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Characterization of planet-host candidates

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As an ESR... done so far:

Gathering knowledge:

 data taken at WHT – secondary eclipse of TrES-3b in K-band (de Mooij & Snellen, 2009)

observational run at CST – near-IR photometry (side project)
 Applying this knowledge:

• request GTC time – when CanariCam is operating

Spectroscopic classification and radial velocity limits for WFCAM Transit Survey (WTS) planet candidates

Aims:

Spectroscopic follow-up of the most exciting candidates:

- classify the spectral type;
- estimate radial velocity variations with ~km/s-precision:
 - establish the real planet-transit systems
 - identify and solve the lowest-mass stellar/substellar binaries

Calar Alto Observatory

- German-Spanish Astronomical Centre (CAHA)
- Sierra de los Filambres, Andalucía, Southern Spain
- three telescopes: 1.23m, 2.2m and 3.5m



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- 3.5m telescope
- TWIN spectrograph:
 - intermediate resolution: 3000-14000
 - wavelength range: 320-1100 nm

Observational run: 3 nights

- 10 objects of 19.5h field
- I-mag between 14 and 19





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- Low resolution spectroscopy (1.62 Å/pix):
 - derive the spectral types of the targets
 - distinguish the cases: planet, small star/brown dwarf, grazing binary, or stellar binary blended with a background star
- Intermediate resolution spectroscopy (0.37 Å/pix):
 - obtain RV information with a few km/s of accuracy
 - aim: identify spectroscopy binaries

To come...

Second proposal already approved for 2 nights in November:

- around 8 objects of 7.0h field

additional spectra of the 19.5h field objects observed in June
Calar Alto's new instrument: CAFE – echelle spectrograph:
to obtain accurate RV for late-K to early-M candidates
After the commissioning, we intend to use the CanariCam for mid-IR follow-up.

Thank you all!

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