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Abstract

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INTRODUCTION

Ultra short period planets are planets with period less than one day. Studying USP systems can give information about planet evolution. Some missions that include observations of USPs are KEPLER, K2 and TESS. We can filter out ultra short period planets from the data using transit light curves. We combined observations from campaigns 0-8 and 10 from the K2 mission with various pipelines to identify 74 USP candidates.

METHODS

We did the transit search using two pipelines - EVEREST 2.0 and k2sff. We got a precision of 10-20% using EVEREST 2.0 compared to EVEREST 1.0 which was 25% better than k2sff. We searched for periods between 3 hrs to 24 hrs. Then we fit transit light curves using the python packages Batman and PyLightCurve. The EVEREST pipeline detected 24 candidates and the k2sff pipeline detected few candidates.

Further, we searched for possible candidates in multi-planet systems for transiting companions by removing transit signals of known planets from the overlapping transits to find new signals. To get better understanding about these candidates we used ground-based observations to determine the stellar parameters.

