Reliability of the Kepler DR25 Candidate Catalog

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DR25 Catalog Overview

Overall Statistics

- ~32,500 TCEs
- 8054 KOIs
- 4034 Planet Candidates
- 219 New Candidates
- ~85% Catalog Completeness
- ~97% Catalog Reliability





Pipeline Detections -- TCEs

Folded Light Curve TCEs

What Causes The False Positives?

Astrophysical False Positives

- Binary Stars
- Background Binary Stars

Non-Perfect Stellar Light Curves

- Instrumental Noise
- Stellar Variability

Example False Positives

Sudden Pixel Sensitivity Dropouts (SPSD)

Stumpe et al. 2012

Example False Positives

Rolling Band

Image: Geert Barentsen

Low Signal To Noise Events

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Create False Alarm TCEs that Emulate Type and Frequency of True False Alarms

Vet those TCEs with the Robovetter

Measure Catalog Reliability

All invTCEs and scrTCEs are available at NExScl

Needs to match types of false alarms in data set

Period (day)

• Inversion simulates 1-year peak

Scrambling simulates long period hump

Period (day)

Simulated TCEs fail for the same reasons

Fraction of TCEs that fail a certain Robovetter test.

Catalog Reliability

Effectiveness vs. Reliability

Robovetter correctly identified 99% of the FPs

But.. With so few candidates, the catalog reliability is low.

The DR25 Catalog – Disposition Score

Disposition Score:

- Measure an error on Robovetter metrics using injections.
- Do a Monte Carlo simulation.
- Score is fraction of runs that create a Candidate.

if use Score > 0.7 90% reliability (35% completeness)

Kepler Catalog Reliability Conclusions

Inverted and Scrambled light curves do not perfectly emulate all Kepler False alarms

- e.g. Lensing binaries
- Other Noise Sources

Reliability can be improved by

- Working with FGK dwarf stars
- Using PCs with a high score
- Using different Robovetter thresholds

Catalog reliability and completeness must be accounted for when calculating occurrence rates of small planets in orbital periods longer than 100 days. See Bryson's talk next showing one method to calculate occurrence rates using DR25 + completeness & reliability.

