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# Observing Transiting Exoplanets

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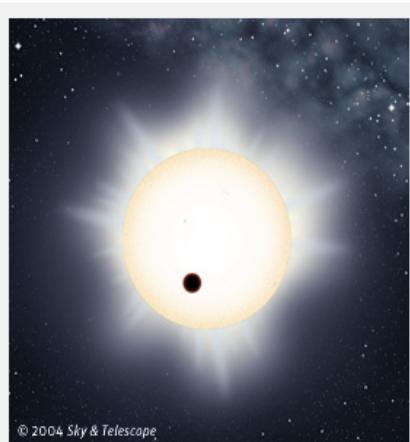
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### Amateur Detects Exoplanet Transit

By: Robert Naeye | September 3, 2004



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On August 24th, a team of professional astronomers announced [the discovery of TrES-1](#), an extrasolar planet that transits its host star. Just 8 days later, an amateur astronomer from Landen, Belgium detected a transit of the same planet. The discovery highlights the growing capabilities of amateur astronomers and proves that amateur astronomers can, in principle, discover an exoplanet by the transit method.

Tonny Vanmunster used a Celestron C-14 telescope and an SBIG ST-7XME CCD camera (without filters) at his private [CBA Belgium Observatory](#) to detect the TrES-1 transit. The telescope rested on an Astro-Physics AP1200 GTO mount. The planet began crossing the star's disk at 21 hours, 13 minutes Universal Time on September 1st, just when the transit was predicted to commence. The event lasted about 3 hours and ended right on cue. The star's brightness dipped by about 0.03 magnitude during the transit, or roughly 3 percent. Using software he wrote himself, Vanmunster monitored the progress of the transit in real time on his computer.

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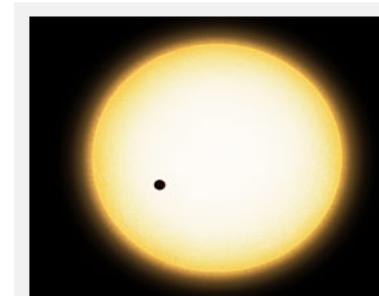
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### Amateur Detects New Transiting Exoplanet

By: Robert Naeye | July 7, 2005



This artist conception depicts a Jupiter-size planet transiting its host star at a close distance. Astronomers know of six stars that are transited by exoplanets; two have been detected by amateurs, including the recently discovered planet TrES-1.

S&T illustration by Steven A. Simpson.

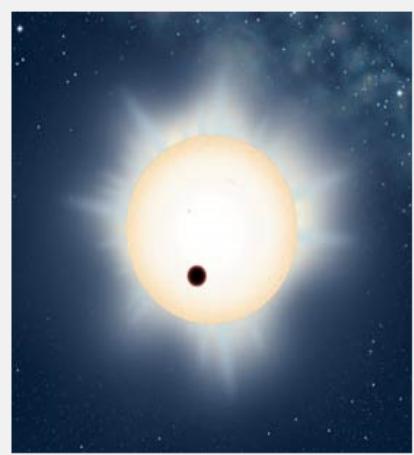
A day before an international team announced a [new transiting planet orbiting the star HD 149026](#) on June 30th, California amateur astronomer Ron Bissinger detected a partial transit of that planet. He also detected partial transits during the next two opportunities, allowing him to produce a composite light curve of an entire event. This new find, HD 149026b, is now the third transiting exoplanet detected by amateurs.

"Ron's data are of excellent quality," says professional astronomer Gregory P. Laughlin (University of California, Santa Cruz), who is a member of the team that discovered the new planet. Laughlin has also helped organize the [Transitsearch.org](#) network to enable amateurs like Bissinger to detect such events. At the time the planet's discovery was announced, Laughlin predicted that amateurs would detect the transits, but

he also noted that this planet was much harder to detect than the other two transiting exoplanets, HD 209458b and TrES-1. The new discovery thus highlights the increasing prowess of amateur astronomers armed with CCDs.

## Amateurs Detect Possible Exoplanet Ringlike Structure

By: Robert Naeye | January 3, 2005



This artist conception depicts a Jupiter-size

Amateur astronomers may have discovered a ringlike structure around an extrasolar planet. The Hubble Space Telescope will reveal whether the observation error is real or a false alarm.

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Lyra by a team of professional astronomers led by Roi Alonso (Astrophysical Institute of the Canary Islands) and announced on August 24, 2004. The



## Tiny Telescope Finds Big Planet

By: Robert Naeye | August 26, 2004



Until now, all of the 125 or so known extrasolar planets were discovered with large telescopes

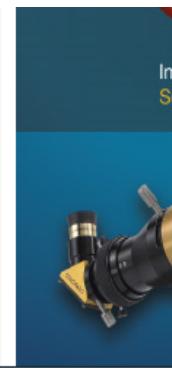
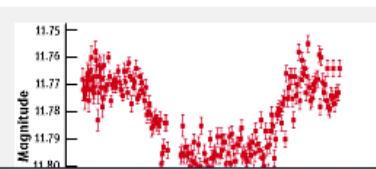


distant star using mostly off-the-shelf equipment and a 4-inch Schmidt telescope. In fact, team

team was able to detect the planet with only a 4-inch telescope because it periodically crosses the

transits, which occur once per orbit with clocklike regularity. Many of these amateurs submitted their data to professional astronomers Aaron Price of the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO), and Greg Laughlin (University of California, Santa Cruz) and Tim Castellano (NASA/Ames Research Centers), who organized [Transitsearch.org](#). Laughlin and Castellano are working with the AAVSO to form a global network of amateurs to observe exoplanet transits.

In late September, retired professional astronomer Bruce Gary in Arizona and amateur astronomer Joe Garlitz in Oregon noticed that TrES-1's 12th-magnitude host star apparently brightens shortly before and after each transit. Such effects had not been seen before in other transiting exoplanets. Postings on the



large gaseous object orbiting within just a few million kilometers of its parent star. The planet's existence was betrayed by a slight drop in the star's brightness that occurs whenever the planet crosses directly between it and Earth. The discovery heralds the coming of a new era when small telescopes doing wide-field surveys will pinpoint new exoplanets through similar transits.

Roi Alonso (Astrophysical Institute of the Canaries)



28 Nov 2014 | 18:23 GMT

# DIY Exoplanet Detector

You don't need a high-powered telescope to spot the signature of an alien world

By David Schneider



Photo: David Schneider

**Star Track:** The rotation of the Earth causes stars to continuously shift position in the sky. Detecting the subtle signs of the existence of an orbiting exoplanet requires compensating for this shift. To do that, I built my own hinged "barn door" tracker.



## How to Detect an Exoplanet With a DSLR



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## Observing Exoplanet Transits With Digital SLR Cameras

Volume 38 number 2 (2010)

Colin Littlefield

### Abstract

Using a digital single lens reflex (DSLR) camera, I observed a transit of exoplanet HD 189733 in order to determine the feasibility of using these types of cameras for high-precision photometry. The results were scientifically useful, showing that even though the camera is not explicitly designed for scientific applications, it can nevertheless produce high-quality differential photometry.

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#### **Exoplanet Transit Photometry with DSLR**

I recently took images of Exoplanet Tres-5b Transit with my Canon 450D and an orange filter by Optec. I was looking for a "blue blocking" filter because it is recommended by Bruce Gary in his book "Exoplanet Observing for Amateurs". This filter clearly blocks the blue wavelength as it does not start letting light through until around 500nm and it is available in a 48 mm size which is what my set up requires.

My results compared very favorably with the observed/published depth and time of transit figures posted on Exoplanet Transit Database .

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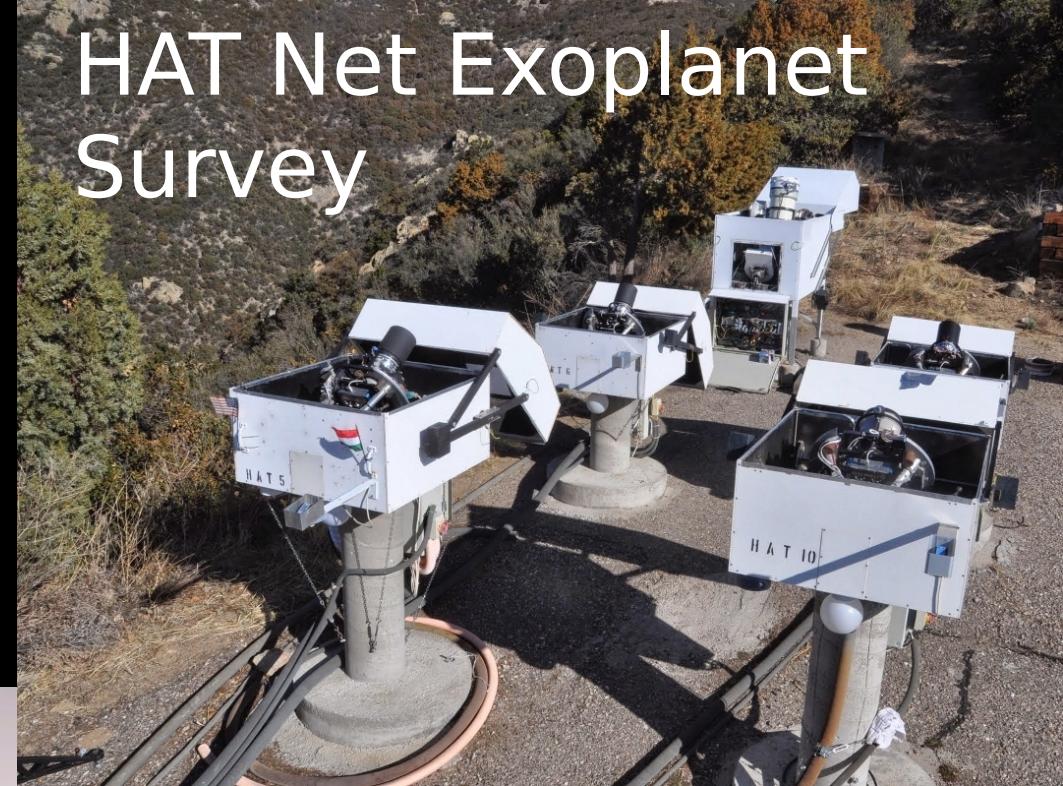
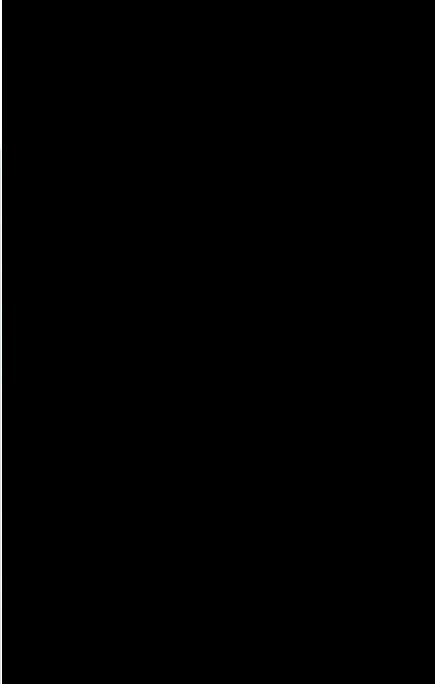
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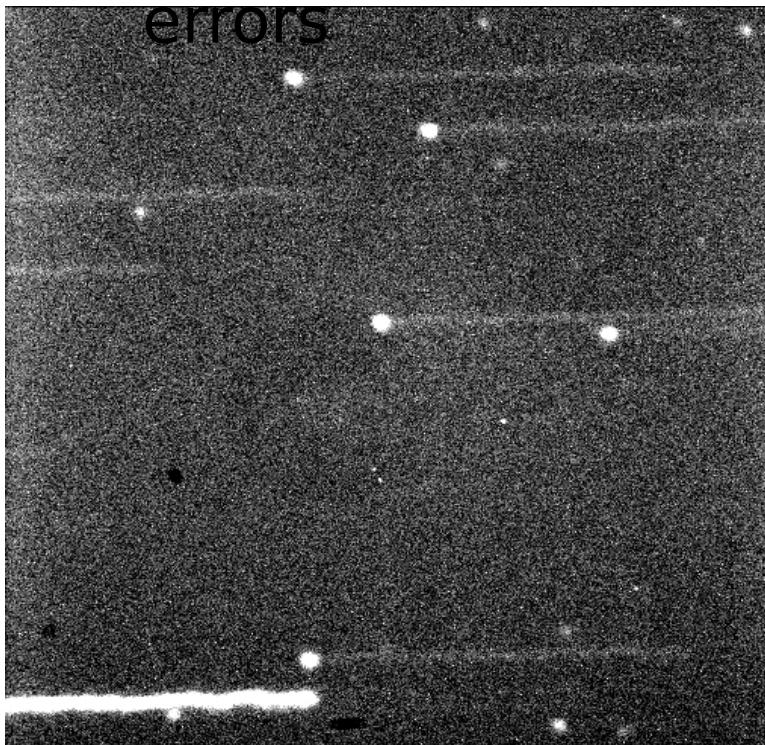
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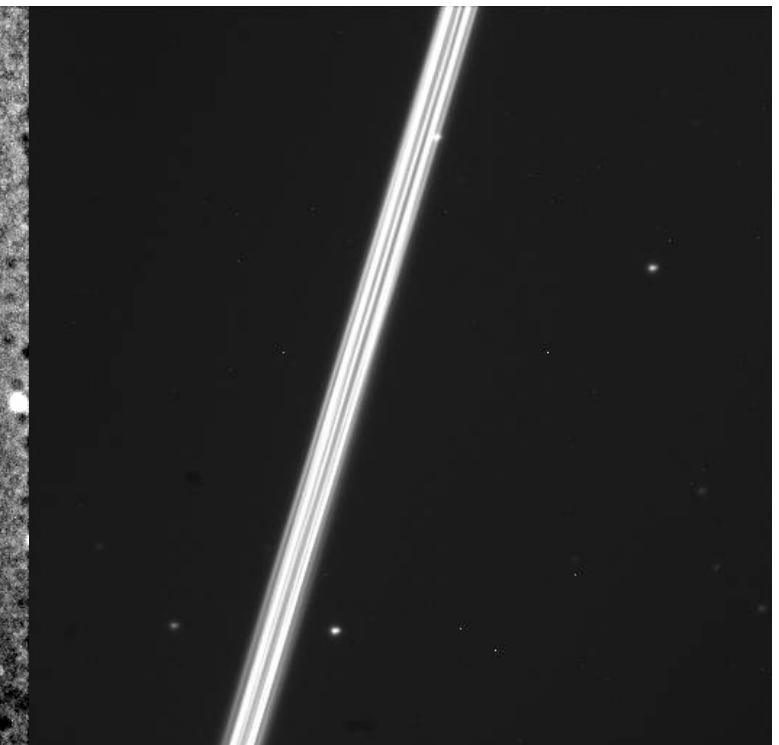
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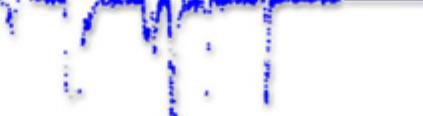
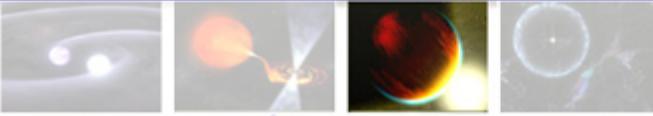




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• **Observing campaign: Photometric monitoring of  $\beta$  Pictoris b**  
Validity from March 1, 2017 till March 31, 2018, by Iva Laginja, Leiden Observatory, Netherlands,  
*laginja@strw.leidenuniv.nl*

ETD is here to supply quickly and easily the **list of all ever observed transits of transiting exoplanets** to observers and researchers.

Our database administrators are periodically checking for new transits - both in literature and in on-line internet sources. Each transit is stored with complete citations, link to the paper / on-line source URL.

For each exoplanet, there is available graphical output of relations:

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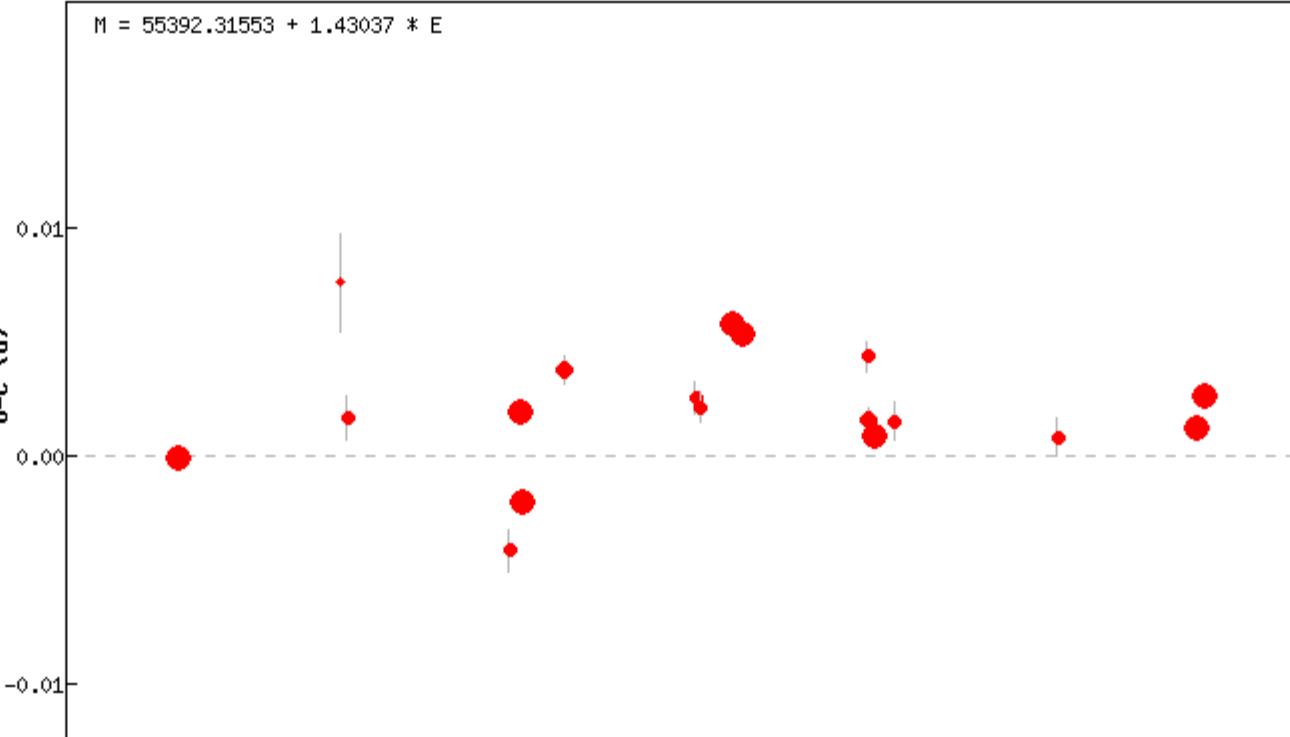
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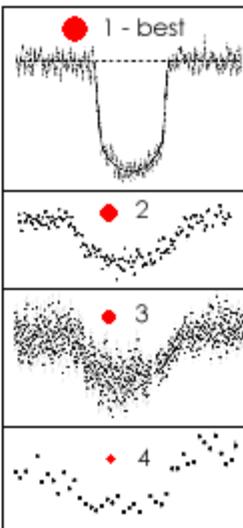
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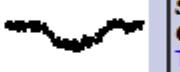
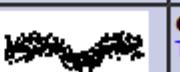
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Your ELONGITUDE (in deg):  0° - 360°  
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Available predictions: (UT evening date)

2018-02- 27, 28,  
2018-03- 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22,  
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User defined time span: From:  Till:

Transits predictions for ELONGITUDE: 33.9° and LATITUDE: -18.4°

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HAT-P-50 b	15:18 CMi	09.03. 17:08 35°,NE 55°,NE	18:59 59°,N	220.46	11.762	0.0065	56285.90993+3.1220109*E RA: 07 52 15.2 DE: +12 08 21.9
WASP-121 b	17:34 Pup	09.03. 19:01 70°,S 64°,SW	20:28 49°,SW	173.23	10.44	0.0167	56635.70832+1.2749255*E RA: 07 10 24.0 DE: -39 05 50.6
WASP-13 b	17:09 Lyn	09.03. 19:06 25°,NE 37°,N	21:02 36°,N	233	10.51	0.0087	54491.6161+4.35298*E RA: 09 20 24.71 DE: +33 52 57.0
WASP-43 b	18:43 Sex	09.03. 19:17 58°,E 66°,E	19:52 73°,NE	69.5	12.4	0.0289	55528.86774+0.813475*E RA: 10 19 38.01 DE: -09 48 21.9
HATS-51 b	17:57 CMa	09.03. 19:37 77°,SW 58°,SW	21:17 36°,SW	199.3	12.471	0.0110	57042.00405+3.3488702*E RA: 06 51 23.40 DE: -29 03 31.0
WASP-82 b	17:20 Ori	09.03. 19:49 55°,NW 22°,W	22:19 -14°,W	299.09	10.1	0.0068	56157.9898+2.705782*E RA: 04 50 38.56 DE: +01 53 38.1
KELT-4A b	18:40	09.03. 20:24 55°,NE 15°,N	22:08 17°,N	207.76	9.98	0.0127	56193.2915+2.9895936*E RA: 10 28 15.011



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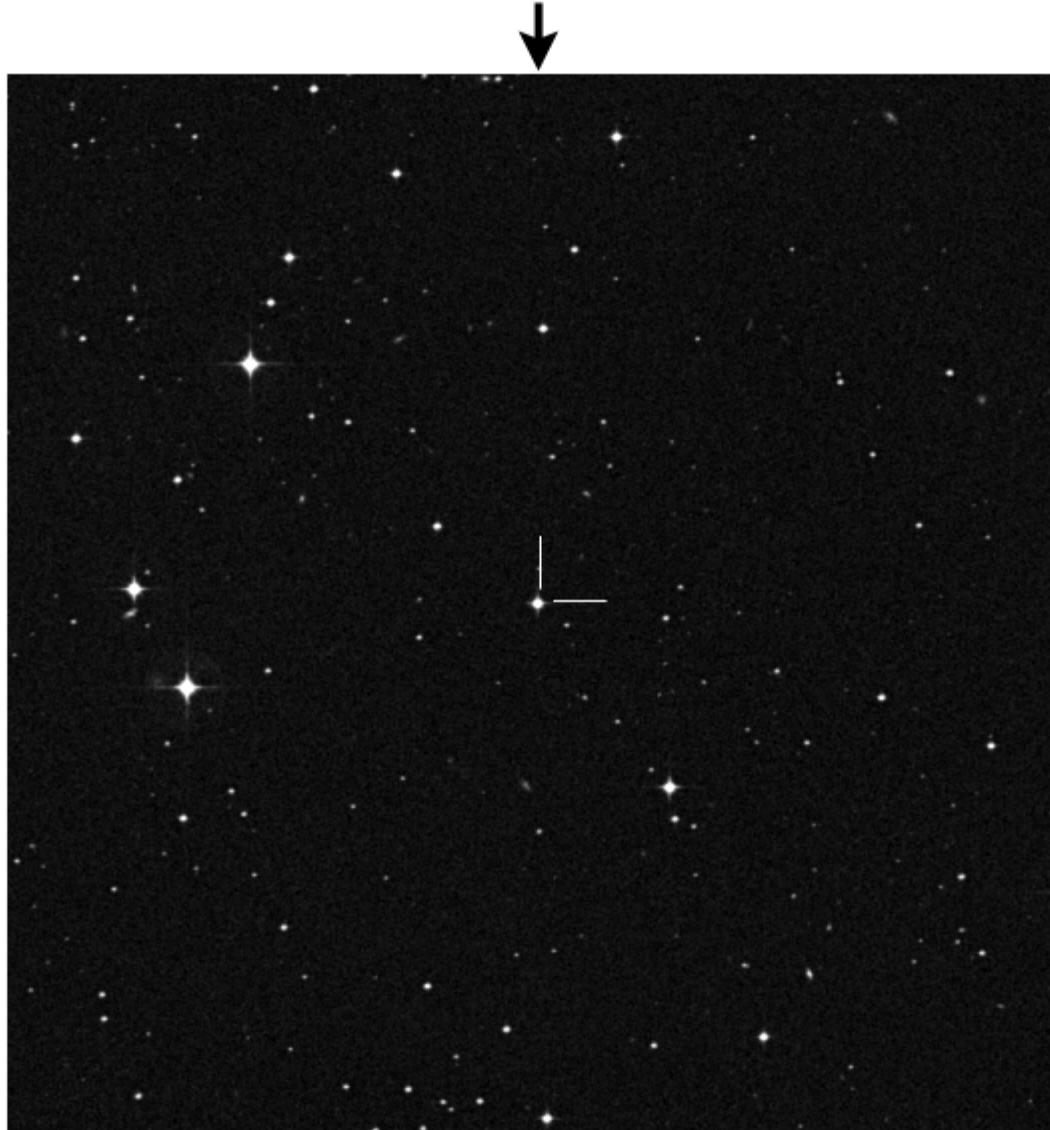
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# of transits: 6742

DQ	# of transits
1	1527
2	1089
3	2605
4	666

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WASP-15 b (Sex)  
RA (J2000): 10 19 38.01, DE (J2000): -09 48 21.9,  
 $V = 12.4$  mag,  $dV = 0.0289$  mag, duration = 69.5 minutes  
Per = 0.813475 d, T0(HJD) = 2455528.86774 [compute](#)



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**NOTE:** To obtain target coordinates for HST Phase 2 proposals,  
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Object name      
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RA  Dec  J2000

Height  (max: 60.0) Width  (max: 60.0) arcminutes

File format  Compression (FITS only)   Save file to disk (instead of displaying)

HST Field of View Overlay (1st generation GIF only):    
Roll angle (V3):

A dark, black background representing the night sky, densely populated with numerous small white stars of varying sizes and brightness. The stars are scattered across the entire area, with a higher concentration in the upper left quadrant.

60'

GJ436 b

HAT-P-1 b

HAT-P-  
10/WASP-11 b

HAT-P-11 b

HAT-P-12 b

HAT-P-13 b

HAT-P-14 b

HAT-P-15 b

HAT-P-16 b

HAT-P-17 b

HAT-P-18 b

HAT-P-19 b

HAT-P-2 b

HAT-P-20 b

HAT-P-21 b

HAT-P-22 b

HAT-P-23 b

HAT-P-24 b

HAT-P-25 b

HAT-P-26 b

HAT-P-  
27/WASP-40 b

HAT-P-28 b

HAT-P-29 b

HAT-P-3 b

**Transits predictions for next 365 days.****ELONGITUDE: 33.9° and LATITUDE: -18.4°****Transit occurs below 20° in the sky. | During the daylight. | Observable.**

	<b>Tmid (HJD)</b>	<b>BEGIN (UT/h,A)</b>	<b>CENTER (DD.MM. UT/h,A)</b>	<b>END (UT/h,A)</b>
	2458179.169	01.03 15:29 (5°,E)	01.03. 16:03 (13°,E)	01.03 16:38 (21°,E)
	2458179.983	02.03 11:00 (-54°,SE)	02.03. 11:35 (-47°,SE)	02.03 12:09 (-40°,SE)
	2458180.796	03.03 6:31 (-40°,SW)	03.03. 7:06 (-47°,SW)	03.03 7:41 (-53°,SW)
	2458181.610	04.03 2:03 (21°,W)	04.03. 2:37 (12°,W)	04.03 3:12 (4°,W)
	<b>2458182.423</b>	04.03 21:34 (79°,NW)	<b>04.03. 22:09 (73°,NW)</b>	04.03 22:44 (65°,W)
	<b>2458183.237</b>	05.03 17:06 (31°,E)	<b>05.03. 17:40 (39°,E)</b>	05.03 18:15 (48°,E)
	2458184.050	06.03 12:37 (-30°,E)	06.03. 13:12 (-23°,E)	06.03 13:46 (-15°,E)
	2458184.864	07.03 8:08 (-60°,SW)	07.03. 8:43 (-62°,S)	07.03 9:18 (-63°,S)
	2458185.677	08.03 3:40 (-6°,W)	08.03. 4:15 (-14°,W)	08.03 4:49 (-22°,W)
	<b>2458186.491</b>	08.03 23:11 (56°,W)	<b>08.03. 23:46 (47°,W)</b>	09.03 0:21 (40°,W)
	<b>2458187.304</b>	09.03 18:43 (58°,E)	<b>09.03. 19:17 (66°,E)</b>	09.03 19:52 (73°,NE)
	2458188.118	10.03 14:14 (-5°,E)	10.03. 14:49 (4°,E)	10.03 15:23 (12°,E)
	2458188.931	11.03 9:45 (-59°,SE)	11.03. 10:20 (-55°,SE)	11.03 10:55 (-48°,SE)
	2458189.744	12.03 5:17 (-32°,SW)	12.03. 5:52 (-39°,SW)	12.03 6:26 (-46°,SW)
	<b>2458190.558</b>	13.03 0:48 (30°,W)	<b>13.03. 1:23 (22°,W)</b>	13.03 1:58 (13°,W)
	<b>2458191.371</b>	13.03 20:20 (80°,N)	<b>13.03. 20:54 (79°,NW)</b>	13.03 21:29 (74°,NW)
	<b>2458192.185</b>	14.03 15:51 (22°,E)	<b>14.03. 16:26 (30°,E)</b>	14.03 17:00 (38°,E)
	2458192.998	15.03 11:22 (-40°,SE)	15.03. 11:57 (-32°,SE)	15.03 12:32 (-24°,E)
	2458193.812	16.03 6:54 (-54°,SW)	16.03. 7:29 (-59°,SW)	16.03 8:03 (-62°,S)
	2458194.625	17.03 2:25 (3°,W)	17.03. 3:00 (-5°,W)	17.03 3:35 (-13°,W)
	<b>2458195.439</b>	17.03 21:57 (64°,W)	<b>17.03. 22:31 (57°,W)</b>	17.03 23:06 (49°,W)
	<b>2458196.252</b>	18.03 17:28 (49°,E)	<b>18.03. 18:03 (57°,E)</b>	18.03 18:38 (65°,E)
	2458197.066	19.03 12:59 (-14°,E)	19.03. 13:34 (-6°,E)	19.03 14:09 (2°,E)
	2458197.879	20.03 8:31 (-63°,S)	20.03. 9:06 (-60°,SE)	20.03 9:40 (-55°,SE)
	2458198.693	21.03 4:02 (-23°,W)	21.03. 4:37 (-31°,W)	21.03 5:12 (-38°,SW)
	<b>2458199.506</b>	21.03 23:34 (38°,W)	<b>22.03. 0:08 (31°,W)</b>	22.03 0:43 (23°,W)
	<b>2458200.320</b>	22.03 19:05 (74°,NE)	<b>22.03. 19:40 (79°,NE)</b>	22.03 20:15 (80°,N)
	<b>2458201.133</b>	23.03 14:36 (13°,E)	<b>23.03. 15:11 (21°,E)</b>	23.03 15:46 (29°,E)
	2458201.947	24.03 10:08 (-48°,SF)	24.03. 10:43 (-41°,SF)	24.03 11:17 (-33°,SF)

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CoRoT-1 b

CoRoT-10 b

CoRoT-11 b

CoRoT-12 b

CoRoT-13 b

CoRoT-17 b

CoRoT-18 b

CoRoT-19 b

CoRoT-2 b

CoRoT-20 b

CoRoT-3 b

CoRoT-4 b

CoRoT-5 b

CoRoT-6 b

CoRoT-8 b

CoRoT-9 b

EPIC  
218916923 b

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EPIC-  
203771098 b

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**INSTRUCTION:** In the first step, just select an exoplanet and load data file with observation. Also select if data are in geocentric or heliocentric JD and specify, if brightness is given in MAG or FLUX. Both geocentric and heliocentric JD must be computed from COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME (UTC) with leap seconds included (common time in your PC / notebook).

Choose exoplanet

WASP-43 b

Sex



Data file with observation:

Browse...

Required 3 columns: JD, MAG, ERROR. Other columns are ignored.  
Columns must be separated by space or TAB.

JD format:

geocentric

heliocentric (both based on UTC)

Brightness column:

in magnitudes

in flux

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Model light curve fitting procedure: [O.Pejcha, 2008](#) (read [description](#)).  
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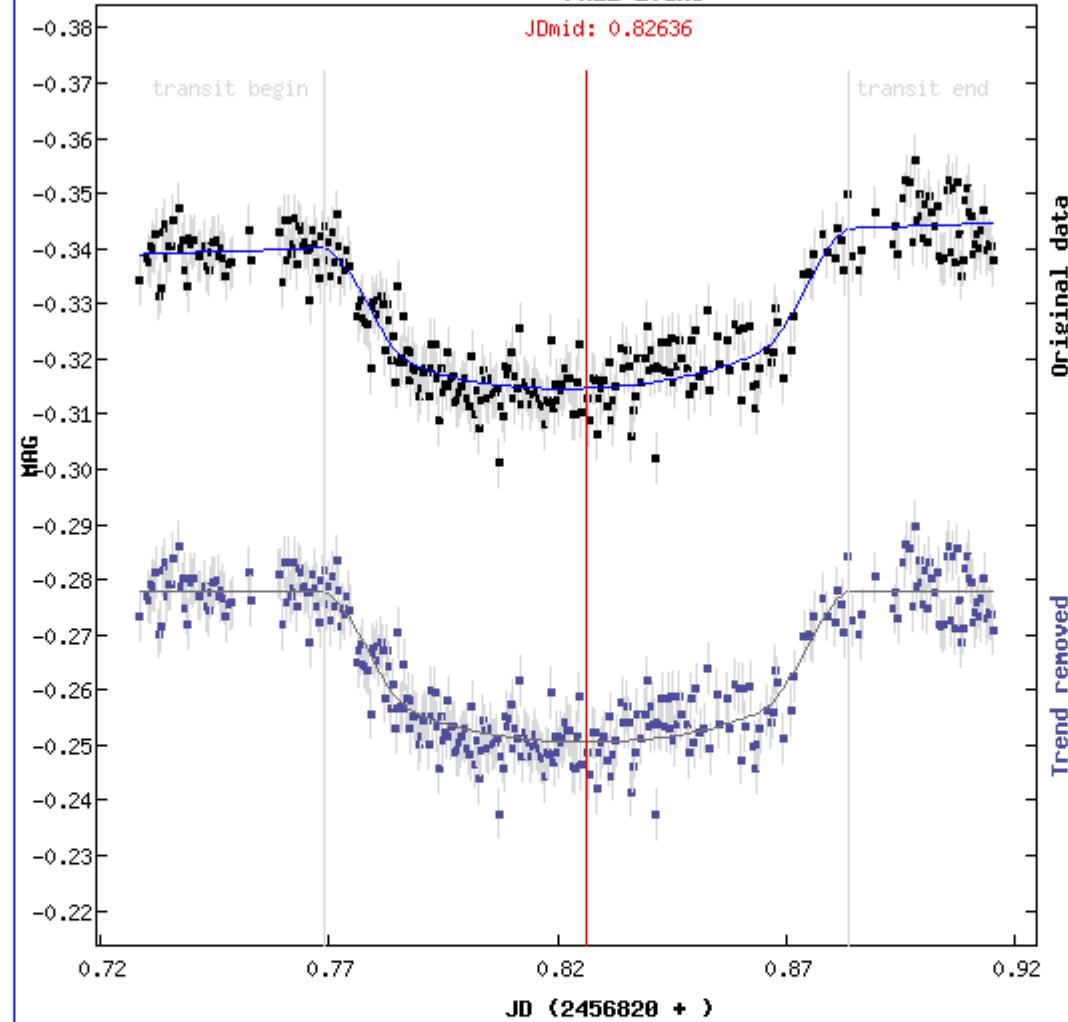
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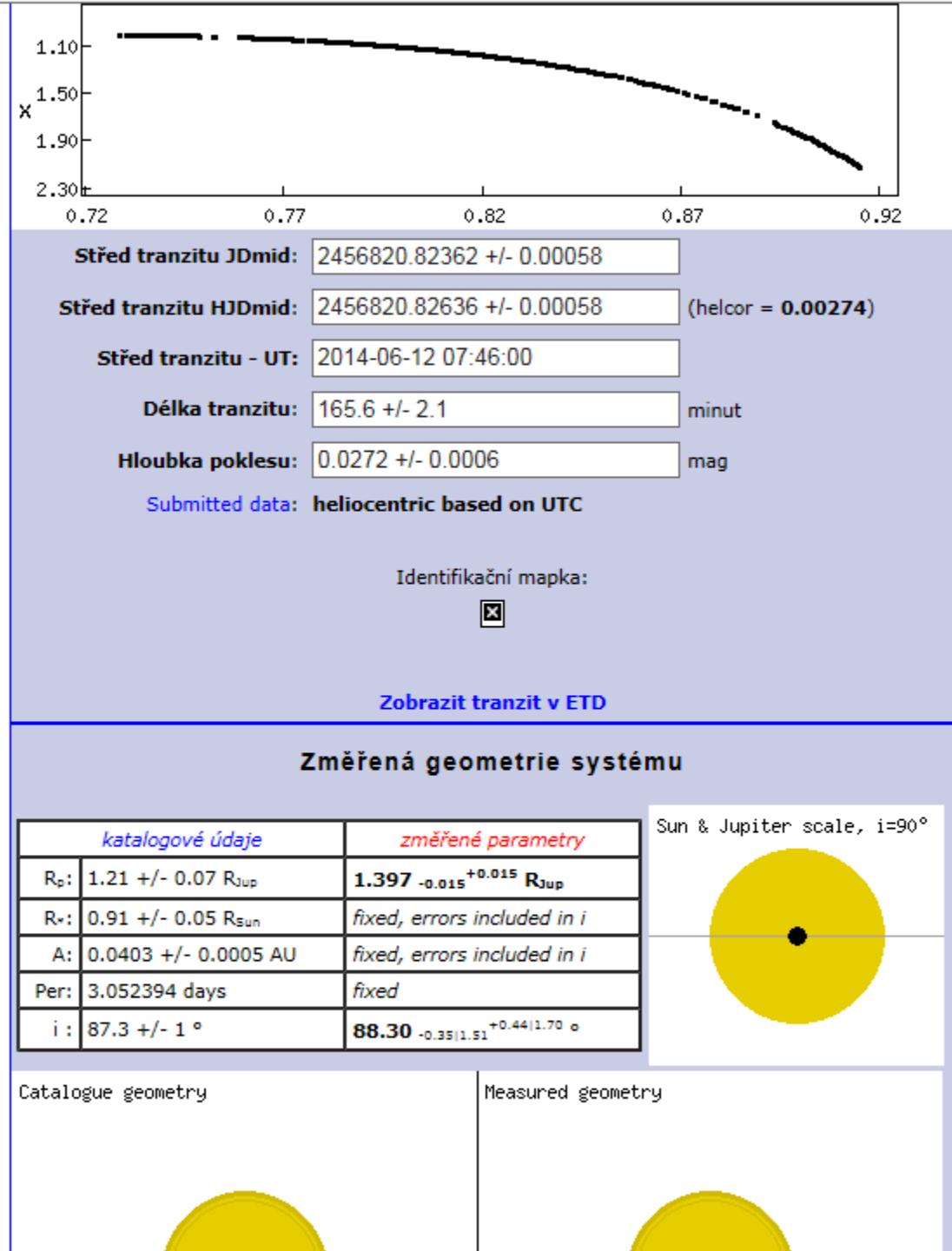
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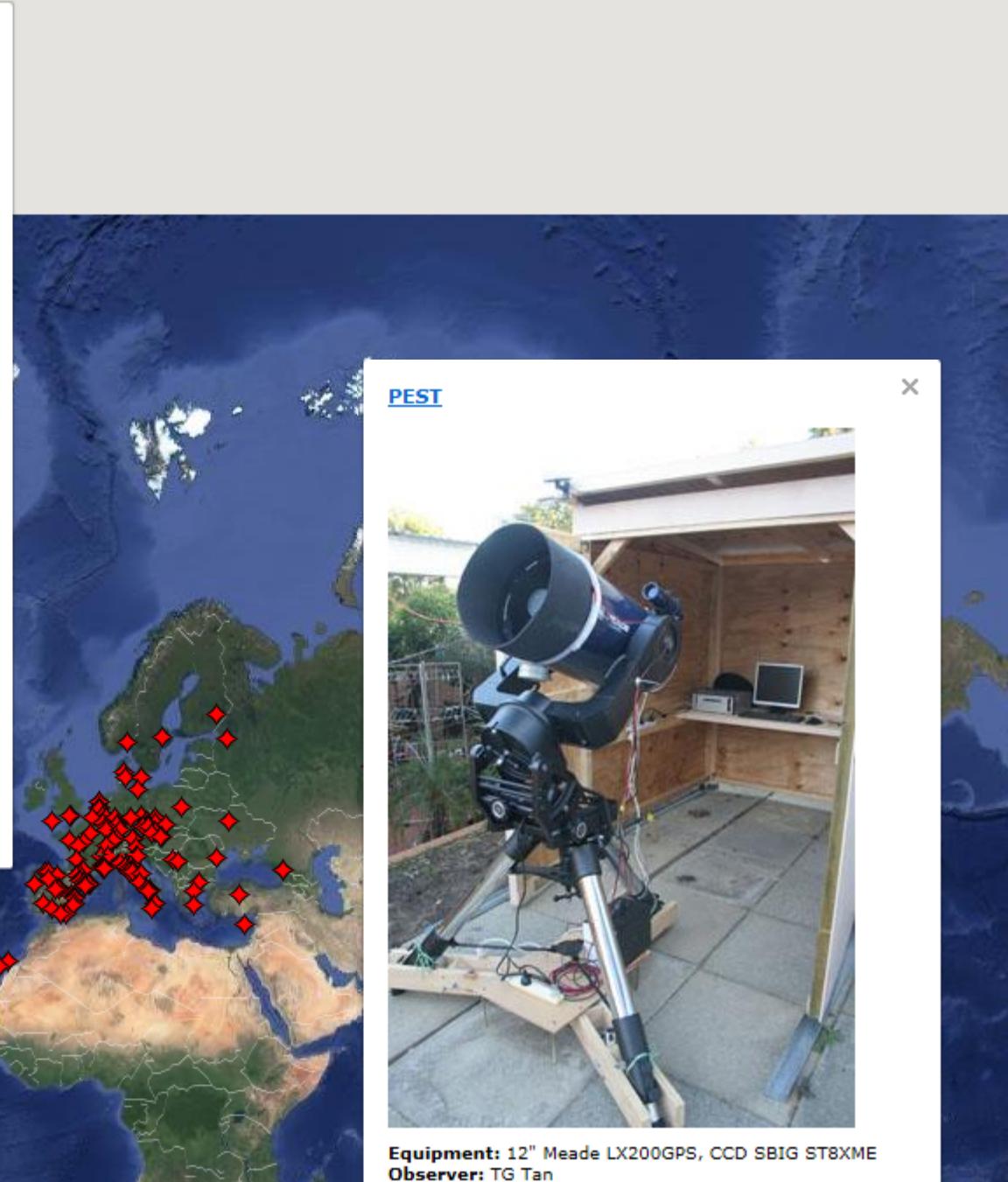


Satellite



**Westall Private Observatory**

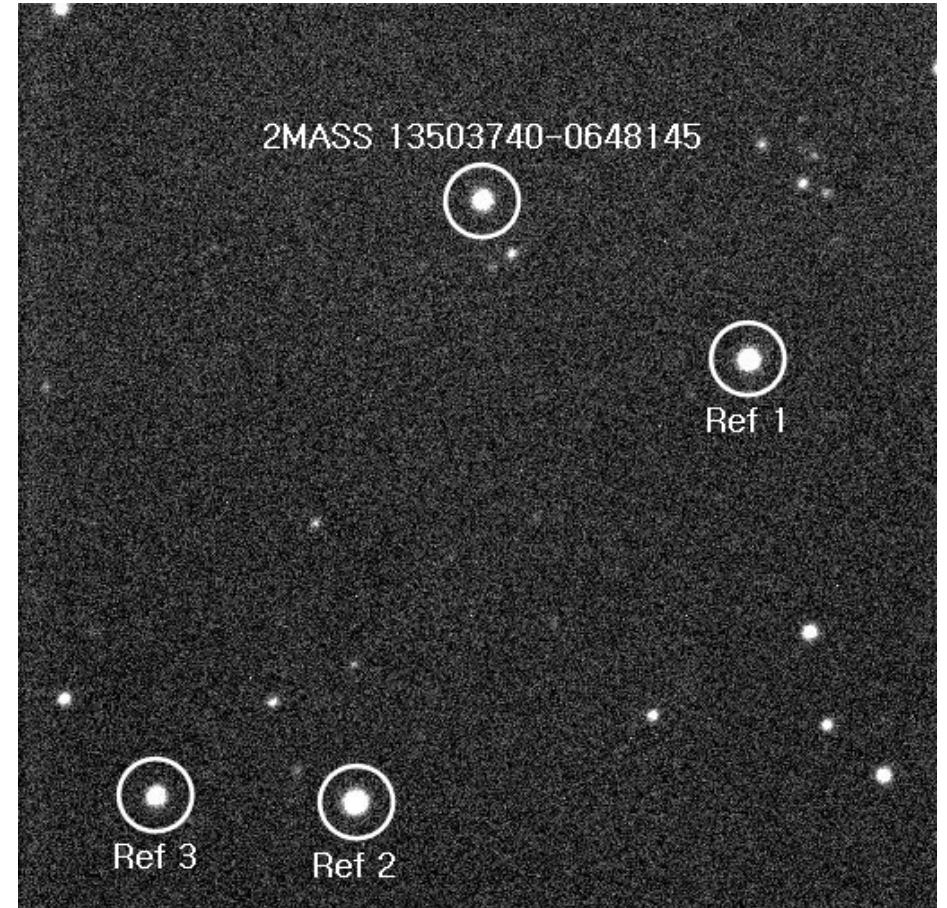
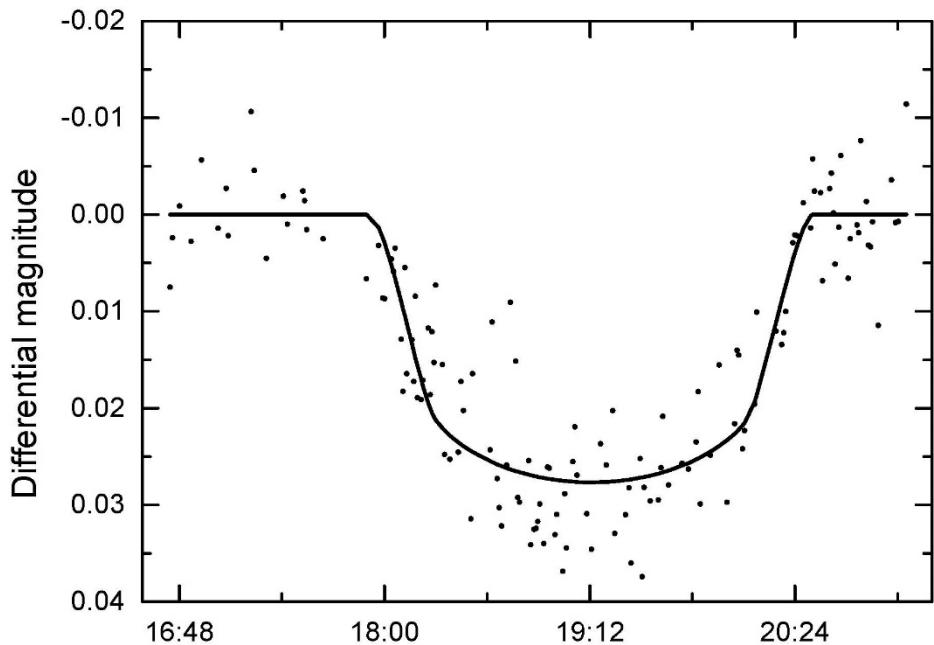
**Equipment:** Celestron 9.25 SCT (0.235 m, CCD SBIG ST8XME)  
**Observer:** Ken Westall  
**Address:** 304 Cherry Laurel Dr, Clayton, NC, 27527, USA



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  - ALTAN Observa...  
ETD admin
  - ABObservatory
  - ABT Metius
  - Abweiler observatory
  - Acton Sky Portal
  - Adam Büchner (mobile kit)
  - AGO Modra (MPC 118)
  - Allegheny Observatory
  - Alnair observator
  - Ambacht observatory
  - Andrea Di Antonioobserva...
  - Apricot Backyard Observatory
  - Astrofels Observatory
  - Astronomical Centre di Montecatini Val D Cecina
  - Astronomical Observatory, University of Sien
  - ATA F.Fuligni observatory D06
  - Ay-sur-Moselle (mobile kit)
  - A&M Commerce Observatory
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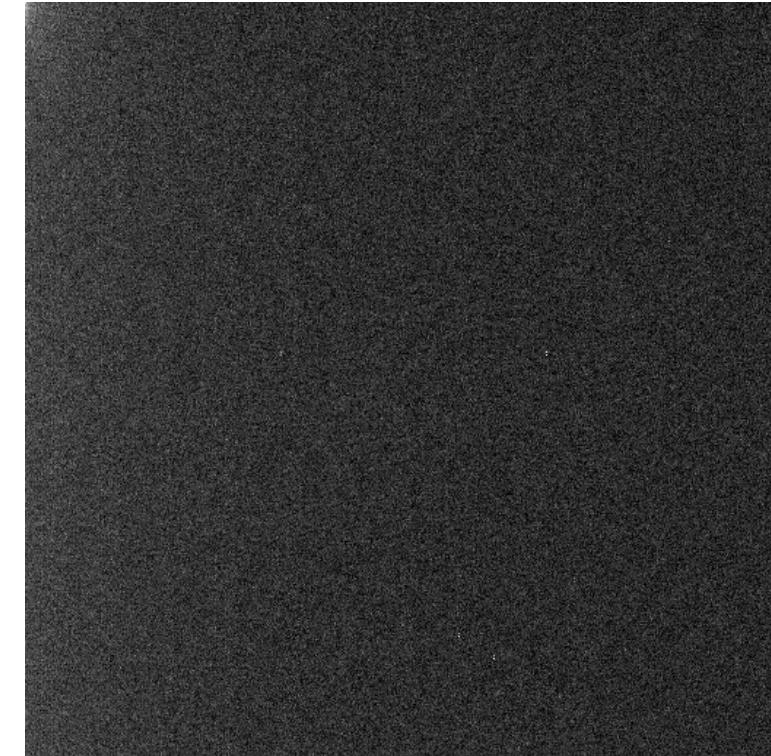
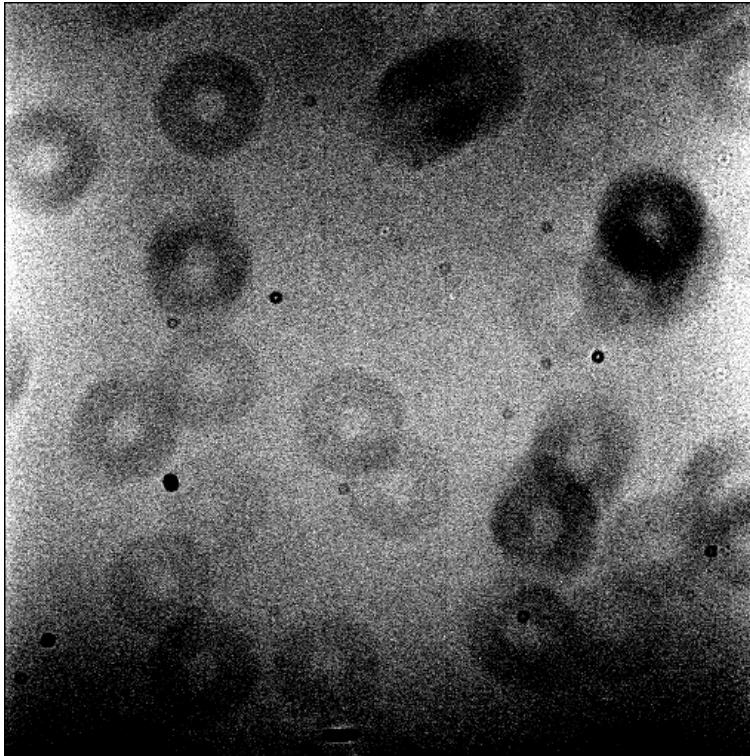
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- Start 1 hour before transit (after Astronomical Twilight)
- Take as many pictures as you can
- Finish 1 hour after transit

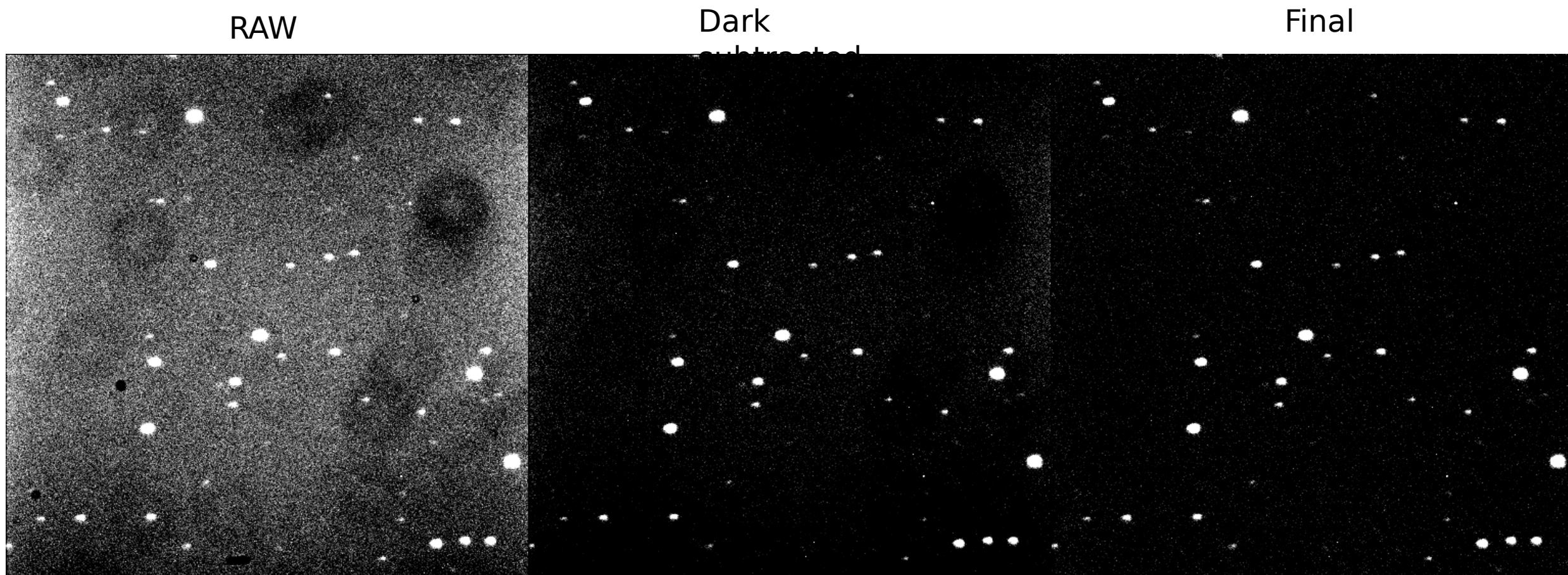


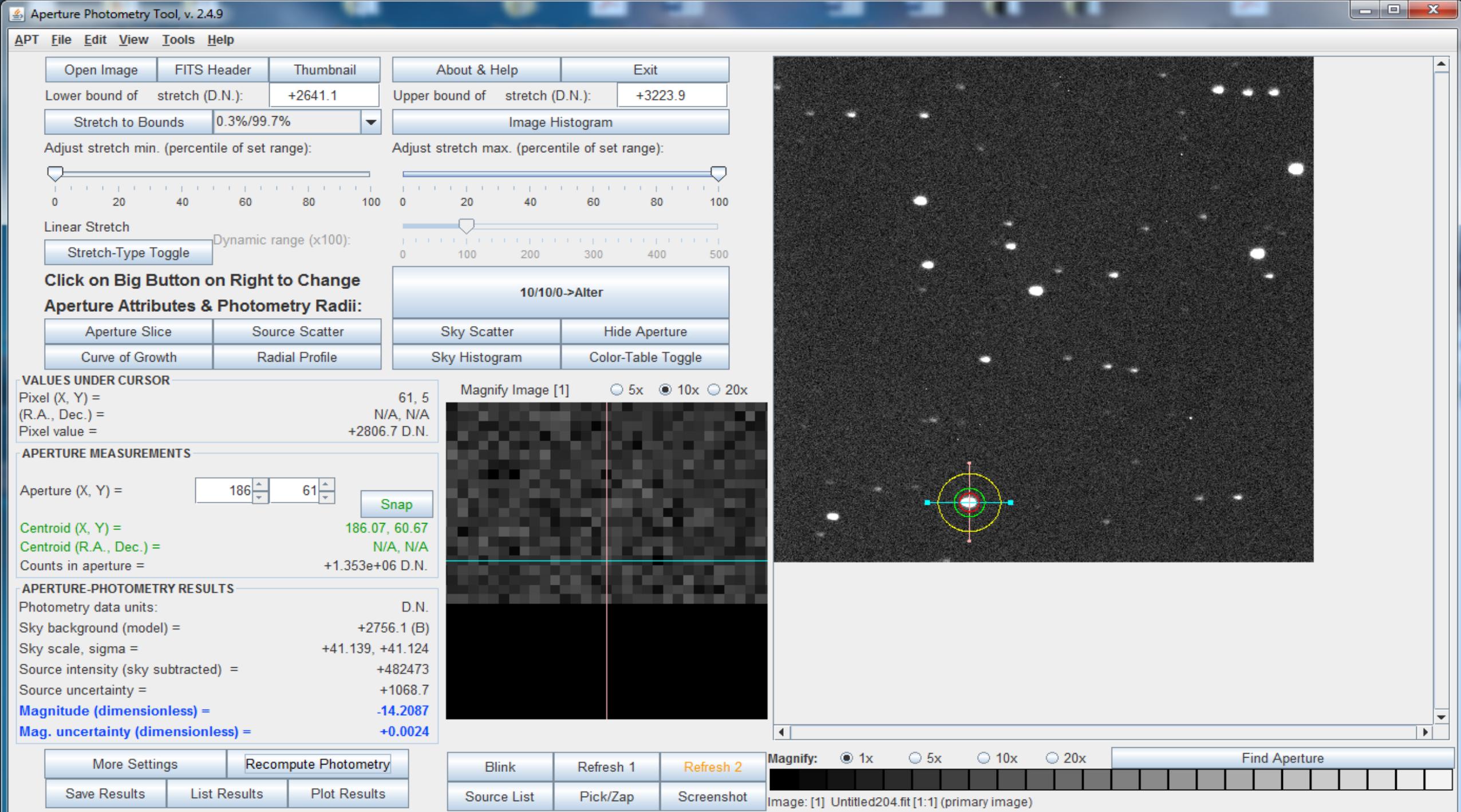
# Capturing images

- Sky flats – used to remove variations in pixel sensitivity and effects of dust (20 images)  
**NB: Any length of time but do not exceed CCD response**
- Dark frames – used to remove thermal noise from an image (20 images)  
**NB: Same length of time as star pictures**
- Bias frames – used to remove electronic noise from the instrument (20 images)  
**NB: Zero time**

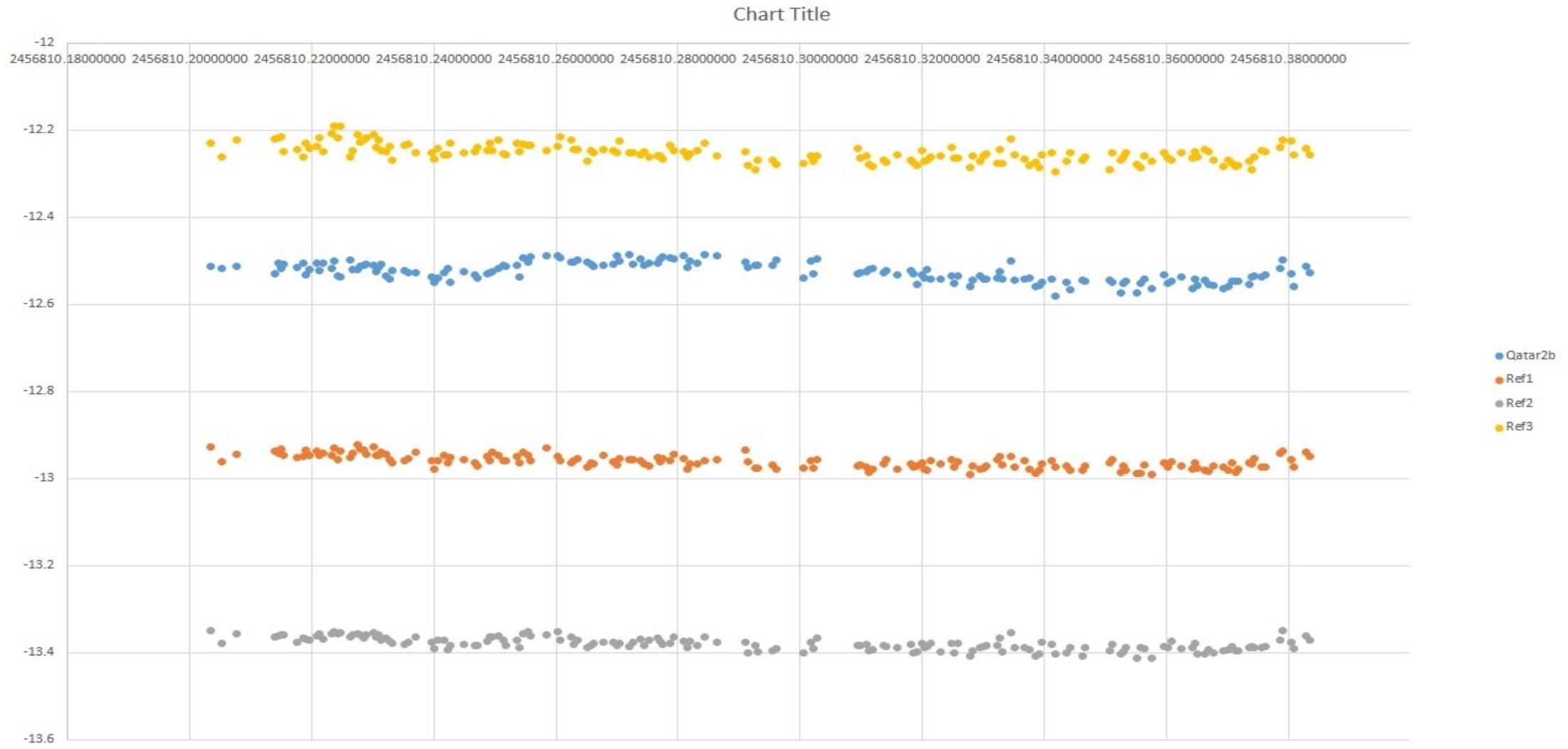


# Reduced image (WASP 41b)





# Reference stars



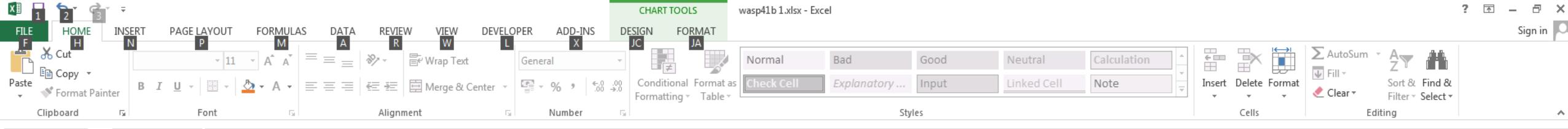


Chart 1

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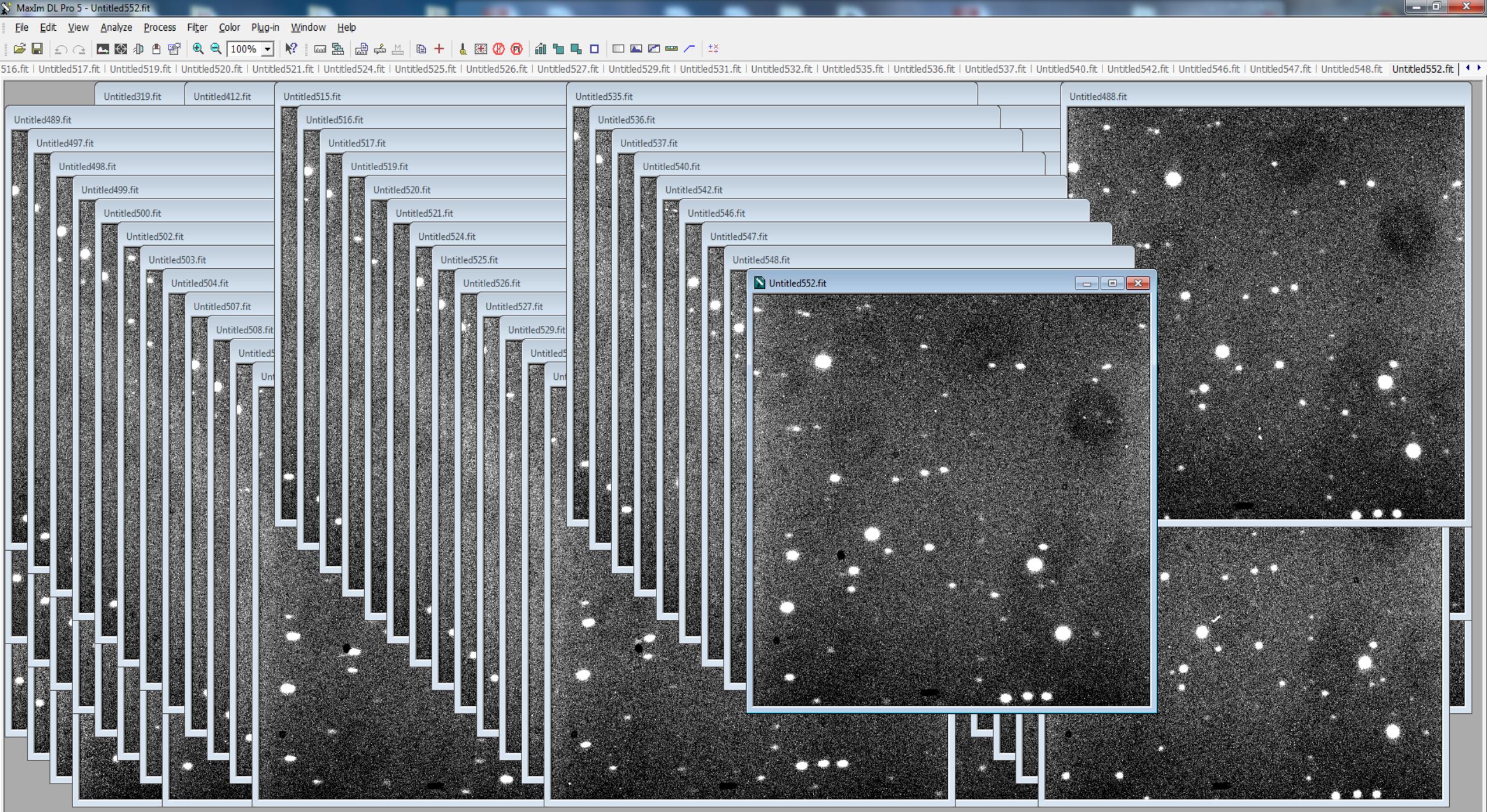
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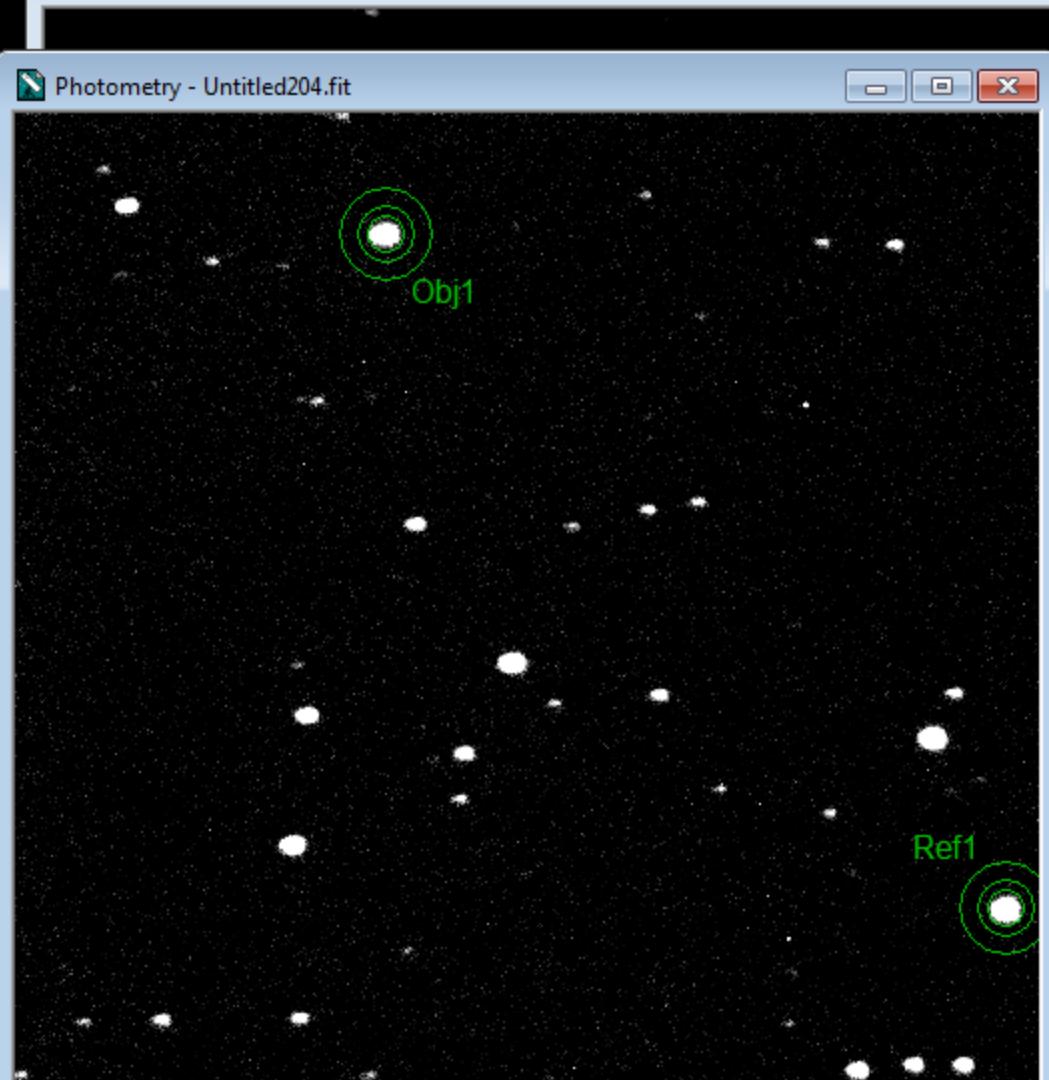
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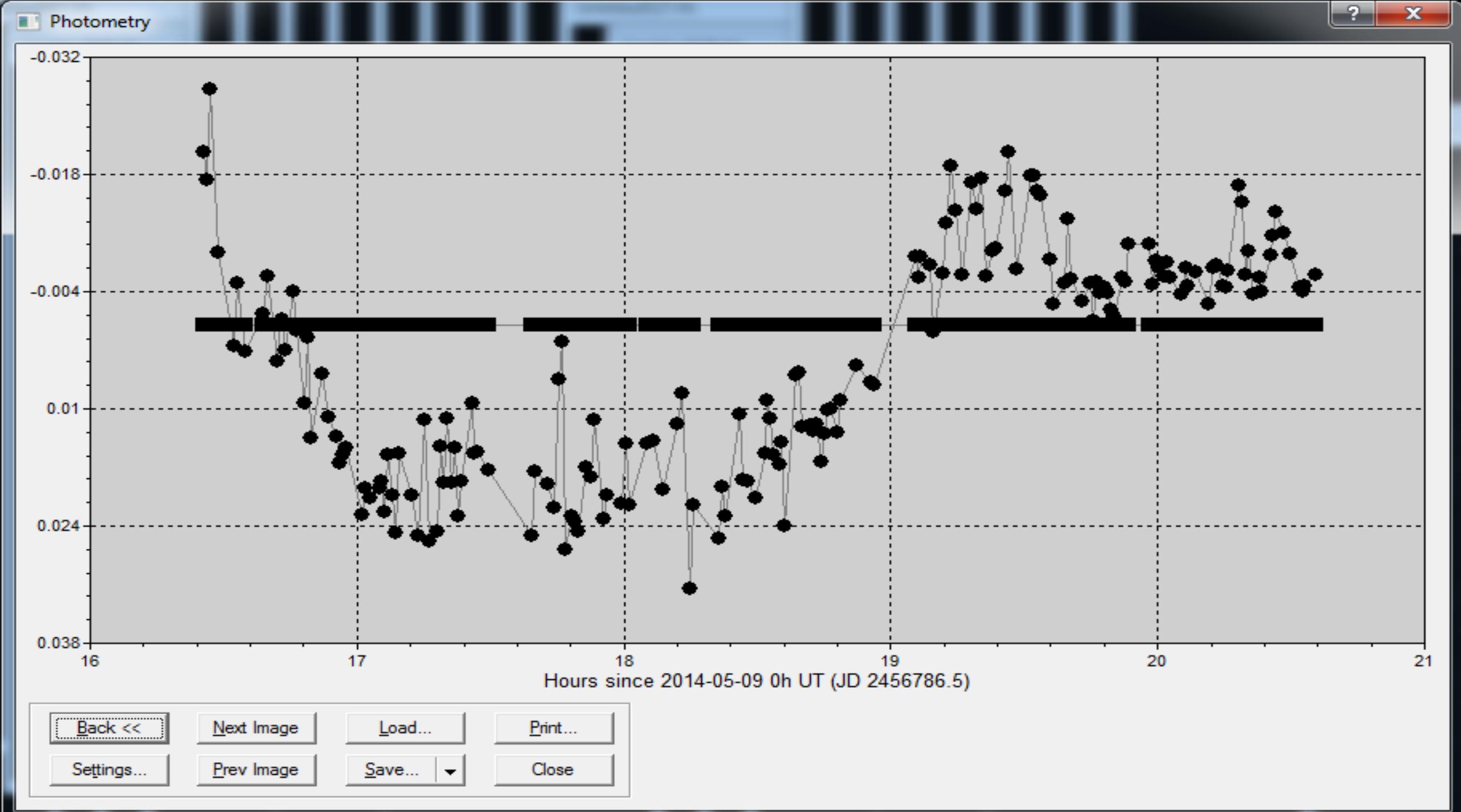
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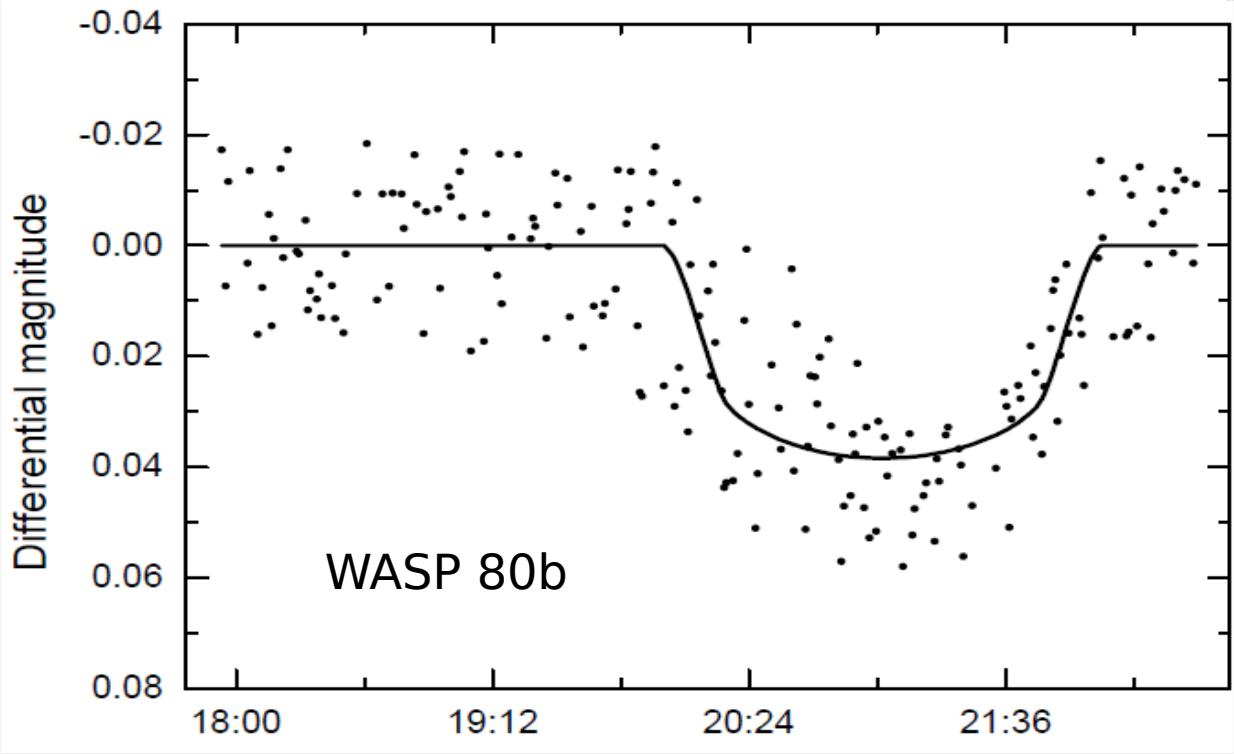
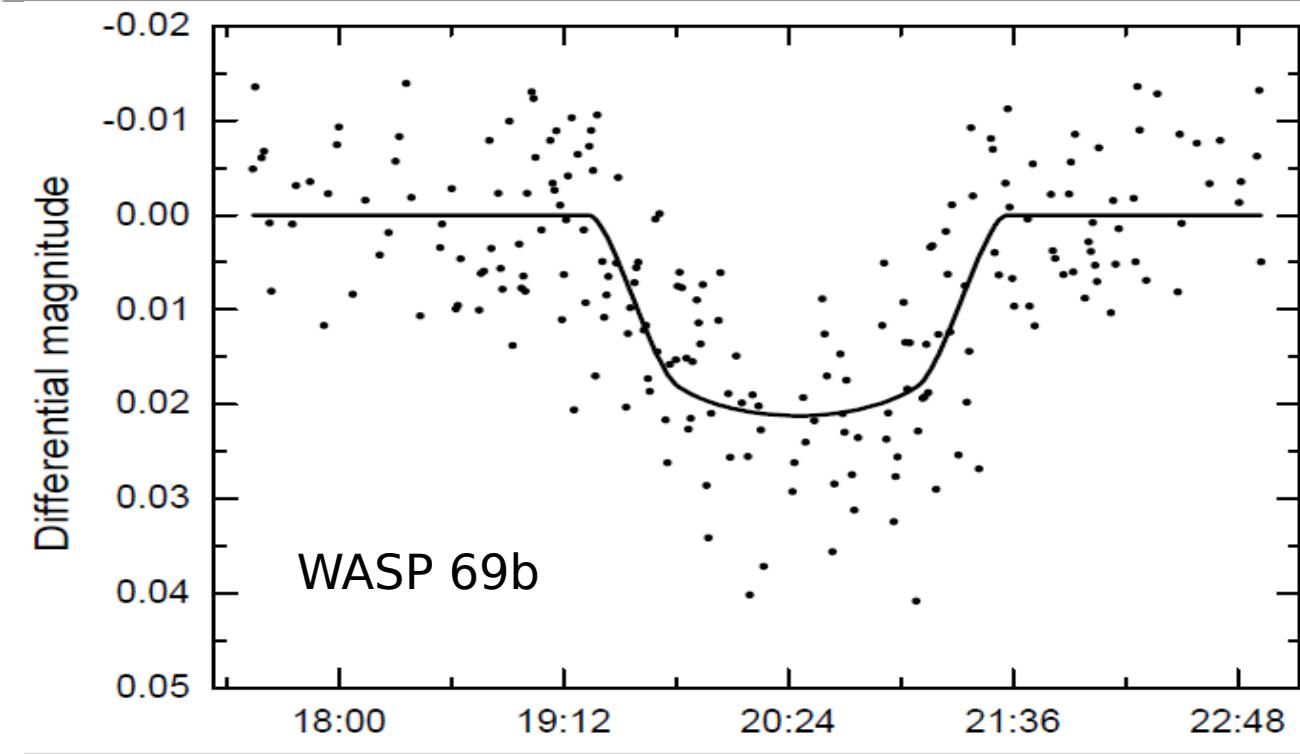
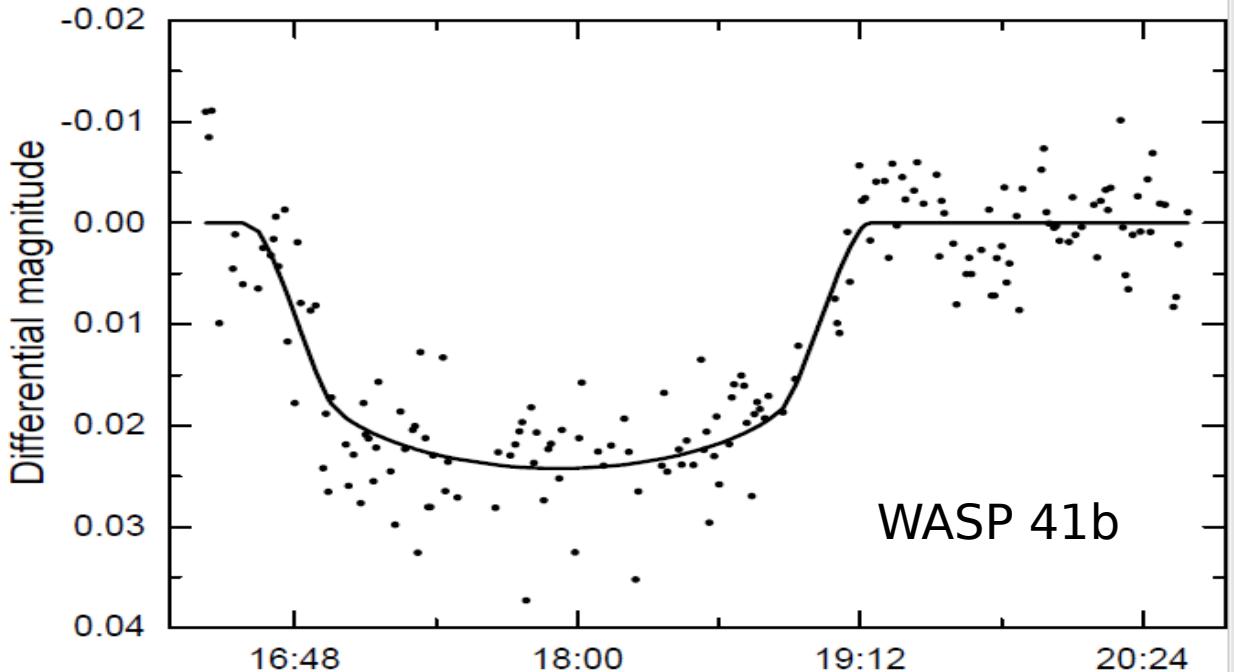
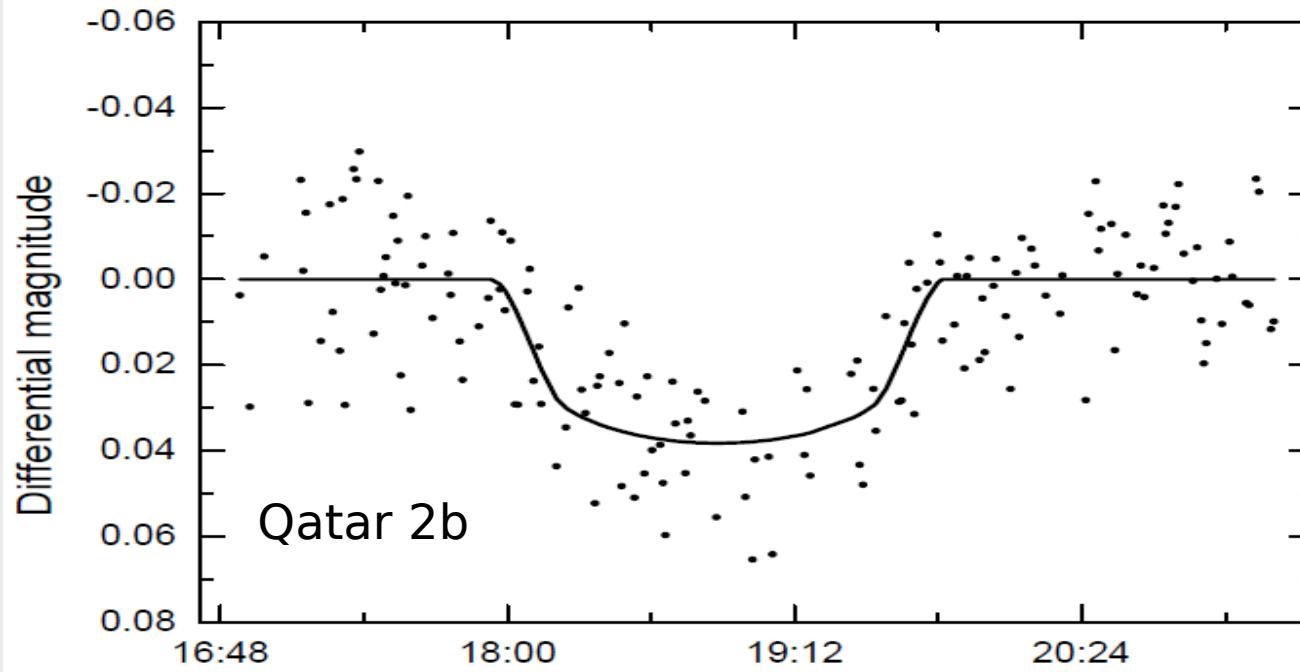
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# What information can you get from the light curve?

**Table 3.** Parameters obtained for WASP-41b in comparison with literature.

Parameter	Symbol	1st Transit	2nd Transit	Maxted et al. (2011)
Orbital period	$P$	3.053556 days	3.053556 days	3.052401 days
Planet/star area ratio	$(R_p/R_*)^2$	0.0221	0.0251	0.0186
Transit duration	$t_T$	0.111 days	0.109 days	0.108 days
Impact parameter	$b$	0.50 $R_*$	0.54 $R_*$	0.40 $R_*$
Stellar density	$\rho_*$	1.38 $\rho_\odot$	1.36 $\rho_\odot$	1.27 $\rho_\odot$
Stellar mass	$M_*$	0.79 $M_\odot$	0.80 $M_\odot$	0.93 $M_\odot$
Stellar radius	$R_*$	0.83 $R_\odot$	0.84 $R_\odot$	0.90 $R_\odot$
Orbital semi-major axis	$a$	0.0382 AU	0.0383 AU	0.0402 AU
Orbital inclination	$i$	88.7°	89.7°	87.7°
Planet radius	$R_p$	1.21 $R_J$	1.29 $R_J$	1.20 $R_J$

**Table 4.** Parameters obtained for Qatar-2b in comparison with literature.

Parameter	Symbol	Transit	Bryan et al. (2012)
Orbital period	$P$	-	1.3371182 days
Planet/star area ratio	$(R_p/R_*)^2$	0.03461	0.02725
Transit duration	$t_T$	0.07822 days	0.07540 days
Impact parameter	$b$	0.23 $R_*$	0.19 $R_*$
Stellar density	$\rho_*$	1.85 $\rho_\odot$	1.59 $\rho_\odot$ <sup>a</sup>
Stellar mass	$M_*$	0.645 $M_\odot$	0.740 $M_\odot$
Stellar radius	$R_*$	0.704 $R_\odot$	0.776 $R_\odot$ <sup>a</sup>
Orbital semi-major axis	$a$	0.02054 AU	0.02149 AU
Orbital inclination	$i$	87.91°	88.30°
Planet radius	$R_p$	1.277 $R_J$	1.254 $R_J$ <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Updated by Mancini et al. (2014).

## A UNIQUE SOLUTION OF PLANET AND STAR PARAMETERS FROM AN EXTRASOLAR PLANET TRANSIT LIGHT CURVE

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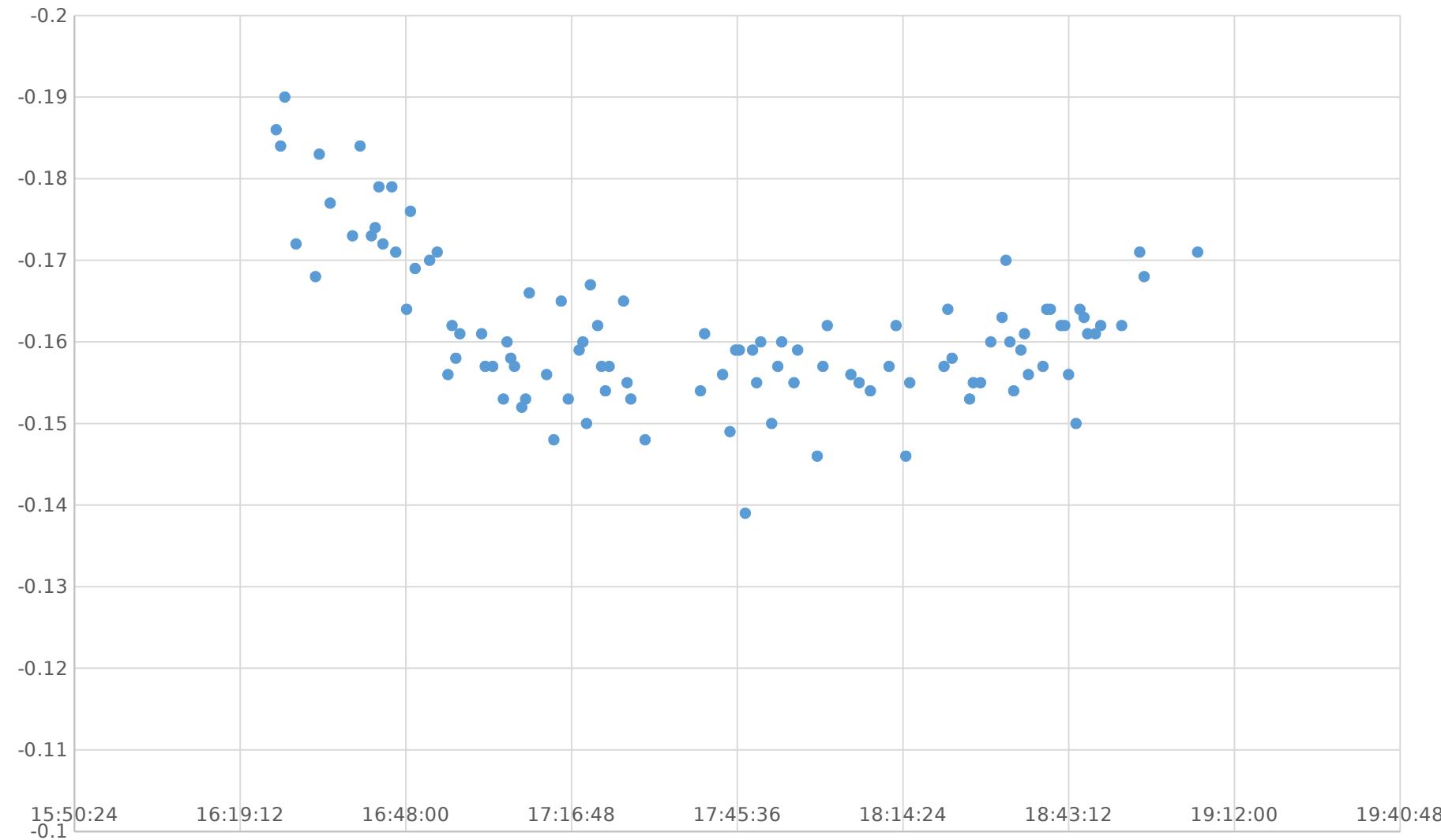
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### ABSTRACT

There is a unique solution of the planet and star parameters from a planet transit light curve with two or more transits if the planet has a circular orbit and the light curve is observed in a bandpass where limb darkening is negligible. The existence of this unique solution is very useful for current planet transit surveys for several reasons. First, there is an analytic solution that allows a quick parameter estimate, in particular of  $R_p$ . Second, the stellar density can be uniquely derived from the transit light curve alone. The stellar density can then be used to immediately rule out a giant star (and hence a much larger than planetary companion) and can also be used to put an upper limit on the stellar and planet radius even considering slightly evolved stars. Third, the presence of an additional fully blended star that contaminates an eclipsing system to mimic a planet transit can be largely ruled out from the transit light curve given a spectral type for the central star. Fourth, the period can be estimated from a single-transit light curve and a measured spectral type. All of these applications can be used to select the best planet transit candidates for mass determination by radial velocity follow-up. To use these applications in practice, the photometric precision and time sampling of the light curve must be high (better than 0.005 mag precision and 5 minute time sampling for a two-transit light curve).

*Subject headings:* binaries: eclipsing — planetary systems — techniques: photometric

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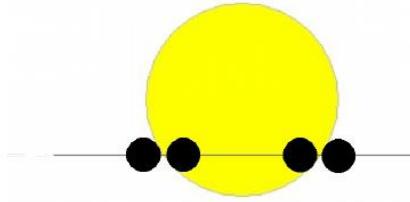
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A graph titled "MAGNITUDE DIFFERENCE [mag]" versus "HOURS AFTER MID-TRANSIT". The graph shows a dip in magnitude of approximately 0.05 mag centered at 0 hours. The data points (red circles) are fitted with a blue curve. The y-axis ranges from -0.030 to 0.050, and the x-axis ranges from -3 to 3 hours. A legend indicates: Data (red circles), Model (blue line), Arg (green line), and O-C (black line).

Bruce L. Gary

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As the number of known "bright transiting exoplanets" undergoes dramatic growth so will the need for amateurs capable of measuring exoplanet transit light curves. This book is meant to help the amateur with CCD experience produce high precision light curves. It is conceivable that an amateur could discover the presence of an Earth-like exoplanet in the same solar system as the known transiting exoplanet. This could be done either by searching for small anomalies in mid-transit times or by noting small brightness fades occurring between the known transits.

The observing demands for these searches are great, with precisions ~20 times better than for typical variable star observing. However, with a telescope aperture of 10 inches or more, a CCD, and lots of patience while learning observing and image analysis skills, it's possible for amateurs to make significant contributions to exoplanet studies and possibly make that big discovery of an Earth-like exoplanet.

It's ironic that amateur telescopes are close to optimum for the task of measuring exoplanet light curves. Large telescopes have field-of-view problems for being so small that too few bright stars (with the right color) are available to serve as reference stars. Although the optimum size telescope for exoplanet observing may have an aperture between 20 and 40 inches, most exoplanets can be observed adequately with apertures between 10 and 14 inches.

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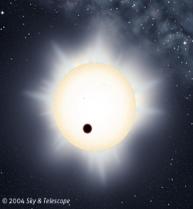
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Amateur Detects Exoplanet Transit  
By Robert Naeye | September 3, 2004



This artist conception depicts a Jupiter-size planet transiting its host star at a close distance. Astronomers know of six stars that are transited by exoplanets; two have been detected by amateurs, including the recently discovered planet TrES-1.

S&T illustration by Steven A. Simpson.

On August 24th, a team of professional astronomers announced the discovery of TrES-1, an extrasolar planet that transits its host star. Just 8 days later, an amateur astronomer from Landen, Belgium detected a transit of the same planet. The discovery highlights the growing capabilities of amateur astronomers and proves that amateur astronomers can, in principle, discover an exoplanet by the transit method.

Tonny Vanmunster used a Celestron C-14 telescope and an SBIG ST-7XME CCD camera (without filters) at his private CBA Belgium Observatory to detect the TrES-1 transit. The telescope rested on an Astro-Physics API 200 GTO mount. The planet began crossing the star's disk at 21 hours, 13 minutes Universal Time on September 1st, just when the transit was predicted to commence. The event lasted about 3 hours and ended right on cue. The star's brightness dipped by about 0.03 magnitude during the transit, or roughly 3 percent. Using software he wrote himself, Vanmunster monitored the progress of the transit in real time on his computer.

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Amateur Detects New Transiting Exoplanet  
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This artist's rendition shows the size of transiting planet orbiting the star HD 149026 as it crosses the face of its Sun-like star. It blocks only 1/300 of the star's disk, making it too small to be detectable by amateur astronomers.

Painting by Lynette Cook.

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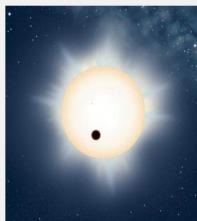
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## Amateurs Detect Possible Exoplanet Ringlike Structure

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This artist conception depicts a Jupiter-size

Amateur astronomers may have discovered a ringlike structure around an extrasolar planet. The Hubble Space Telescope will reveal whether the observation error is real or due to a problem with the telescope's optics.

The *i*-Lyra team of professional astronomers led by Roi Alonso (Astrophysical Institute of the Canary Islands) and announced on August 24, 2004. The



## Tiny Telescope Finds Big Planet

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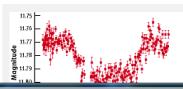
Until now, all of the 125 or so known extrasolar planets were discovered with large telescopes

distant star using mostly off-the-shelf equipment and a 4-inch Schmidt telescope. In fact, team

team was able to detect the planet with only a 4-inch telescope because it periodically crosses the

transits, which occur once per orbit with clocklike regularity. Many of these amateurs submitted their data to professional astronomers Aaron Price of the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO), and Greg Laughlin (University of California, Santa Cruz) and Tim Castellano (NASA/Ames Research Centers), who organized Transitsearch.org. Laughlin and Castellano are working with the AAVSO to form a global network of amateurs to observe exoplanet transits.

In late September, retired professional astronomer Bruce Gary in Arizona and amateur astronomer Joe Carlitz in Oregon noticed that TrES-1's 12th-magnitude host star apparently brightens shortly before and after each transit. Such effects had not been seen before in other transiting exoplanets. Postings on the



large gaseous object orbiting within just a few million kilometers of its parent star. The planet's existence was betrayed by a slight drop in the star's brightness that occurs whenever the planet crosses directly between it and Earth. The discovery heralds the coming of a new era when small telescopes doing wide-field surveys will pinpoint new exoplanets through similar transits.

Roi Alonso (Astrophysical Institute of the Canaries)



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## DIY Exoplanet Detector

You don't need a high-powered telescope to spot the signature of an alien world

By David Schneider



**Photo:** David Schneider

**Star Track:** The rotation of the Earth causes stars to continuously shift position in the sky. Detecting the subtle signs of the existence of an orbiting exoplanet requires compensating for this shift. To do that, I built my own hinged "barn door" tracker.

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## Observing Exoplanet Transits With Digital SLR Cameras

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Colin Littlefield

### Abstract

Using a digital single lens reflex (DSLR) camera, I observed a transit of exoplanet HD 189733 in order to determine the feasibility of using these types of cameras for high-precision photometry. The results were scientifically useful, showing that even though the camera is not explicitly designed for scientific applications, it can nevertheless produce high-quality differential photometry.

### Exoplanet Transit Photometry with DSLR

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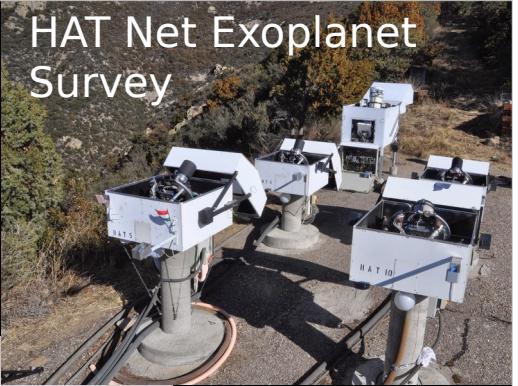
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I recently took images of Exoplanet Tres-5b Transit with my Canon 450D and an orange filter by Optec. I was looking for a "blue blocking" filter because it is recommended by Bruce Gary in his book "Exoplanet Observing for Amateurs". This filter clearly blocks the blue wavelength as it does not start letting light through until around 500nm and it is available in a 48 mm size which is what my set up requires.

My results compared very favorably with the observed/published depth and time of transit figures posted on Exoplanet Transit Database .

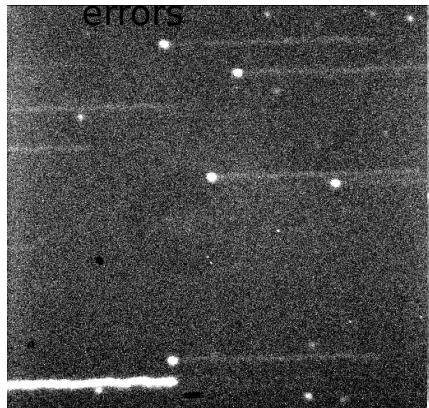
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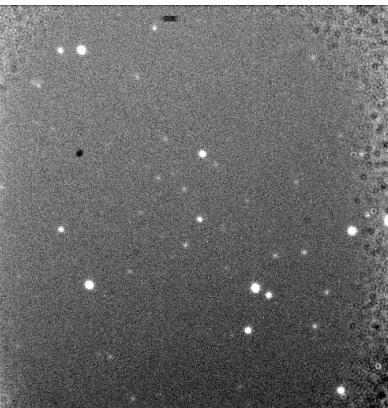




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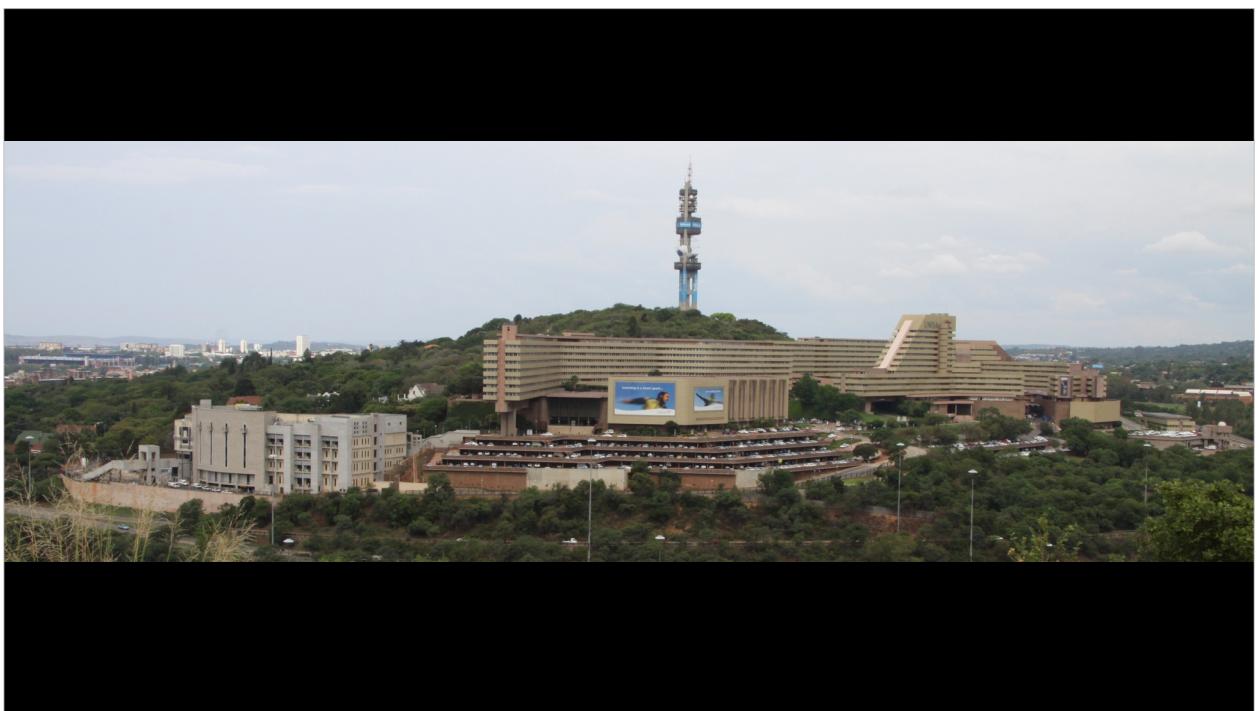


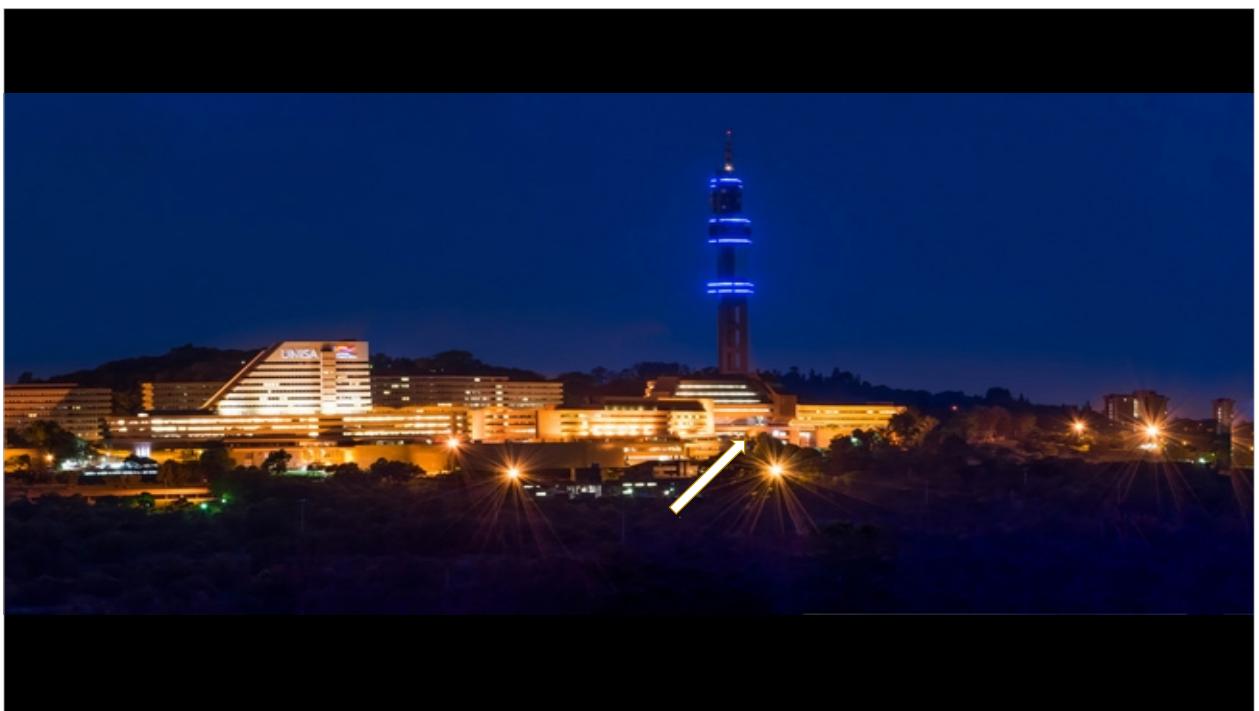
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# Exoplanet Transit Database

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ETD is here to supply quickly and easily the list of all ever observed transits of transiting exoplanets to observers and researchers.

Our database administrators are periodically checking for new transits - both in literature and in on-line internet sources. Each transit is stored with complete citations, link to the paper / on-line source URL.

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CoRoT-13 b

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CoRoT-18 b

CoRoT-19 b

CoRoT-2 b

CoRoT-20 b

CoRoT-3 b

CoRoT-4 b

CoRoT-5 b

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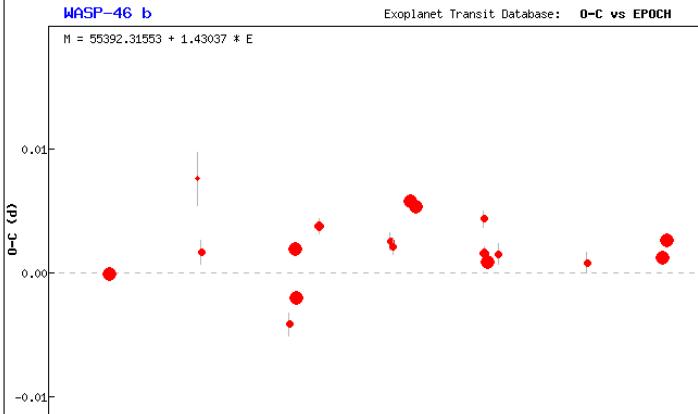
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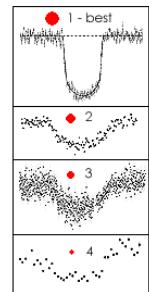
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Your LATITUDE (in deg): <input type="text" value="-18.4"/> 90° - 0° - -90°							
<b>Available predictions:</b> (UT evening date) 2018-02- 27, 28, 2018-03- 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. <b>User defined time span:</b> From: <input type="text" value="YYYY-MM-DD"/> Till: <input type="text" value="YYYY-MM-DD"/> Show							
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<a href="#">WASP-13 b</a>	17:09 Lyn 25°,NE	09.03. 19:06 37°,N	21:02 36°,N	233	10.51	0.0087	34491.6151+4.35298°E RA: 09 20 24.71 DE: +33 32 57.0
<a href="#">WASP-43 b</a>	18:43 Sex 58°,E	09.03. 19:17 66°,E	19:52 73°,NE	69.5	12.4	0.0289	55528.85774+0.813473°E RA: 10 19 38.01 DE: -09 48 21.9
<a href="#">HATS-51 b</a>	17:57 CMa 77°,SW	09.03. 19:37 58°,SW	21:17 36°,SW	199.3	12.471	0.0110	57042.00405+3.3488702°E RA: 06 51 23.40 DE: -29 03 31.0
<a href="#">WASP-82 b</a>	17:20 Ori 55°,NW	09.03. 19:49 22°,W	22:19 -14°,W	299.09	10.1	0.0068	56157.9898+2.705782°E RA: 04 50 38.56 DE: +01 33 38.1
<a href="#">KELT-4A b</a>	18:40	09.03. 20:24	22:08	207.76	9.98	0.0127	56193.2915+2.9895936°E RA: 10 39 15.01

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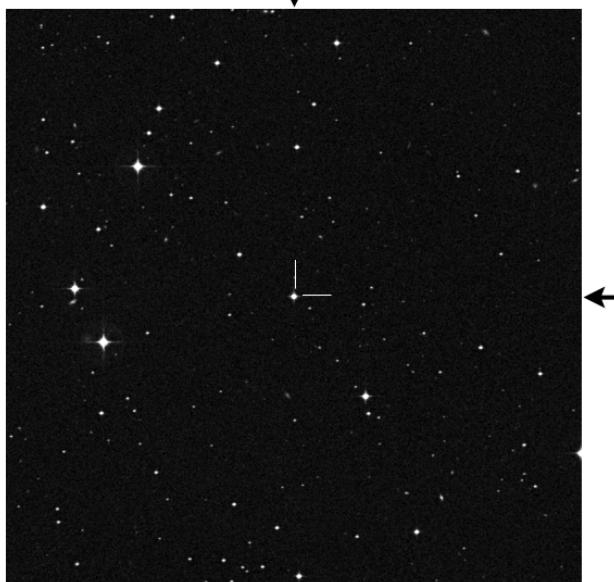
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RA (J2000): 10 19 38.01, DE (J2000): -09 48 21.9,  
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Per =  d, T0(HJD) =



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# The STScI Digitized Sky Survey

http://archive.stsci.edu/cgi-bin/dss for  
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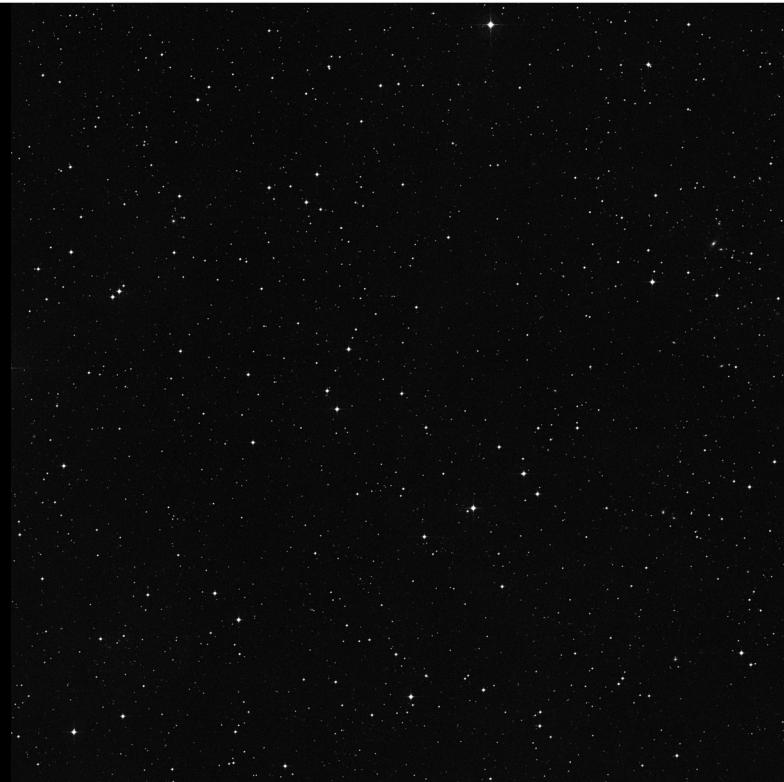
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60'

<b>GJ436 b</b>				
<b>Transits predictions for next 365 days.</b>				
<b>ELONGITUDE: 33.9° and LATITUDE: -18.4°</b>				
Transit occurs below 20° in the sky.   During the daylight.   Observable.				
<b>Tmid (HJD)</b>	<b>BEGIN (UT/h,A)</b>	<b>CENTER (DD.MM. UT/h,A)</b>	<b>END (UT/h,A)</b>	
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<b>2458182.423</b>	<b>04.03 21:34 (79°,NW)</b>	<b>04.03. 22:09 (73°,NW)</b>	<b>04.03 22:44 (65°,W)</b>	
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<b>2458187.304</b>	<b>09.03 18:43 (58°,E)</b>	<b>09.03. 19:17 (66°,E)</b>	<b>09.03 19:52 (73°,NE)</b>	
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<b>2458190.558</b>	<b>13.03 0:48 (30°,W)</b>	<b>13.03. 1:23 (22°,W)</b>	<b>13.03 1:58 (13°,W)</b>	
<b>2458191.371</b>	<b>13.03 20:20 (80°,N)</b>	<b>13.03. 20:54 (79°,NW)</b>	<b>13.03 21:29 (74°,NW)</b>	
<b>2458192.185</b>	<b>14.03 15:51 (22°,E)</b>	<b>14.03. 16:26 (30°,E)</b>	<b>14.03 17:00 (38°,E)</b>	
2458192.998	15.03 11:22 (-40°,SE)	15.03. 11:57 (-32°,SE)	15.03 12:32 (-24°,E)	
2458193.812	16.03 6:54 (-54°,SW)	16.03. 7:29 (-59°,SW)	16.03 8:03 (-62°,S)	
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<b>2458201.133</b>	<b>23.03 14:36 (13°,E)</b>	<b>23.03. 15:11 (21°,E)</b>	<b>23.03 15:46 (39°,E)</b>	
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Choose exoplanet WASP-43 b Sex

Data file with observation:  Browse...  
Required 3 columns: JD, MAG, ERROR. Other columns are ignored.  
Columns must be separated by space or TAB.

JD format:  geocentric  heliocentric (both based on UTC)

Brightness column:  in magnitudes  in flux

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Model light curve fitting procedure: O.Pejcha, 2008 (read [description](#)).  
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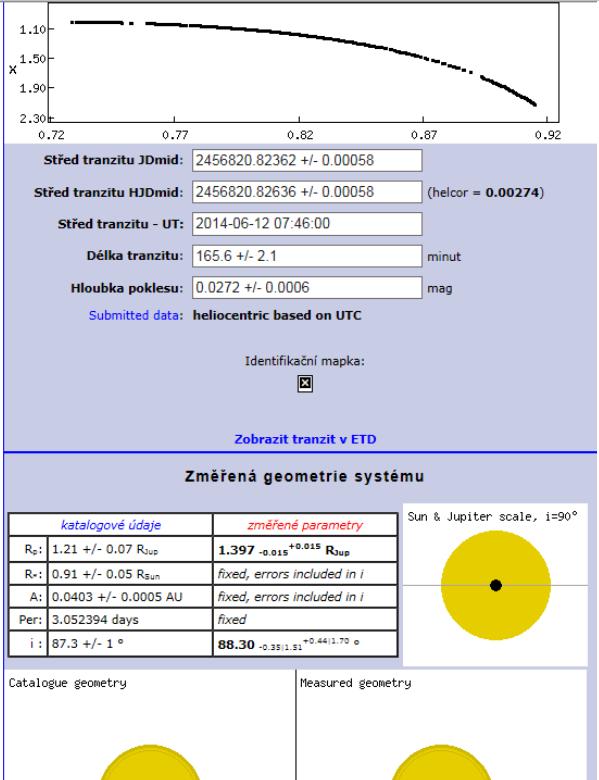
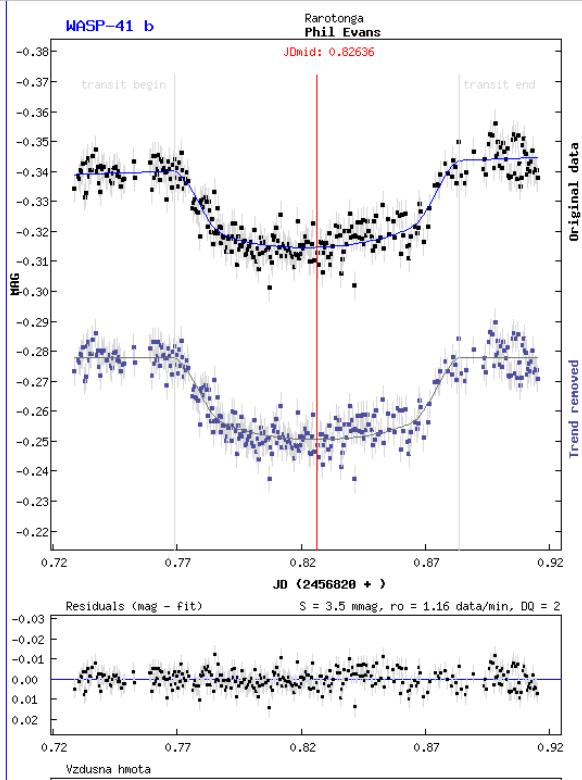
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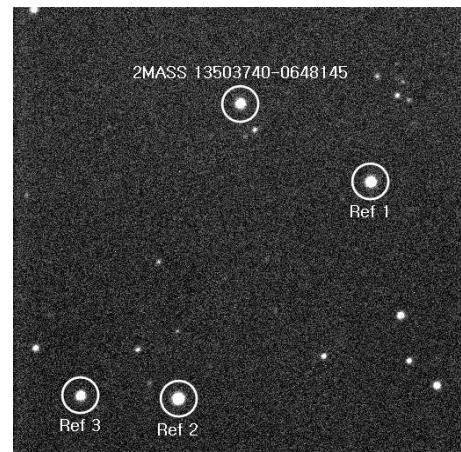
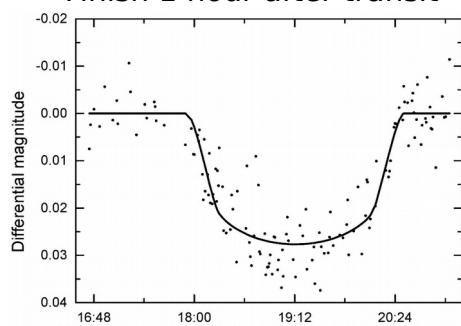
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 Observer: Ken Westall  
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Equipment: 12" Meade LX200GPS, CCD SBIG ST8XME  
 Observer: TG Tan

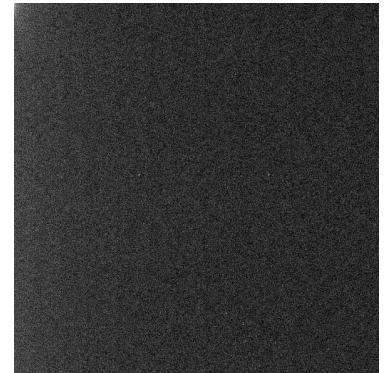
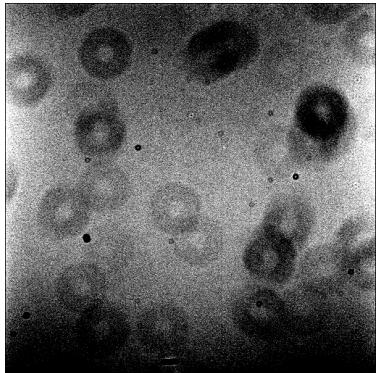
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- Start 1 hour before transit (after Astronomical Twilight)
- Take as many pictures as you can
- Finish 1 hour after transit

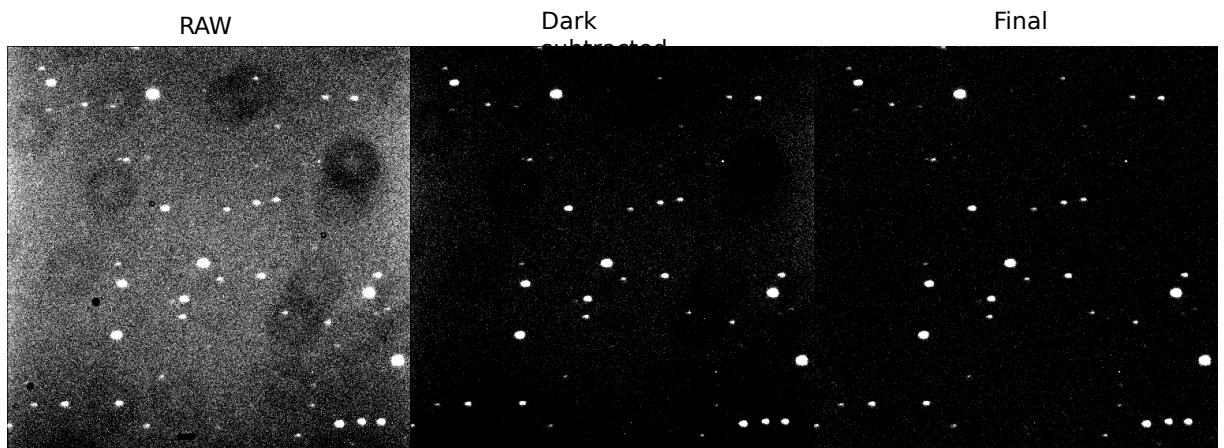


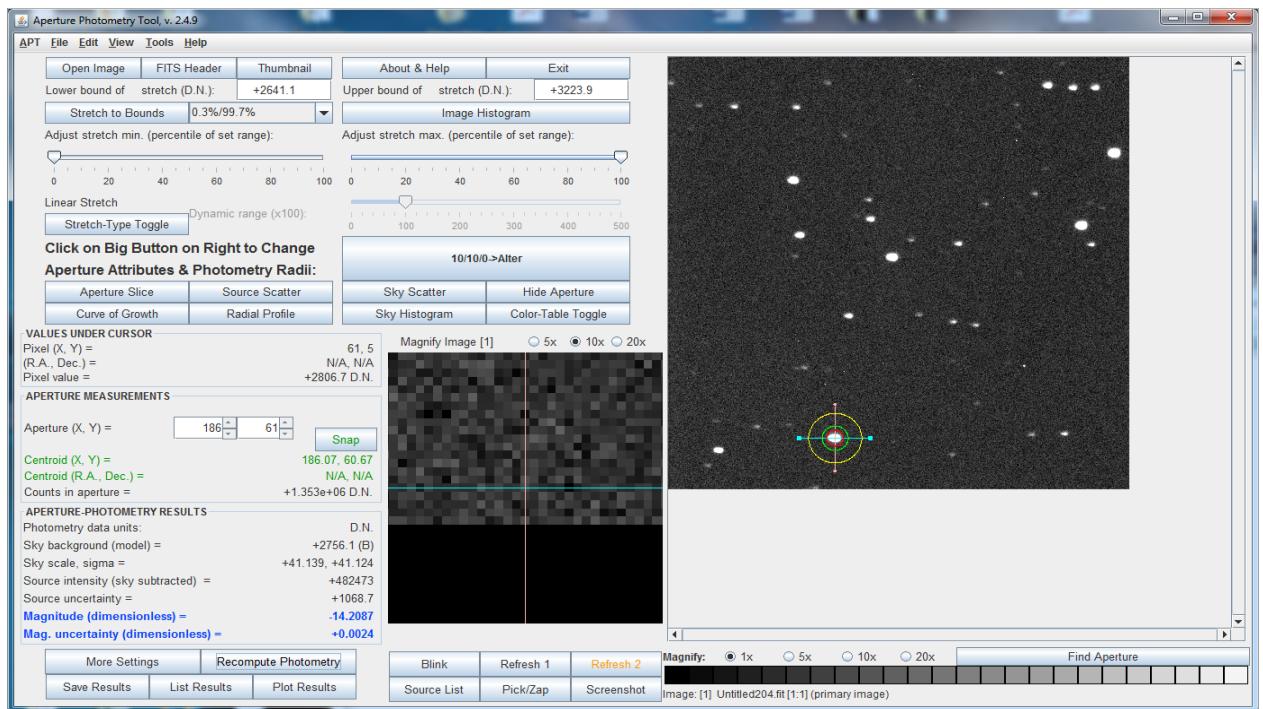
# Capturing images

- Sky flats – used to remove variations in pixel sensitivity and effects of dust (20 images)  
**NB: Any length of time but do not exceed CCD response**
- Dark frames – used to remove thermal noise from an image (20 images)  
**NB: Same length of time as star pictures**
- Bias frames – used to remove electronic noise from the instrument (20 images)  
**NB: Zero time**

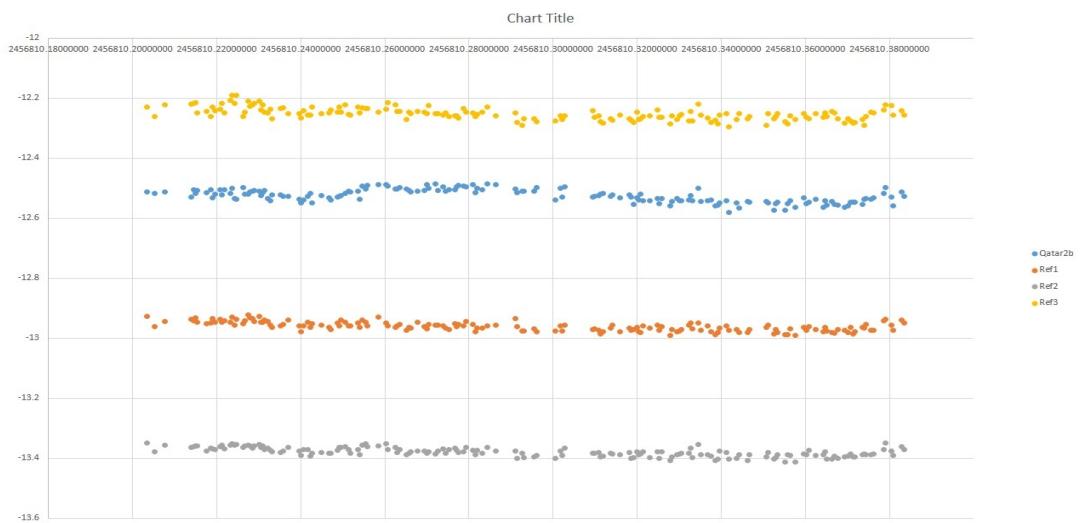


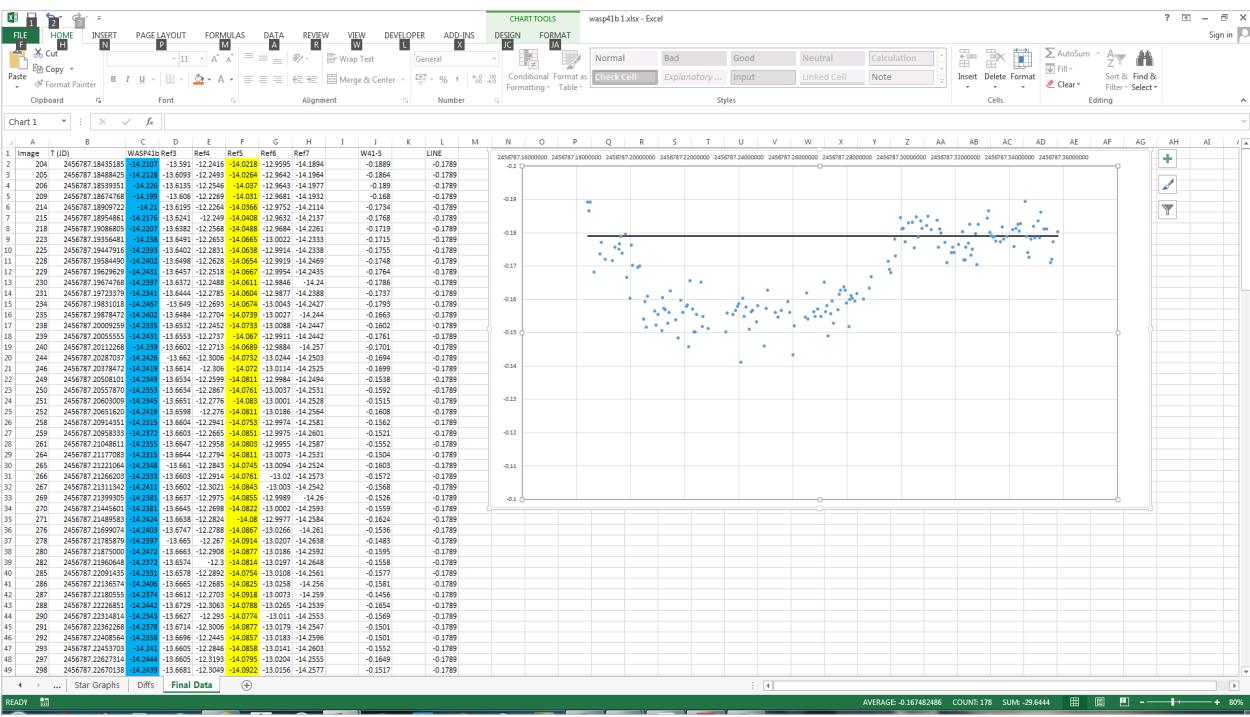
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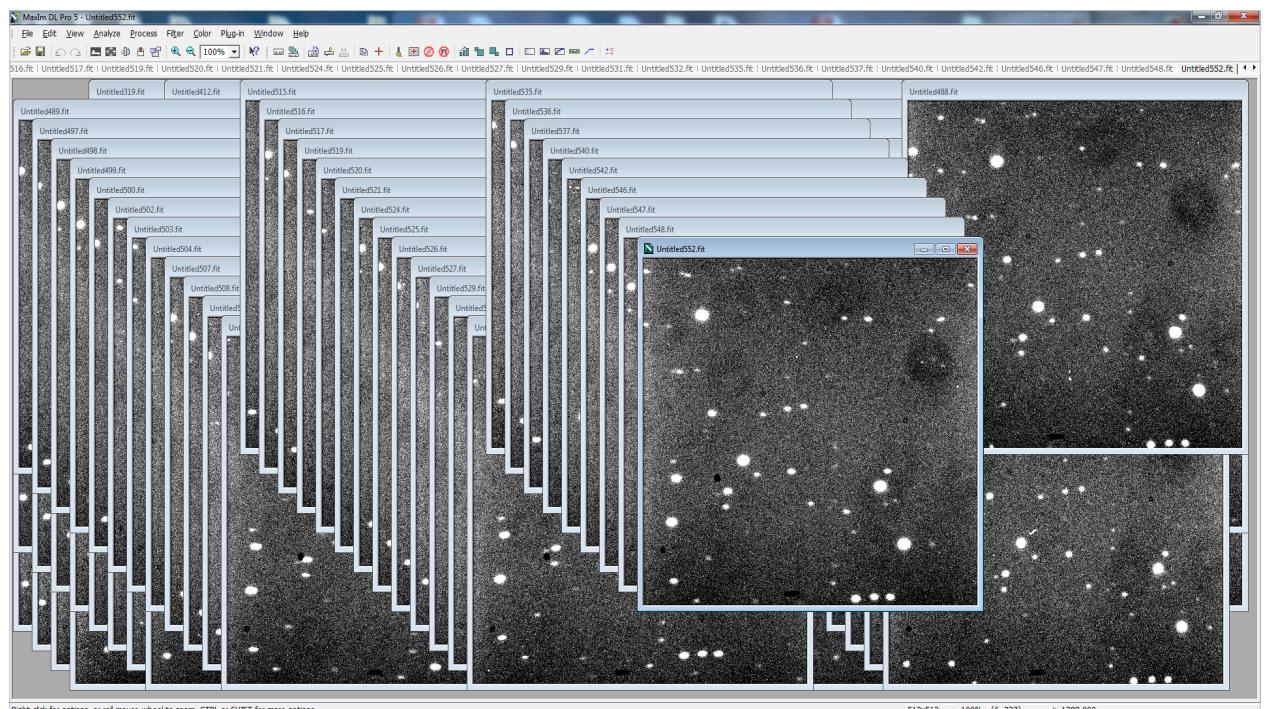


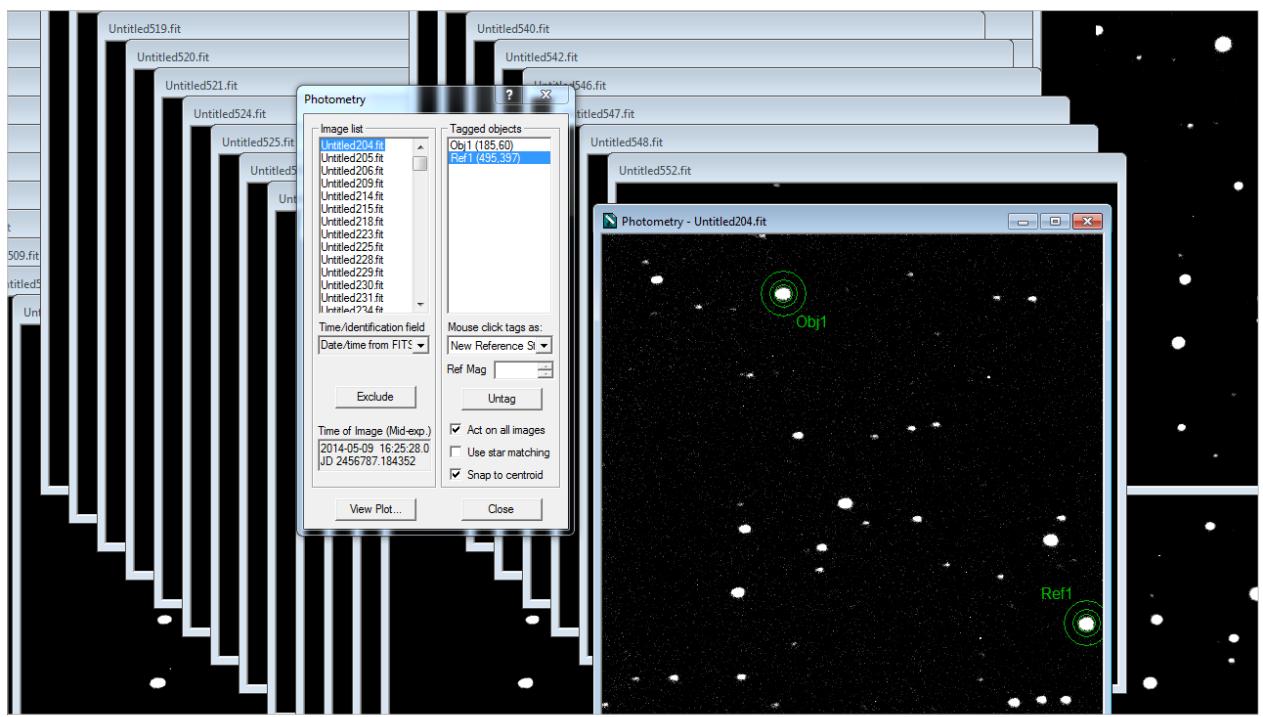


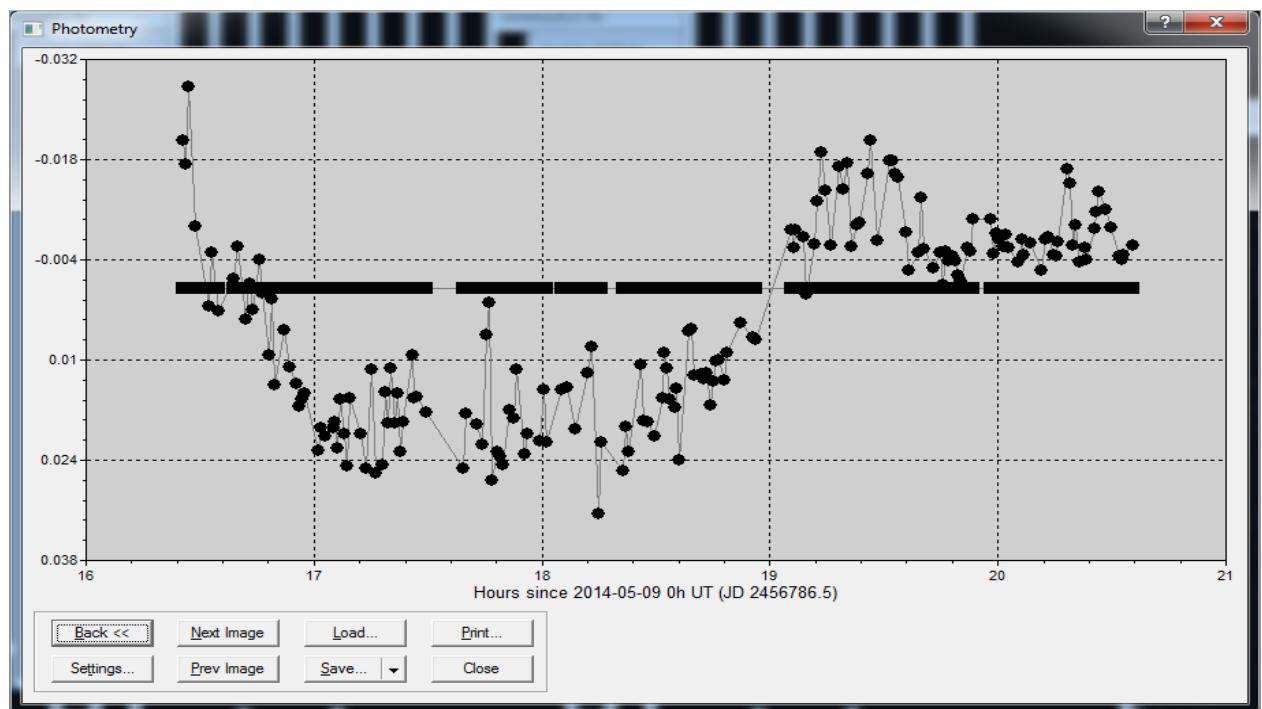
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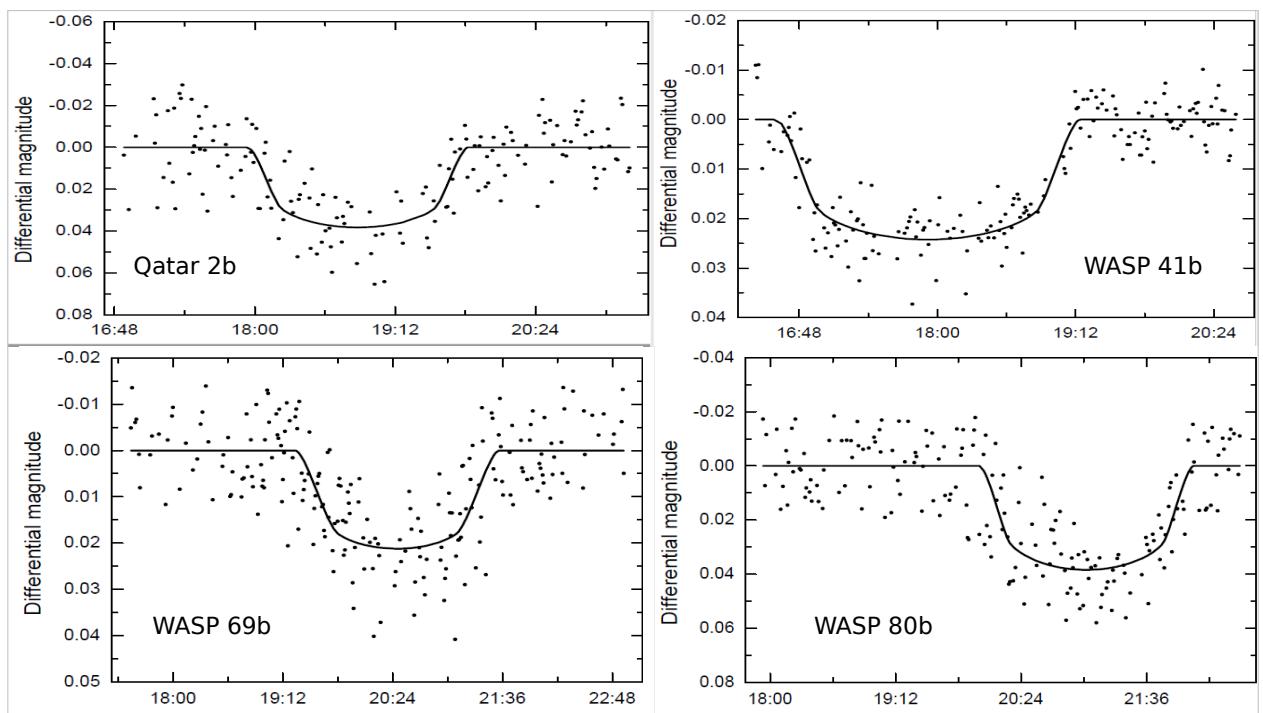












## What information can you get from the light curve?

**Table 3.** Parameters obtained for WASP-41b in comparison with literature.

Parameter	Symbol	1st Transit	2nd Transit	Maxted et al. (2011)
Orbital period	$P$	3.053556 days	3.053556 days	3.052401 days
Planet/star area ratio	$(R_p/R_*)^2$	0.0221	0.0251	0.0186
Transit duration	$t_T$	0.111 days	0.109 days	0.108 days
Impact parameter	$b$	0.50 $R_*$	0.54 $R_*$	0.40 $R_*$
Stellar density	$\rho_*$	1.38 $\rho_\odot$	1.36 $\rho_\odot$	1.27 $\rho_\odot$
Stellar mass	$M_*$	0.79 $M_\odot$	0.80 $M_\odot$	0.93 $M_\odot$
Stellar radius	$R_*$	0.83 $R_\odot$	0.84 $R_\odot$	0.90 $R_\odot$
Orbital semi-major axis	$a$	0.0382 AU	0.0383 AU	0.0402 AU
Orbital inclination	$i$	88.7°	89.7°	87.7°
Planet radius	$R_p$	1.21 $R_J$	1.29 $R_J$	1.20 $R_J$

**Table 4.** Parameters obtained for Qatar-2b in comparison with literature.

Parameter	Symbol	Transit	Bryan et al. (2012)
Orbital period	$P$	-	1.3371182 days
Planet/star area ratio	$(R_p/R_*)^2$	0.03461	0.02725
Transit duration	$t_T$	0.07822 days	0.07540 days
Impact parameter	$b$	0.23 $R_*$	0.19 $R_*$
Stellar density	$\rho_*$	1.85 $\rho_\odot$	1.59 $\rho_\odot$ <sup>a</sup>
Stellar mass	$M_*$	0.645 $M_\odot$	0.740 $M_\odot$
Stellar radius	$R_*$	0.704 $R_\odot$	0.776 $R_\odot$ <sup>a</sup>
Orbital semi-major axis	$a$	0.02054 AU	0.02149 AU
Orbital inclination	$i$	87.91°	88.30°
Planet radius	$R_p$	1.277 $R_J$	1.254 $R_J$ <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Updated by Mancini et al. (2014).

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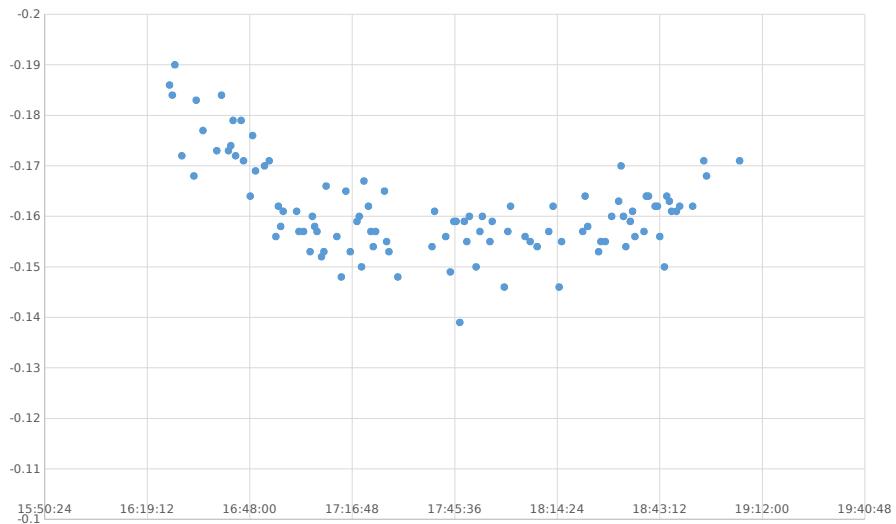
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ABSTRACT

There is a unique solution of the planet and star parameters from a planet transit light curve with two or more transits if the planet has a circular orbit and the light curve is observed in a bandpass where limb darkening is negligible. The existence of this unique solution is very useful for current planet transit surveys for several reasons. First, there is an analytic solution that allows a quick parameter estimate, in particular of  $R_p$ . Second, the stellar density can be uniquely derived from the transit light curve alone. The stellar density can then be used to immediately rule out a giant star (and hence a much larger than planetary companion) and can also be used to put an upper limit on the stellar and planet radius even considering slightly evolved stars. Third, the presence of an additional fully blended star that contaminates an eclipsing system to mimic a planet transit can be largely ruled out from the transit light curve given a spectral type for the central star. Fourth, the period can be estimated from a single-transit light curve and a measured spectral type. All of these applications can be used to select the best planet transit candidates for mass determination by radial velocity follow-up. To use these applications in practice, the photometric precision and time sampling of the light curve must be high (better than 0.005 mag precision and 5 minute time sampling for a two-transit light curve).

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