An overview of period finding

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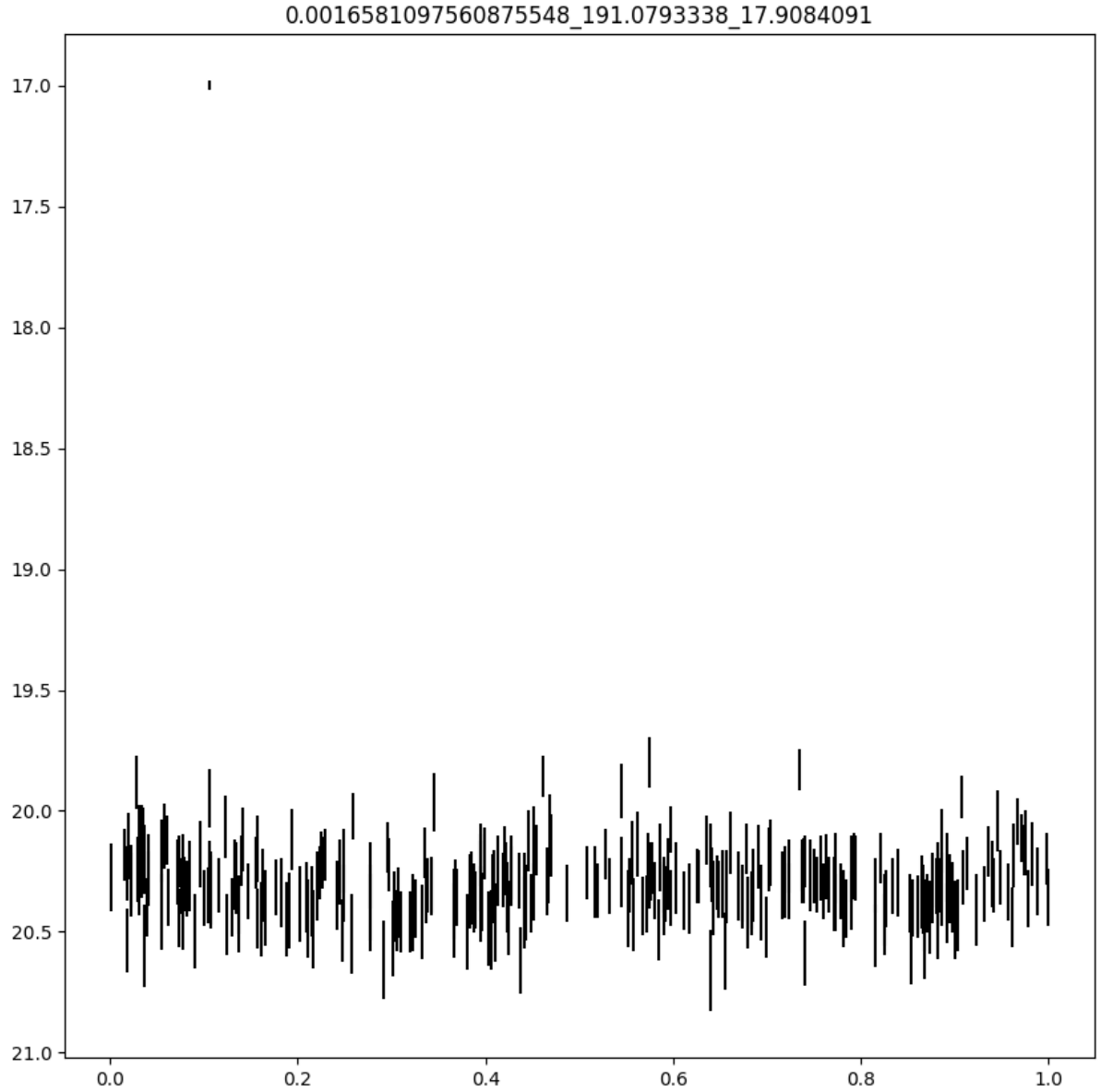
Many different algorithms

- Lomb-scargle (good for sinusoids)
- Box Least Squares (good for eclipses)
- Analysis of Variance (good for general waveforms)
- Conditional entropy (good for speed)

Problems to cope with

- Outliers
- Window function
- False alarms
- Coherence timescales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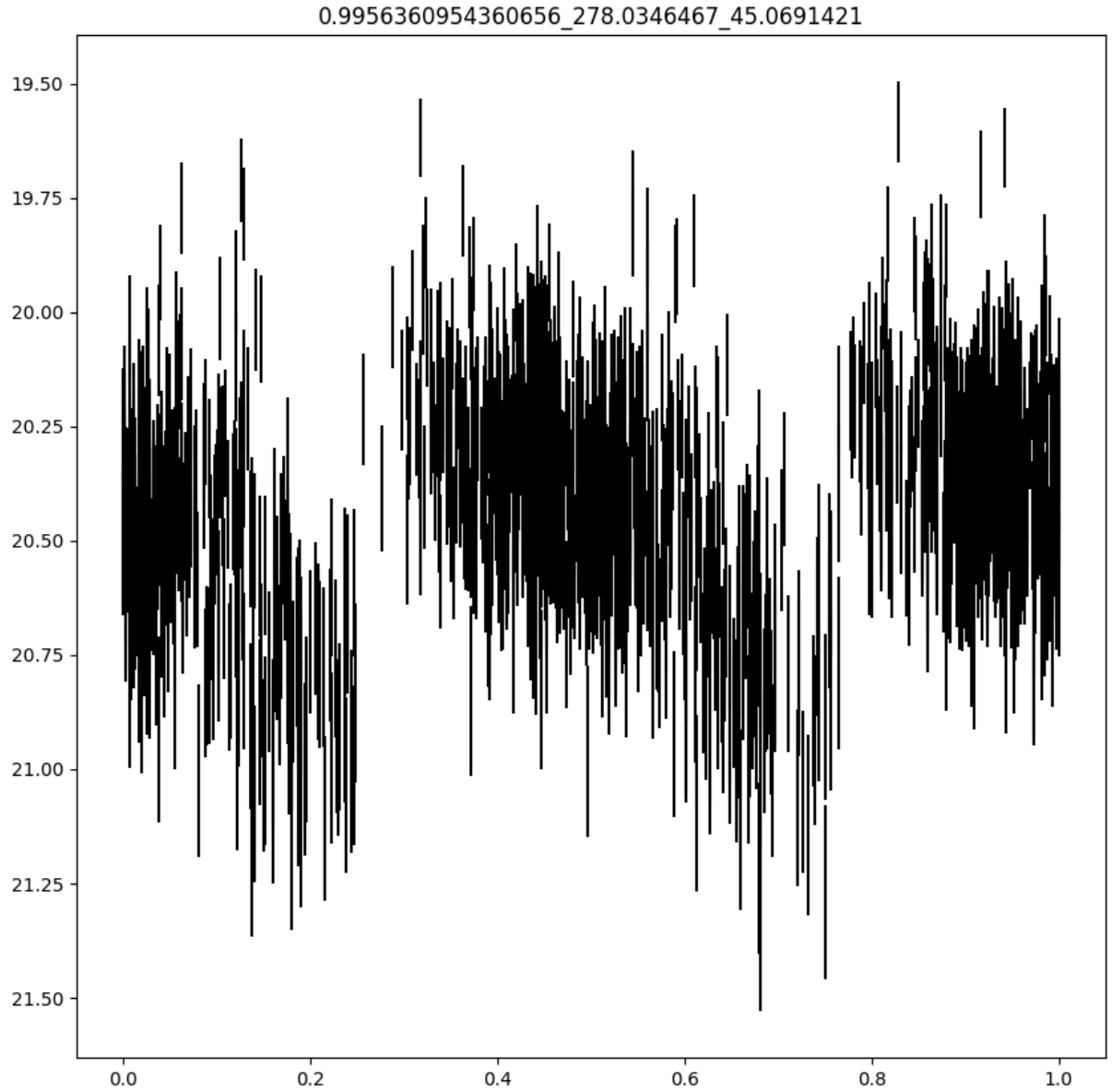
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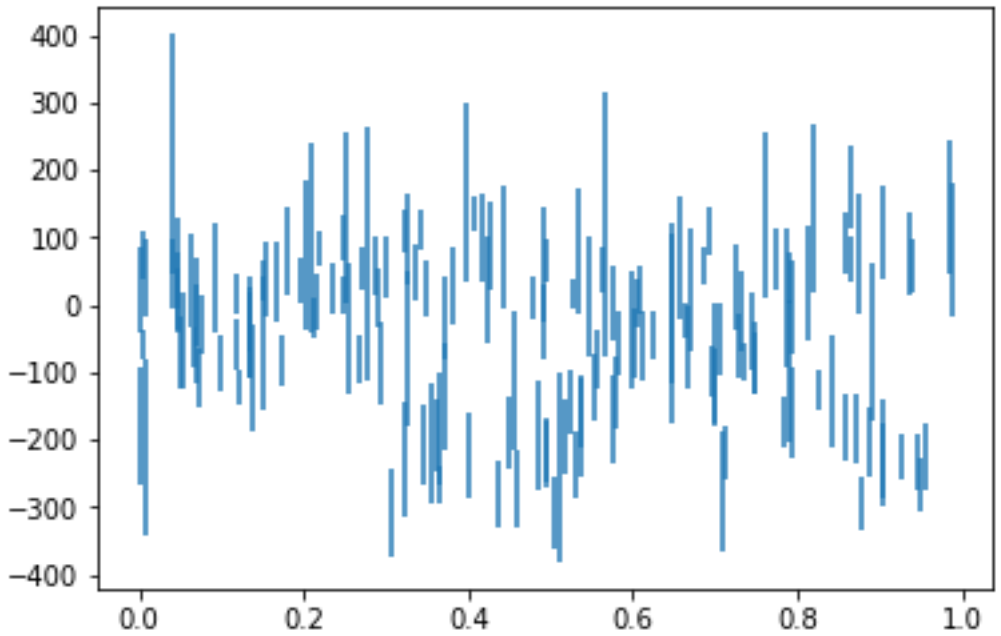
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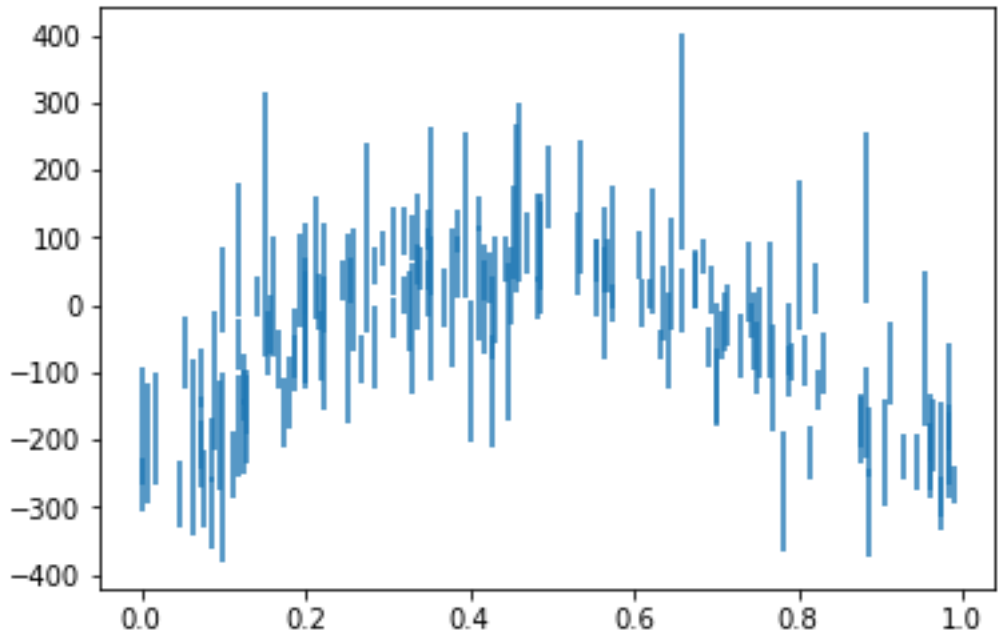
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The strengths and limitations of period finding

- A great first step in classifying objects, however, contains very limited information
- Exceptionally powerful for finding rare short period objects
- Computationally costly