



How can machine learning contributing to mining Kepler Data?

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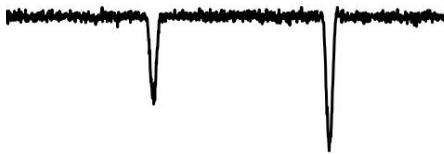
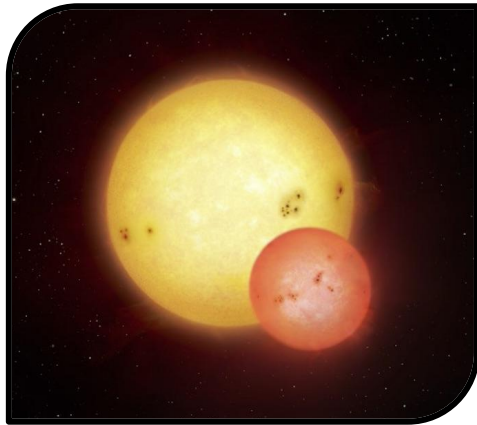
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Exoplanet Transit Signals

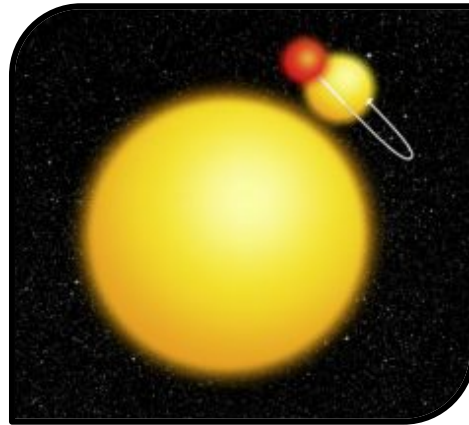
- Orbiting exoplanet transits in front of host star
- Distinct box-shaped transits
- Very shallow 0.01%–1.0% drops in stellar flux

Astronet / C. Shallue

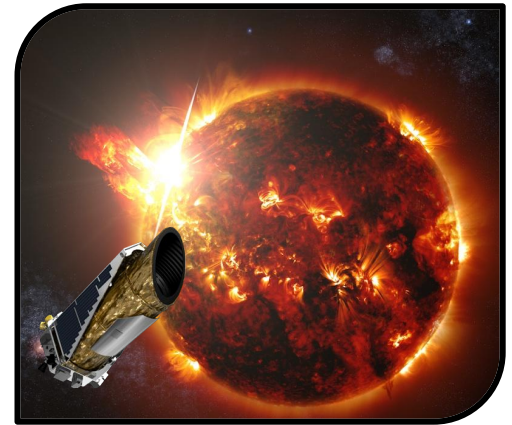
False-positive Transit Signals



Eclipsing Binaries (EBs)



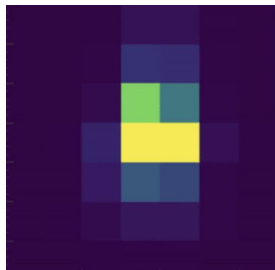
Background Eclipsing Binaries (BEBs)



Stellar Variability / Instrumental Noise

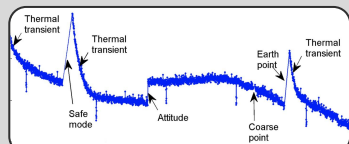
The Kepler Pipeline

Target Pixel File (TPF)



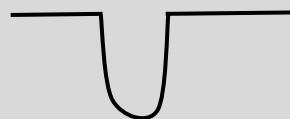
Smith+2012, Stumpe+2012

Aperture Photometry & Systematics Correction



Jenkins+2010, Seader+2013

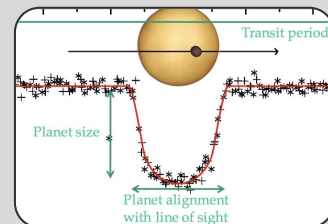
Transiting Planet Search



Threshold Crossing Event (TCE)

Wu+2010

Data Validation



Exoplanet Catalogues

Star Name	Planet Name	Planet Size (Earth radii)	Orbital Period (days)	Distance (light years)
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11b	1.04	11.68	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11c	1.01	13.10	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11d	1.01	22.48	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11e	1.01	38.51	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11f	1.01	56.00	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11g	1.01	84.51	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11h	1.01	113.00	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11i	1.01	141.50	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11j	1.01	170.00	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11k	1.01	198.50	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11l	1.01	227.00	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11m	1.01	255.50	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11n	1.01	284.00	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11o	1.01	312.50	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11p	1.01	341.00	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11q	1.01	369.50	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11r	1.01	398.00	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11s	1.01	426.50	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11t	1.01	455.00	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11u	1.01	483.50	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11v	1.01	512.00	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11w	1.01	540.50	1040
Kepler-11K	Kepler-11x	1.01	569.00	1040
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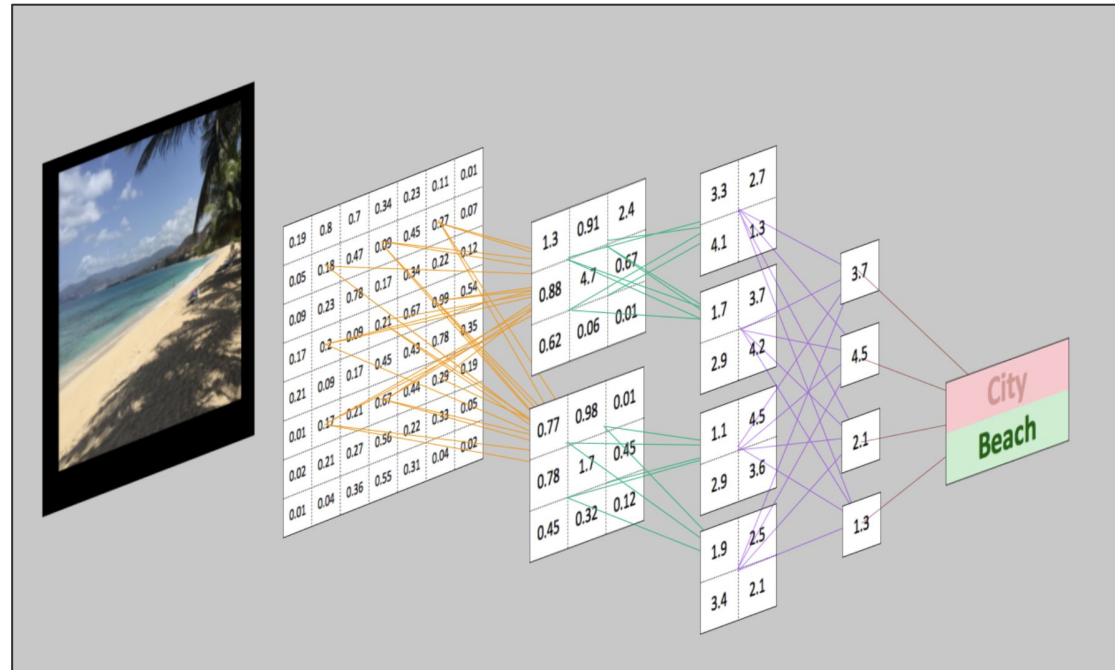
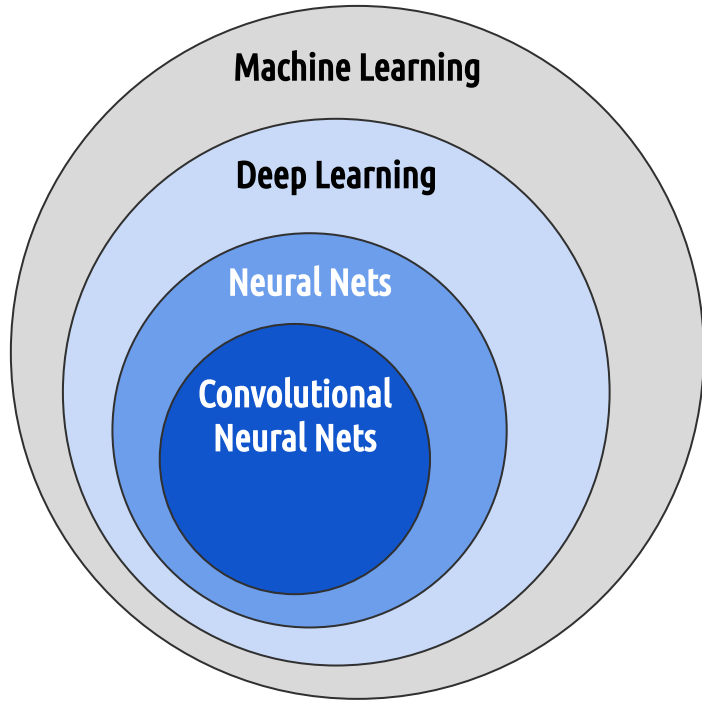
Batalha+2013, Burke+2014, Rowe+2015, Mullally+2015

Kepler TCE Review Team [human vetting]



Where machine learning can (and is!) helping

Classifying Transit Signals with Deep Learning



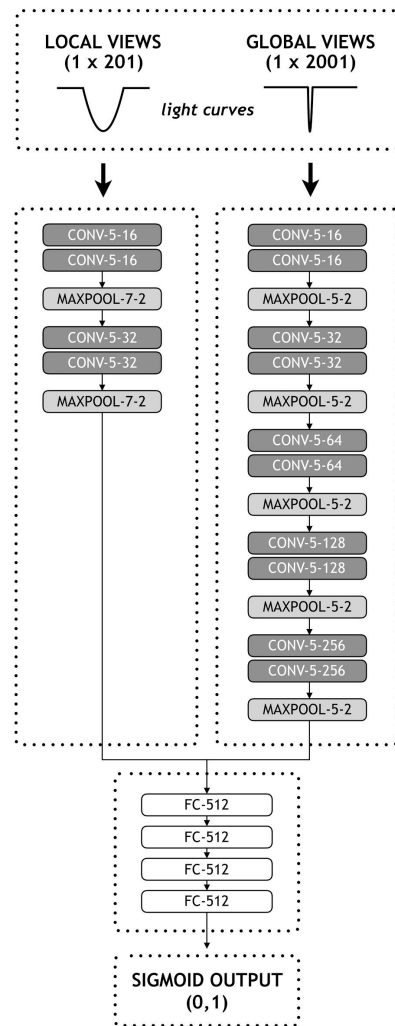
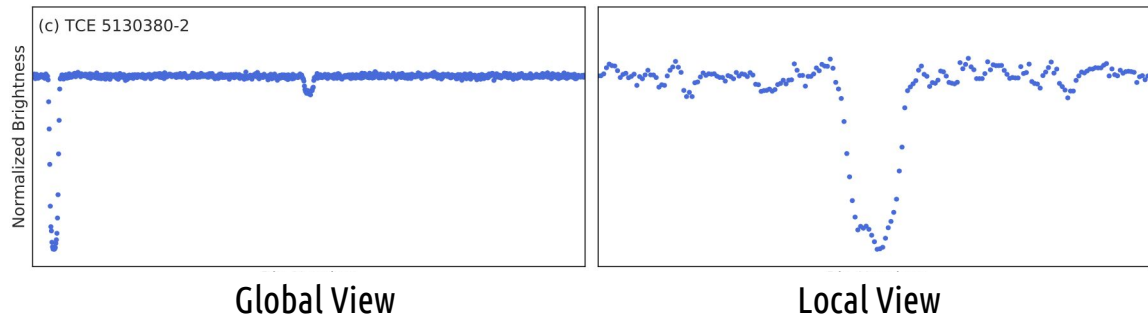
Classifying Transit Signals with Deep Learning

- **Quick** → trained models take seconds to apply to new data
- **Systematic** → important for calculating exoplanet occurrence rates
- **Upgradable** → re-doing analysis with upgrades is easy/quick
- **Quantifiable** → can assign probabilities/uncertainties to planet candidates

Astronet

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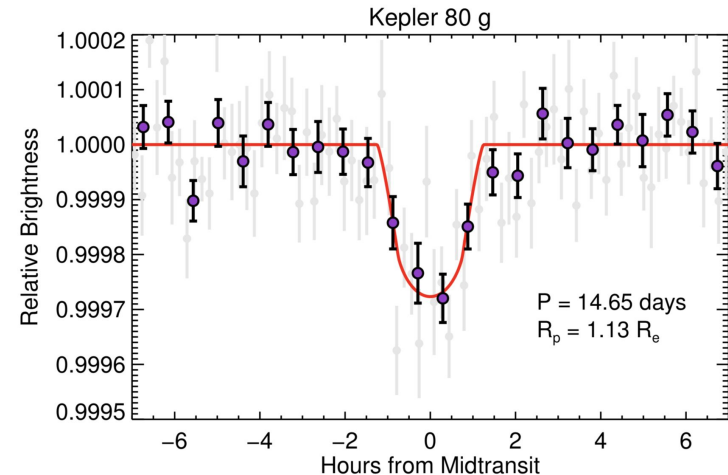
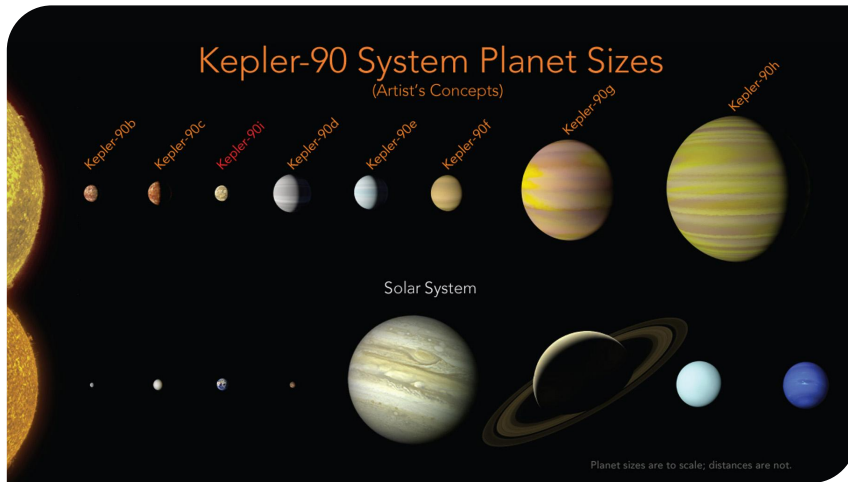
- Deep convolutional neural network written in TensorFlow
- Inputs are “local” and “global” views of each phase-folded TCE
- Two disjoint 1D convolutional columns + 4 fully connected layers
- Output is binary classifier in the range $[0,1]$



Astronet

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- Applied Astronet to subset (670) of known multi-planet systems → know *a priori* that system is edge-on
- Used lower SNR cutoff of 5.0 → many more spurious TCEs, but ML vetting is quick/automated
- Discovered 2 new Earth-sized planets in high-multiplicity systems → Kepler 80g & Kepler 90i

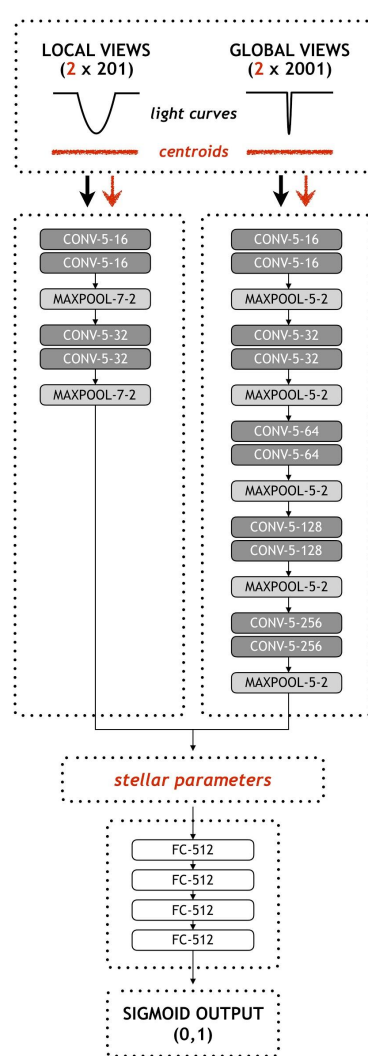
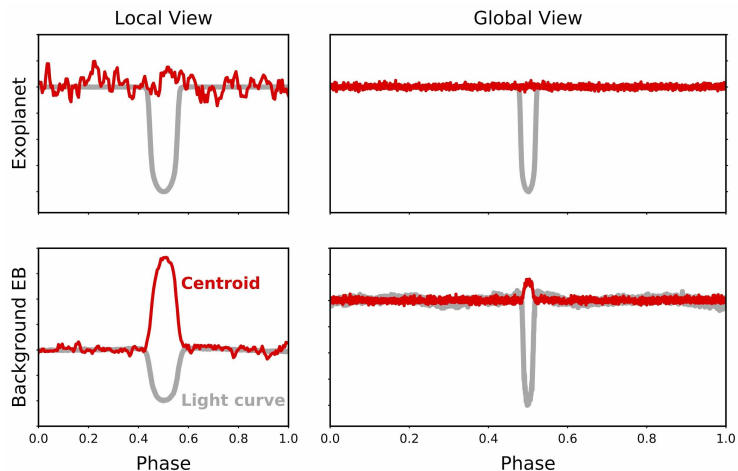
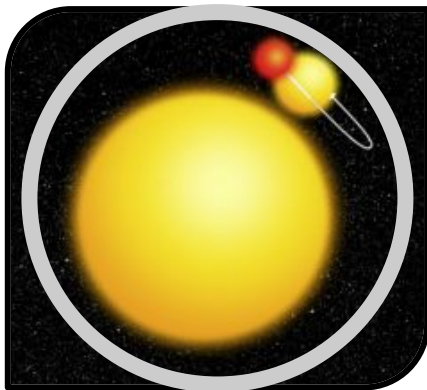


Exonet [Astronet + Domain Knowledge]

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Centroid Time-series

- Pixel position of center of light in TPF as function of time
- Important for identifying EBs and BEBs

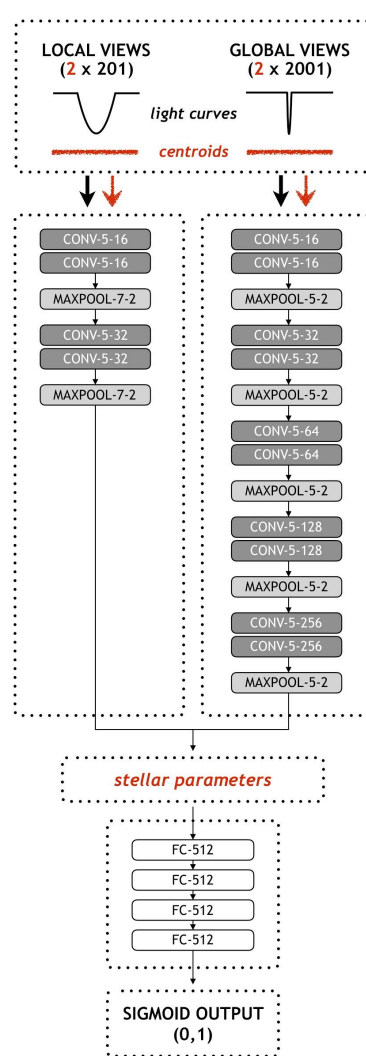
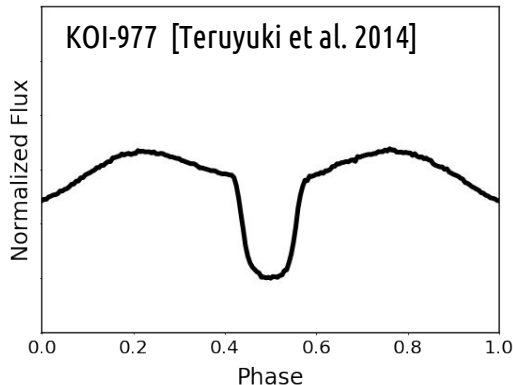
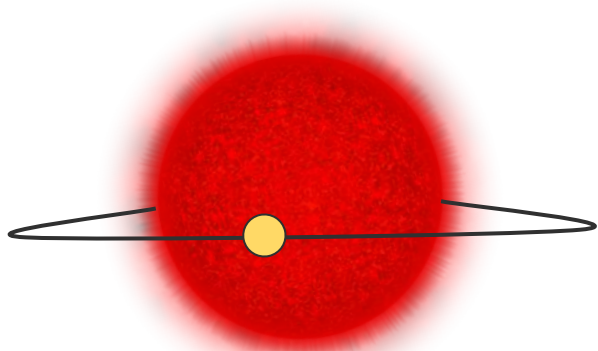


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Stellar Properties

- From KOI catalog: mass, radius, density, surface gravity, metallicity
- Important for identifying, e.g., giant star eclipsing binaries



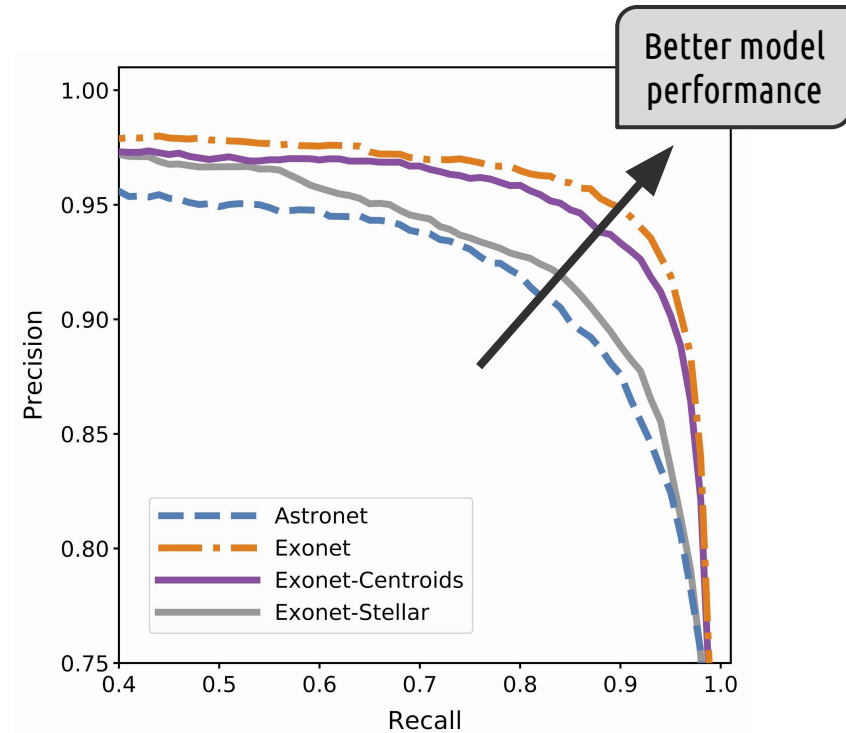
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Improved Overall Performance

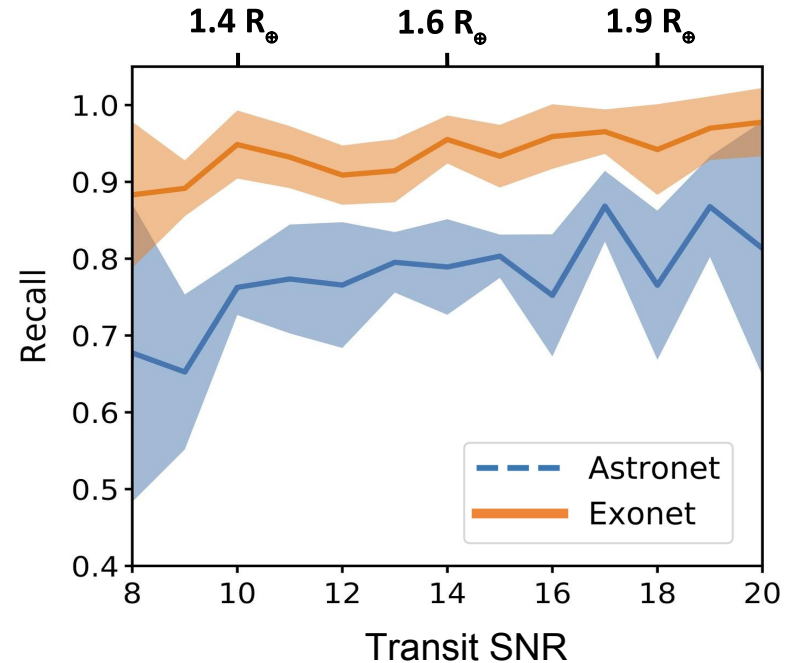
	Accuracy	Avg. Precision
Astronet	95.8%	95.5%
Exonet	97.5%	98.0%

- Accuracy = % of correct classifications
- Precision = % of classified planets that are true planets
- Recall = % of planets recovered by model



Earth-sized Planets still lurking in Kepler data?

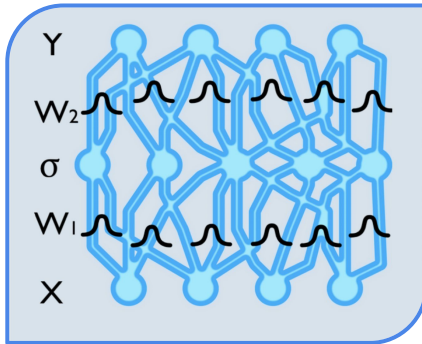
- **Exonet** promises to find new Earth-sized exoplanets still hiding in Kepler data
 - 20% higher recall for small exoplanets
 - Apply to SNR~5 TCEs



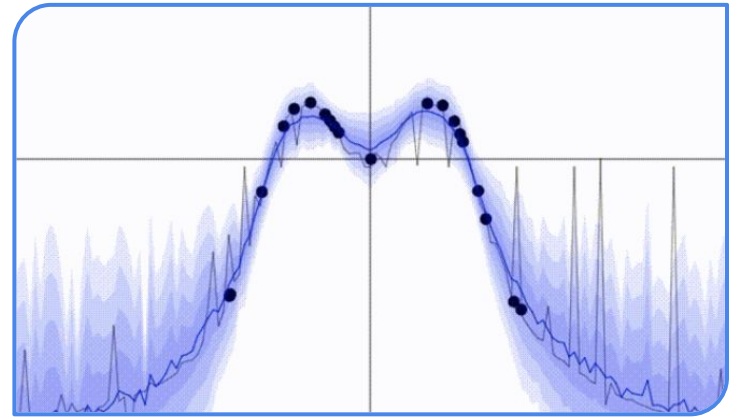
Incorporating Bayesian Deep Learning

- **Bayesian Deep Learning** leverages dropout to efficiently produce uncertainties on probabilities
 - Incorporate into exoplanet occurrence rates
 - Useful for prioritizing follow-up observations

Bayesian
Deep
Learning



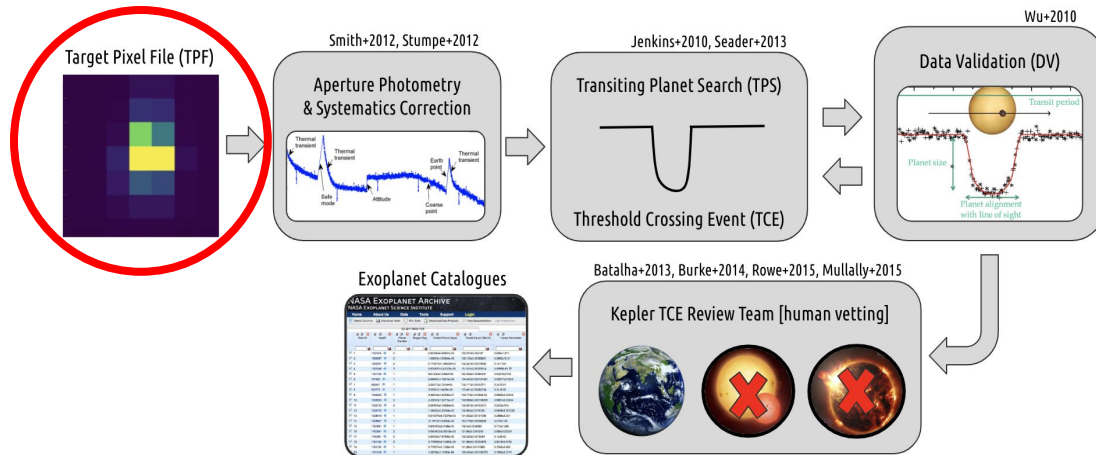
Gaussian
Processes



<http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/people/yarin.gal/website/blog.html>

Detection of Transits Directly in Target Pixel Files

- **TPFs** (image time series) are minimally processed; find exoplanets traditionally missed?
 - Can deep learning find more informative representations beyond highly processed light curves?
 - Computationally expensive; unclear if effective on low-SNR TCEs that require phase-folding





Questions?