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Updated digest2

NEO classification code

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NEO discovery process



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What is digest2

- Gives score **0 100** for each tracklet, quasi-probability for a given population (NEO, MBA, Hildas, Trojans,)
- Creates Sun-bound variant orbits (q,e,i,H)
- Weights the number of orbits with respect to a synthetic Solar System (Raw Score) or undiscovered part of the Solar System (NOID)
- Great-circle fit RMS
- Runs on multiple-cores
- Same code running and MPC and the community
- Publication: <u>Keys et al., 2019, PASP 131</u>



Digest2 responsible for flagging NEOs since 2006

31,500 NEOs



Image source: CNEOS, JPL

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Improved population model, astrometric uncertainties (1)

NOID Score: depends on the undiscovered population (model - MPCORB) <u>Updates</u>: 2015: 700,000 2021: 1 million now : 1.25 million

Dithering of tracklet end-points: tracklet's observatory code

Updated list of uncertainties: 134 obscodes (was 35)



The Astrometry Data Exchange Standard (ADES) (2)

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ADES XML

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Curvature within a tracklet



short-arc motion vector along great-circle

residuals <-> normally distributed uncertainties GCR's RMS (RMS of residuals)

UNLESS

uncertainties are over/underestimated Motion is NOT following great-circle (curved)

• **Compute** RMS' (reported unc.)

$$RMS' = \sqrt{\frac{\sum \Delta \alpha_i^2 + \Delta \delta_i^2}{N}}$$

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if RMS > 2RMS' : curvature



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Data and code verification

- True-positive and false-negative identification
- Improvements

Туре	Tracklets	Observations	Date-range		
known NEOs	30,829	110,989	2020/01/01-2023/01/01		
known MBAs	873,239	3,430,460	2020/01/01-2023/01/01		
ITF	97,693	373,202	2020/01/01-2023/01/01		
NEOCP	22,100*	83,125*	2019/02/26-2023/02/19		





Outcomes and recommendations

- Accurate values for individual measurements for uncertainties (ADES)
- Better weighting of NOID score
- Finding nearby low-digest2 NEOs by their in-tracklet curvature
- Community: please start submitting ADES
- TODO: coordinated MPC/community implementation
- TODO: improve digest2 update frequency
- TODO: explore other orbit classes identification
- TODO: along and cross-track acceleration in a tracklet



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digest2 resources

Code availability:

https://github.com/Smithsonian/digest2

NEO Confirmation Page:

https://www.minorplanetcenter.net/iau/NEO/toconfirm_tabular. html

Minor Planet Center:

https://minorplanetcenter.net



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