

Hunting Outbursting Young Stars with the Centre for Astrophysics and Planetary Science

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And numerous other (Amateur) Astronomers









Making Stars and Planets





Young Star Accretion Disk Structure and Accretion Bursts







Photometric monitoring of Young Stars can achieve resolution of disk structures down to 0.01AU independent of distance

As well as rotation periods and temperature, size and position of hot/cold spots on YSO surfaces



HOYS-CAPS Goals



Photometric Monitoring

long-term (~25yr) high-cadence (1...2 observations per day per filter) multi-wavelength (U, B, V, R, Hα, I) photometric monitoring

of

young (<10Myr) nearby (d<1kpc) star clusters and star forming regions (currently 22 regions)

with small or intermediate size telescopes



HOYS-CAPS Targets (selection)

Pelican Nebula

NGC7129

Christmas Tree Cluster

Elephant Trunk Nebula

NGC1333



Rosette Nebula

IC348

Typical UK Satellite Image and UK Amateur Astronomy Societies







HOYS-CAPS CITIZEN SCIENCE

Initial, User led:

- ID of target region and devise
- Astrometry
- Source Extractor photometry, calibration into reference system via Photofunction and $P_4(m)$

Post-Processing:

- Identification of non-variables via low Stetson index
- Correction of colour terms using $P_2(m)+P_2(V-I)$

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Data Calibration

Before Colour Correction: RMS=0.180mag After Colour Correction: RMS=0.040mag



Example: IC5070, I-Band, User #16



Data Calibration

Example, 2MASS J20515188+4422274

Before Colour Correction

After Colour Correction

















lightcurves of ~2000 known YSOs in V, R, I

- better than 0.2mag photometry
- >50 datapoints per filter
- in at least two filters

We cover so far in: V-Band: 3700yrs R-Band: 5200yrs I-Band: 6500yrs

Lightcurves median smoothed with 150d



Dips/Bursts identified as more than 2.5σ outliers in magnitude with at least 2 datapoints in at least two of the filters.

Dip Detection Example





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Burst Detection Example





Dip Depth and Duration







Burst Height and Duration





YSO Rotation Periods







YSO Rotation Periods









The Weired and Wonderful









Surprise datasets



Stan Waterman's Data





A time-resolved picture of a very low-mass star between EXors and FUors

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A survey for variable young stars with small telescopes: First results from HOYS-CAPS

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Variability in IC 5070: two young stars with deep recurring eclipses*

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Optical brightness and colours of V2492Cyg before, during and after the recent record peak in brightness

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Fig. 4. Lightcurve from the Beacon Observatory. The magnitudes are relative to the data from JD=2457717.594. The data show the rapid decrease of the source flux during January-February 2017 and stabilization from February-March 2017.



Figure 4. Figure showing the slope α in the V vs V-I diagram and the asymmetry index M for the YSOs in our sample. The larger symbols and error bars indicate the mean and *rms* of all stars in the different groups. The group number is also indicated. All outliers (summarised in G7) are not shown as they are partly outside the parameter space of the plot (e.g. at negative slope values). The colours and symbols are the same as in Fig. 3. The dashed horizontal lines separate the dippers (top) from the symmetric light-curves (middle) and the bursters (bottom). The dashed horizontal lines separate the more streme bursters and dippers. The dashed vertical lines indicate the three regions for α discussed in the text.

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Gaia 17bpi: An FU Ori Type Outburst

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A survey for variable young stars with small telescopes: II - The periodically dipping YSO V 1490 Cyg analysed by HOYS-CAPS

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Summary

HOYS-CAPS UBVRIH α monitoring of YSOs with Amateur data is very successful and very simple to take part in

We can accurately (σ =0.01-0.03mag) calibrate the inhomogeneous photometric data (variety of filters, cameras and observing conditions)

We can establish accretion burst and dip properties including knowledge of detection biases

We can measure rotation periods at several wavelength and establish time dependent amplitudes and phases



Any Questions?



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