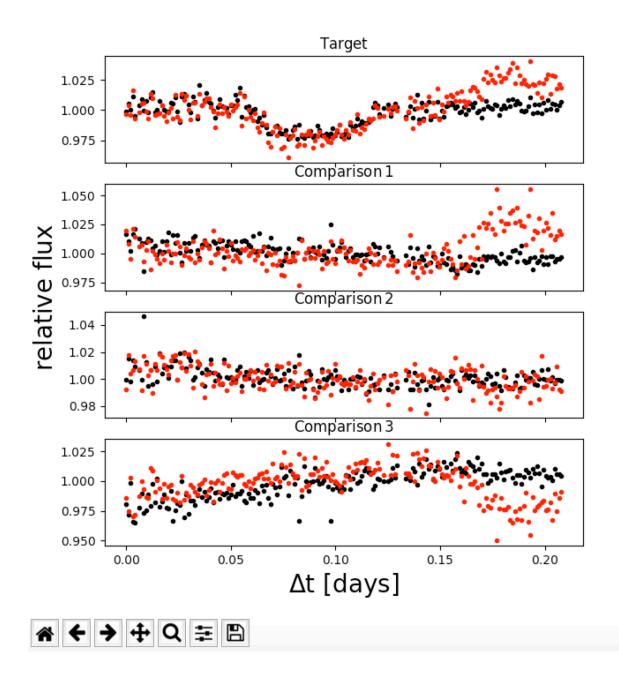
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RUN FITTING

RETURN TO PHOTOMETRY

EXIT



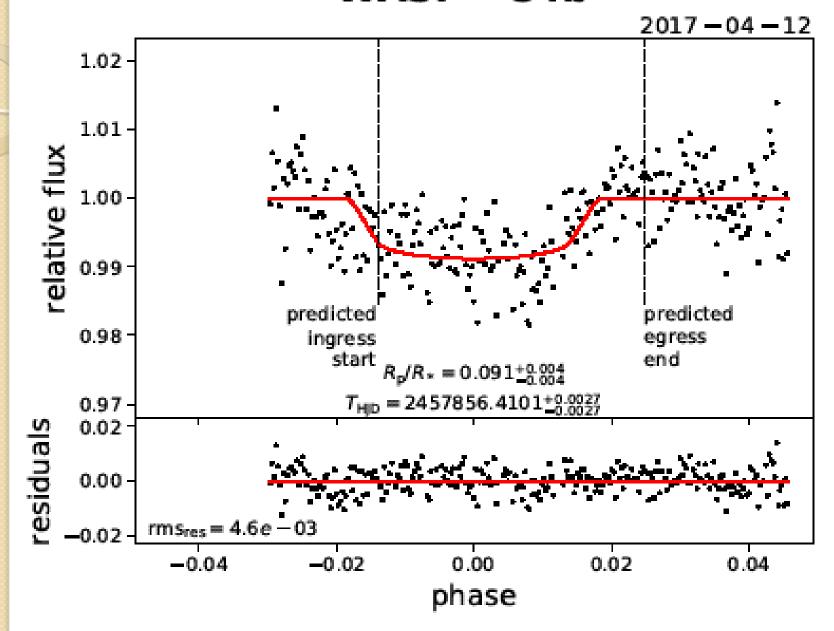


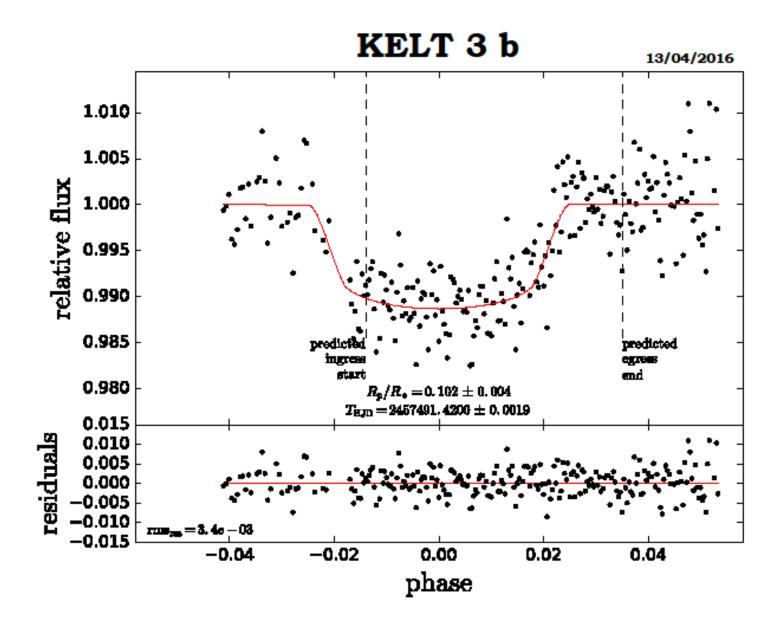
The objectives of the project

 Better estimation of transiting exoplanets' ephemeris

Better characterization of the orbital parameters

WASP - 54b





Conclusion

- Current use of HOPS in CS projects —online panel in progress
- Collaboration between different universities and people from different places- community development
- Application in the field of exoplanets or in other fields
- Ideas-proposals for improvement
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