



A PSF-based Approach to TESS High quality data Of Stellar clusters

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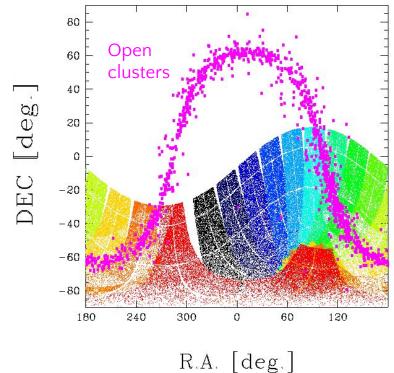






Stellar clusters with TESS

- **Stellar properties** of cluster members are more reliably measured than for field stars
- Stellar clusters have well measured ages that go from ~10 Myr up to ~10 Gyr (Bossini+2019)
- >1500 open and globular clusters and young associations populate the Milky Way and almost all of them will be observed by TESS



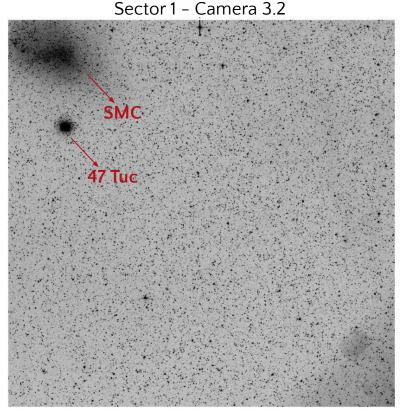
Photometry of stars in

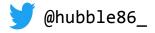
crowded environments



From FFIs to Light curves

- FFIs download
- Empirical PSFs extraction for a CCD of a Camera
- Light curves extraction

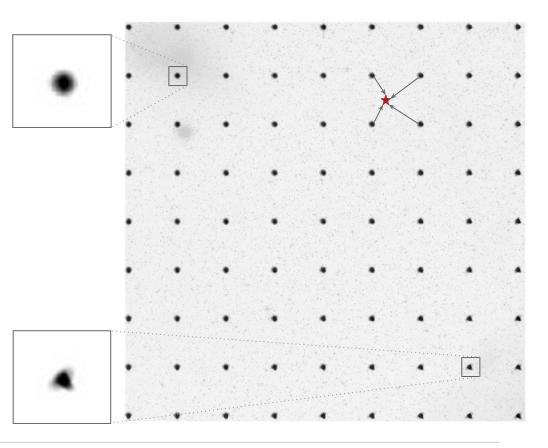


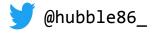




Empirical PSFs

- Modelling the best PSF is important for:
 - the subtraction of neighbour stars
 - the extraction of high precision photometry for faint stars
- 9x9 array of empirical PSFs for each CCD
- Each PSF model in the array is associated to a region of the image
- High variation of the PSF model among the FoV of the single image
- For each point (x, y) on the CCD, extraction of a local empirical PSF given by the the bi-linear interpolation of the 4 closest PSFs



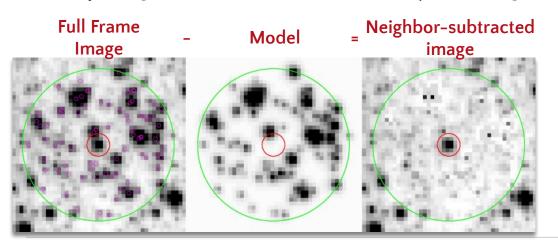




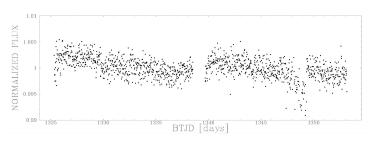
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 - ✓ Full Frame Images
 - ✓ Empirical PSF arrays
 - ✓ Input catalog: Gaia DR2

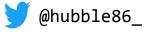
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Raw Light curve



T ~ 12.8

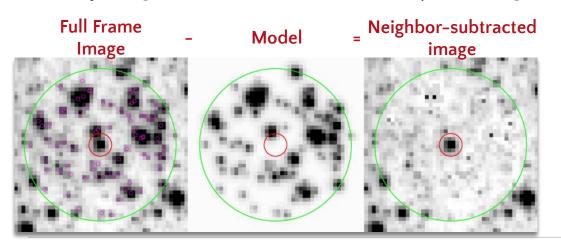




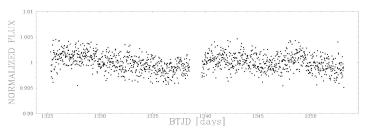
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Cotrended Light curve



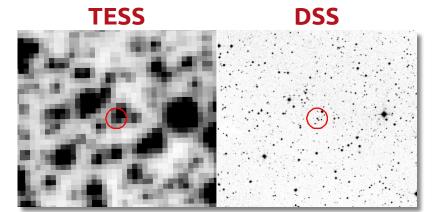
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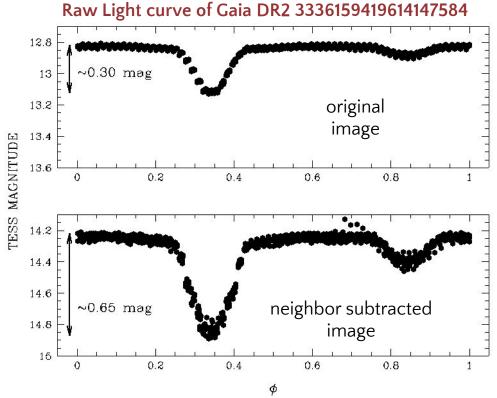
rms ~ 1.5 mmag

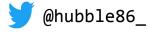
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- minimise the dilution effects in crowded environments
- extract high-precision photometry (and the real flux) for faint stars (T>13)







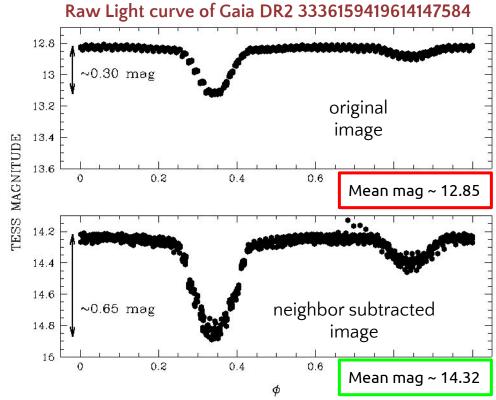
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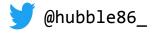
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 $G \sim 15.75$ $G_{RP} - G_{RP} \sim 2.97$

Expected $T \sim 14.45$ (Stassun+2019)

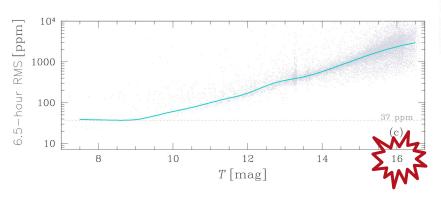


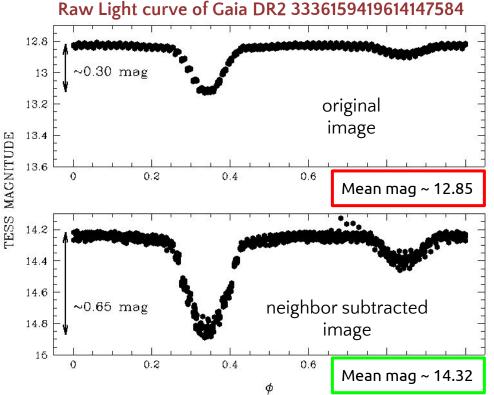


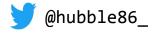
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The Pathos project

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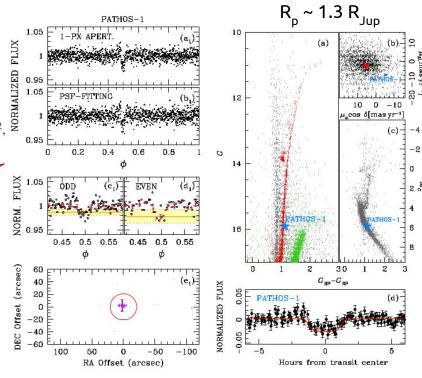
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Light curves used during the PATHOS project and for other works will be publically available on the MAST archive as HLSP



Bonus ...



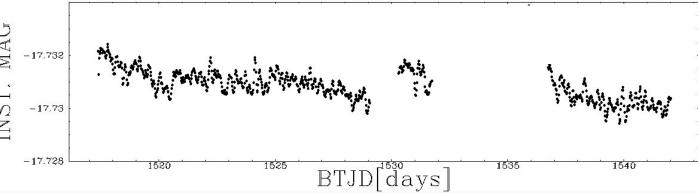


Bright and faint stars

RAW LIGHT CURVES

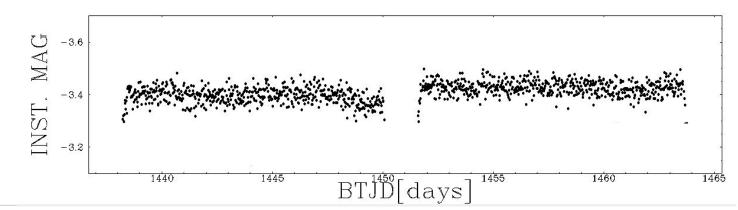
Tmag ~ 2.8

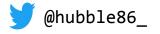
Saturated stars are recovered using the charges in the bleeding column as we already do with HST



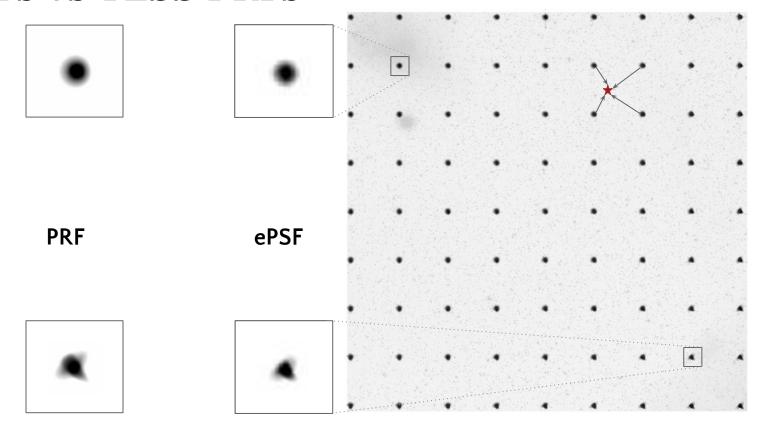
Tmag ~ 17.55

Best photometry for faint stars is the PSF-fitting photometry

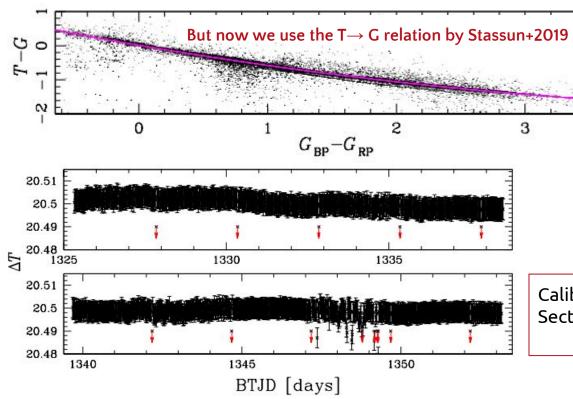




ePSFs vs TESS PRFs



From Gaia DR2 to FFIs



From WCS to pixel

Astrometric transformation from Gaia DR2 (RA, DEC) to TESS FFI (pixel) is obtained thanks to the transformation coefficients and the distortion solutions in the header of the images

Calibrated -> instrumental TESS mag in Sector-1