



VO goes to school

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Why

- Bring science to students and get them engaged
- Give students an involving glimpse of the professional world of astronomy, including a perception of the infrastructure.
- Make them realize they could become scientists, scientists are not aliens
- Teach some elements of astronomy

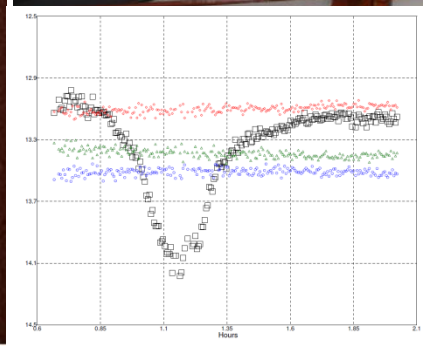
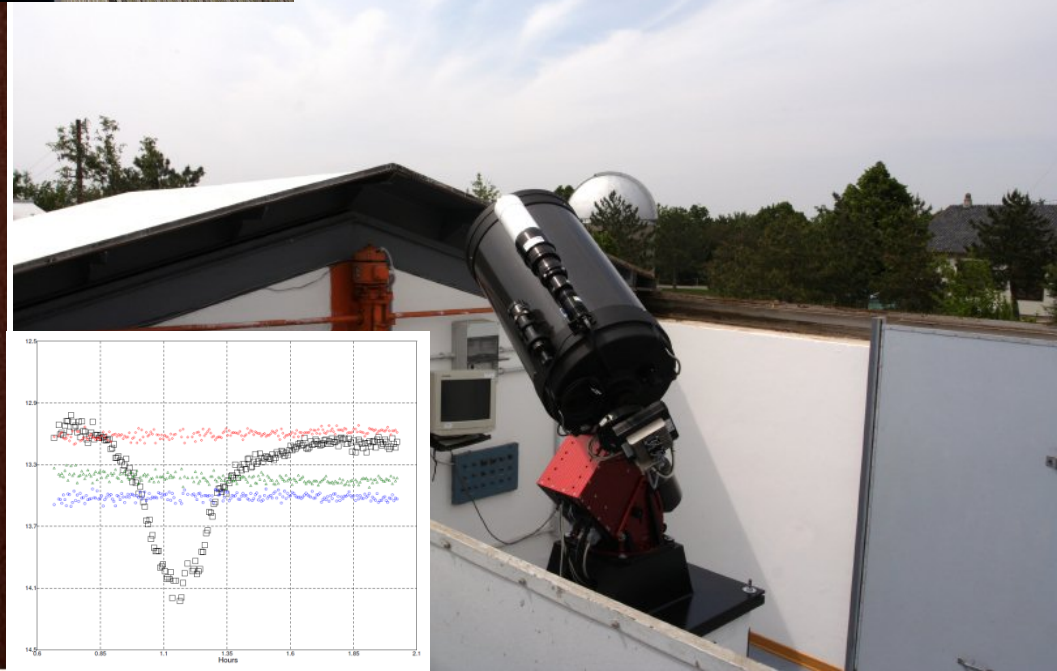
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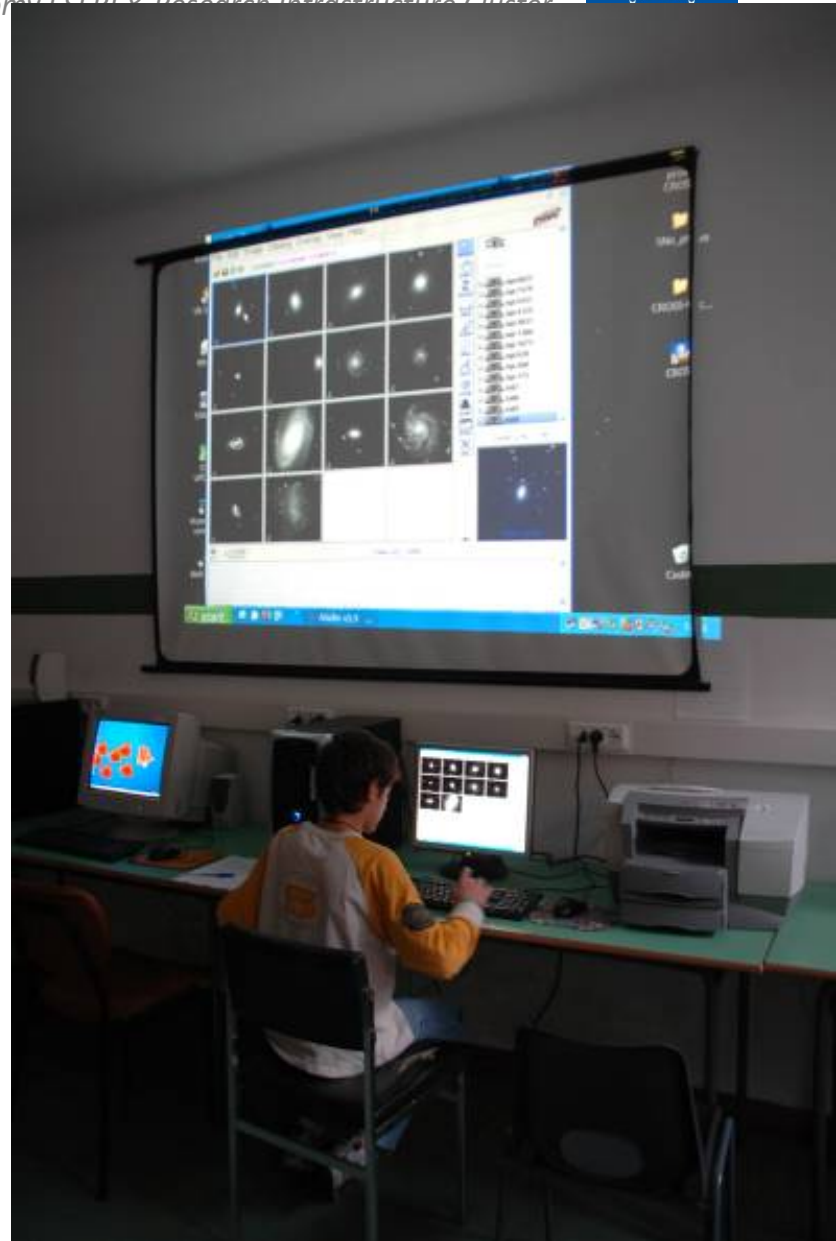
- Use VO resources
- Adapt/simplify key tools (with user's help)
- Provide a library of Use Cases
- Propose activities that mix “serious work” with “fun”
- Train teachers, engage students

Results

<http://vo-for-education.oats.inaf.it/>











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Challenges

- Languages
- Ratio (astronomers engaged in edu)/(astronomers) $\ll 1$
Ratio (edu astronomers) / (students or teachers) $\lll 1$

e.g. In Italy, INAF

~ 1400 researchers, ~ 50 active in POE

~ 1600 highschoools offering science curriculum

=> ~ 460,000 students

Asterics: WP2 and citizen science

Def.: scientific work undertaken by members of the general public, often in collaboration with or under the direction of professional scientists and scientific institutions

Martin, K.C. (2014), *New words notes June 2014*

Astetrics: WP2 and citizen science

A new adventure:

how to bring an astronomer's instrument in
classrooms

IVOA - EduIG

A two-way communication channel between the public and VO

Twiki page and mailing list: tools for sharing practices, materials, information, ideas, for finding or requesting help.

Edu IG activities

- VAPE: easy publication into VO of telescope data of amateur/educational organizations
(public → VO)
- SVN repository for Edu documents
<http://svn.ari.uni-heidelberg.de/svn/edu>
+ Registry (VO → public)
- PlanetC (public → VO)
 - Giorgio Calderone (post-doc@INAF),
Star Freedom Association
<https://github.com/gcalderone/PlanetC/wiki>

The PlanetC plugin

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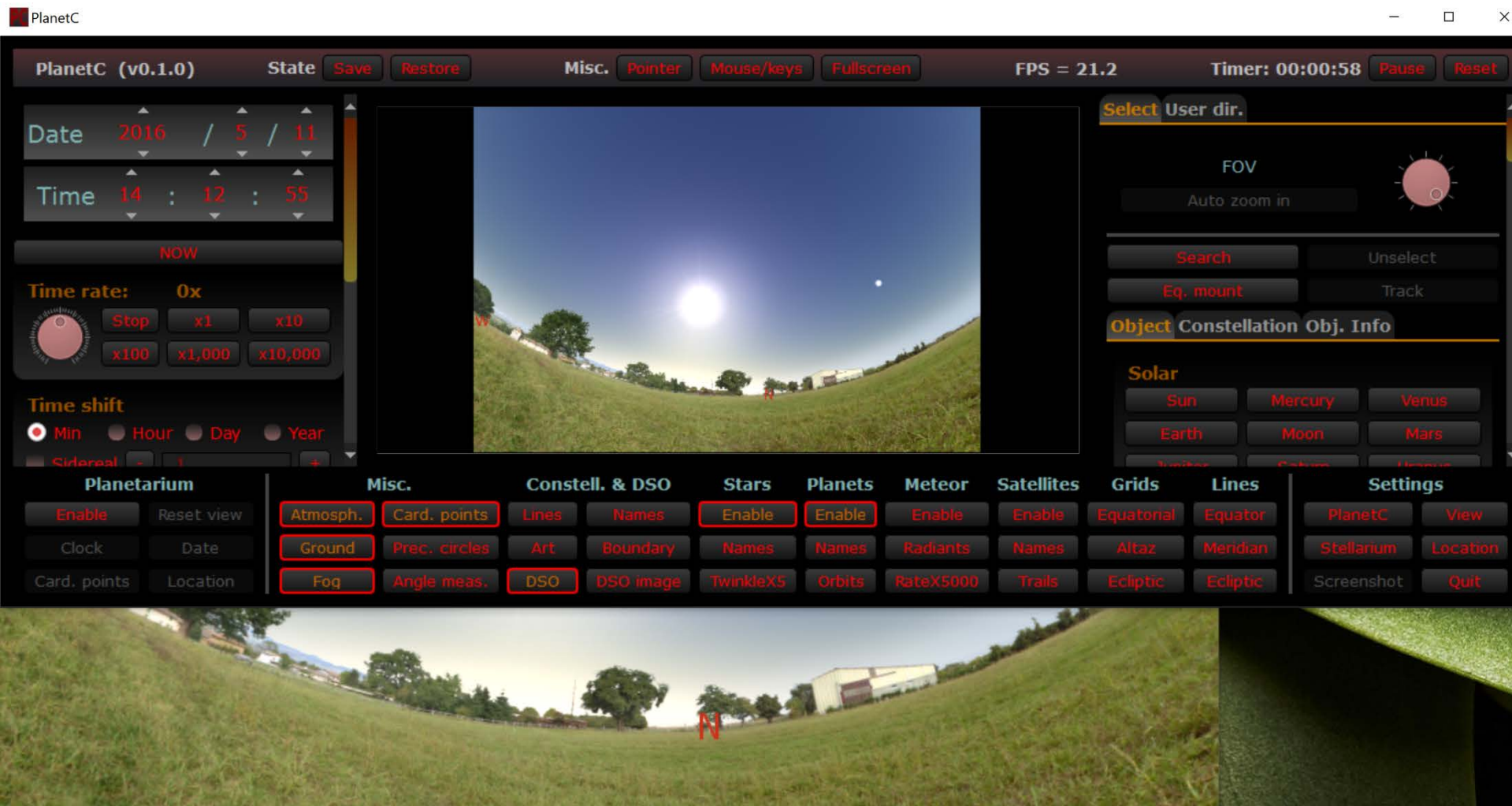
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Is it possible to build a lasting resource?

How can we let educators/public find our resources on their own, not only through VO-schools and VO-days?