



Techniques and applications for real-time spectral imaging: from gas sensing to in vivo imaging

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Computational imaging



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Techniques and applications for realtime spectral imaging: from gas sensing to in vivo imaging

- What is spectral imaging
 - and how is it done (well)?
- Real-time spectral imaging?
- Some applications
 - Biomedical
 - Thermal infrared

(Hyper)spectral imaging



→ Accurate spectral analysis of one spatial pixel only

- → Seeing **RGB colors** of **one image** only
- → spectral signature images revealing 1 objects chemical composition

Colour imaging



The Mantis shrimp: polarimetric, multi-spectral



- 12 spectral bands plus polarisation
- Spectral recognition rather than 'colour'
 - Lower acuity than trichromatic humans
- More like a pushbroom scan than a matrix filter
- Optimal spectral imaging architectures are application specific

Thoen, H. H., How, M. J., Chiou, T.-H. & Marshall, Science (80-.). 343, 411–413 (2014) Osorio, D. & Vorobyev, M. *Proc. Biol. Sci.* **272**, 1745–1752 (2005)









What is scientific *spectral imaging* ?



- Equivalent to scanning a spectrophotometer across the scene
- Synergistic combination of imaging and spectrometry
 - eg detection of targets improved by combining both shape and spectral information
 - 'chemical imaging'

Spectral Imaging: The Restriction of Traditional instrumentation



And Fourier-transform equivalents

LCTF Spectral Imaging for classification: Cervico-vaginal smear: moderate dysplasia



Typical VIS-10 VariSpec Filter





Coregistration necessary
Cannot record time-resolved images
Low optical throughput

Courtesy CRI

Spectral imaging in colour monitoring and matching







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Spectral Unmixing



• Linear mixing model

$$x = a_1 S_1 + a_2 S_2 + a_3 S_3 + \dots + a_M S_M + w$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{M} a_i S_i + w$$

- $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{W}$
- Solve for A
 need S!



- Non-linear mixing model
 - X =f(A,S) and depends on how S is mixed
 - Employ physical model to calculate abundances, A
 - Note S often not important

Identification overlapping dyes







What can be done with spectrum?

- Quantification
 - Spectral unmixing
 - Fluorophore concentration
 - molecular imaging
 - Blood oxygenation



– Agriculture

Classification







How to record multispectral 'video'



Hagen, N. & Kudenov, M. W. Opt. Eng. 52, 90901 (2013).



Johnson, W. R., Wilson, D. W., Fink, W., Humayun, M. & Bearman, G J. Biomed. Opt. 12, 014036 (2007).

Image Slicing: spectral retinal imaging



1. Gao, L., Smith, R. T. & Tkaczyk, T. S Biomed. Opt. Express 3, 48 (2012).



Real-time spectral imaging: Surveillance and Biomedicine



Foveal Hyperspectral



Tracking Random Access Hyperspectral



Multi aperture



An example snapshot spectral imager: Image Replication Imaging Spectrometer:





Transmission functions for the Generalised Lyot Filter



IRIS improvements

- Issues:
 - Sidelobes in the spectral transmission
 - Dispersion of the
 Wollaston prisms
 - Longitudinal chromatic aberration for lenses





Sidelobe elimination

• Image-plane mosaic filter cleans sidelobes





Chromatic aberration correction

• Introduction of corrective glass tiles to the narrowband filters to modify the pathlength of the different wavebands



Video-rate single RBC oximetry



Video rate oximetry of red blood cells



Single RBC



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- Quantitative imaging in the eye: challenges
 - PSF
 - Optical: ~8µm
 - Tissue : 30µm-1mm
 - Heterogeneous; birefringent cornea, lens, nerves
 - Eye Contrast (Ocular media scatter): ~0.2-0.9
 - Optically fragile
 - Saccades

Complex light paths: PCA/ICA useless: quantification requires physical model

- Requires optical
- efficiency
- F Requires (?) snapshot

Characterizing and understanding: Time-sequential hyperspectral imaging of the retina



Mordant, D. et al., 2011. Eye, 25(3), pp.309–320.

Retinal vessel oximetry with multi-spectral fundus camera measurements



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Note: *higher* venular OS in more glaucoma damaged eye



Light paths in retina

- Recorded light intensity is due to the sum of many light paths. Dominant paths:
 - Double pass
 - Specular
 - Backscatter
 - Single pass
- Physical model required to derive accurate oximetry algorithms



Imaging in turbid media

- Scattering: dominant limitation in biological imaging



• imaging underwater, atmospheric obscurants, remote sensing of clouds. aerosols etc.

Monte-Carlo modelling of light propagation in tissue and optical instruments: the slow way





Rodmell, P. I. et al.. J. Biomed. Opt. 19, 36008 (2014) G. Carles, et al , J. Biomed Opt. **22**, 1–11 (2017).

Ray tracing & Monte Carlo: What's the difference?

- Ray-tracing
 - Deterministic
 - Reflection, Refraction, Absorption



- Monte-Carlo propagation
 - Stochastic

L = 0

Reflection, Refraction,
 Absorption,
 Bulk (multiple) Scattering



L = 1

- We extend Zemax to simulate complete systems; integrating:
 - Ray-tracing, *Monte-Carlo* light propagation
 - Using The Zemax user-friendly interface
 - Polarisation-sensitive Mie scattering





L = 0.5

Monte Carlo modelling of scattering

 Mueller matrices from backscattering (validation)



https://github.com/gcarles/RayPolMieScattering

Experimental polarisation & speckle scattering: Laser illumination of a slab of blood



Molar extinction coefficients of oxyand deoxyhaemoglobin PSF scale, pupil-plane speckle vary with absorption (oxygenation)



Slab Blood PSF for 83% sO2 horse blood (cross-polarization)



Monte-Carlo modelling of light propagation in tissue and optical instruments using Zemax®





Brewer et al. in preparation Carles et al. submitted

Optical modelling of complete optical systems

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Differential oximetry: dye-free angiography



Fluorescein angiogram



Oximetric angiogram



Back to Hyperspectral instrumentation:

Hyperspectral imaging technologies are big and slow and expensive





Sensor array

Space.spectrum ~4 Mvoxel Single integration time

Objective Lens(es)

Full-band achromatisation!

Long optical track

Single perspective/channel

Microscopy etc

Spectral Coverage

Contiguous/restricted

Cost

10,000s \$



Why?

50 Mvoxel →600Mvoxel Per-band integration time (HDR)

No achromatisation necessary

~10mm Multi-perspective

Arbitrary (optimal, sparse) bands

100s \$

Spectral mage reconstruction





Perspective-corrected coregistration





Multispectral LWIR system

• 6x multiaperture multispectral system.

Based on low-cost FLIR LEPTON LWIR uncool detector



FLIR LEPTON LWIR uncool detector Dimension: 10.6 x 11.7 x 5.9 mm HFOV: 25 deg (50 deg also available) LWIR: 8 to 14 μm 80 x 60 pixels Thermal sensitivity <50 mK Frame Rate 9 Hz (actual Frame rate 27Hz limited by firmware due to US export reg.) ~**150 pounds**

2 k£ system vs 100k£ systems!!



Multispectral Imaging detector





6 cameras6 infrared interference filters6 channels of LWIR

(1) FLIR LEPTON® based 6x LWIR detectors and filters
 (2) 6x Raspberry-pi ® based CPU rack.
 (3) Ethernet switch-hub for networking
 4) USB hub for power supply.

Gas imaging results

Detection of propane in 7.2 μ m, overlapped with visible channel.



Gas imaging of hydrocarbons



Thin plastics classification



PVC: Polyvinyl chloride PP: Polypropylene PE: Polyethylene

Clear potential in recycling processes!

Conclusions

- Video-rate spectral imaging
 - Image Replication Imaging Spectrometer
 - Highest SNR
 - Single aperture
 - Multiple apertures
 - It's really cheap and high performance
 - And now in the infrared
- What's your application?



Thank you for listening

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