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*notebooks!*



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- provide uncertainties for parameters
- replace a pipeline (or an email to a seismologist)

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```
[1] periodogram = lightcurve.to_periodogram()  
[2] smoothed = periodogram.flatten().smooth()  
[3] smoothed.plot()
```

# better to show than tell

*we'll work through a quick tutorial  
feel free to join in!*

## Characterising KIC 10963065 (Doris) with lightkurve

The star KIC 10963064 (hereafter Doris) is a high signal-to-noise main sequence Kepler target. Its a perfect candidate to showcase `lightkurve`'s asteroseismology tools, as they are best suited to long *Kepler* timeseries and high signal-to-noise.

```
In [1]: import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

```
In [2]: import lightkurve as lk

datalist = lk.search_lightcurvefile('KIC10963065', cadence='short')
print(datalist)
```

SearchResult containing 27 data products.

target_name	productFilename	description	distance
kplr010963065	kplr010963065-2009259162342_slc.fits	Lightcurve Short Cadence (CSC) - Q2	0.0
kplr010963065	kplr010963065-2010111051353_slc.fits	Lightcurve Short Cadence (CSC) - Q5	0.0
kplr010963065	kplr010963065-2010140023957_slc.fits	Lightcurve Short Cadence (CSC) - Q5	0.0
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kplr010963065	kplr010963065-2010203174610_slc.fits	Lightcurve Short Cadence (CSC) - Q6	0.0
kplr010963065	kplr010963065-2010234115140_slc.fits	Lightcurve Short Cadence (CSC) - Q6	0.0
kplr010963065	kplr010963065-2010265121752_slc.fits	Lightcurve Short Cadence (CSC) - Q6	0.0

you can help out on this too!

*by*

[1] *reporting issues (please do this!)*

[2] *joining in conversations*

[3] *contributing yourself!*

[4] *getting others involved (e.g. undergrads!)*

you can do really simple quick-look  
asteroseismology with lightkurve

and so can your undergraduates, colleagues, and  
anybody else with a basic grasp on Python!

you can get started with this right now

*Read the documentation*

<https://docs.lightcurve.org>

*Install lightcurve with pip*

`pip install lightcurve --user`

*Work with us on GitHub*

<https://github.com/KeplerGO/lightcurve>

Enjoy!