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Hyperspectral Remote Sensing Technology and Applications

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Definition of remote sensing

ASPRS adopted a combined formal definition from *photogrammetry* and *remote sensing* (Colwell, 1997) as:

"the art, science, and technology of obtaining reliable information about physical objects and the environment, through the process of recording, measuring and interpreting imagery and digital representations of energy patterns derived from noncontact sensor systems".

What is Remote Sensing?

In a more restricted sense, remote sensing usually refers to the technology of acquiring information about the earth's surface (land and ocean) and atmosphere using sensors onboard <u>airborne</u> (aircraft, balloons) or <u>spaceborne</u> (satellites, space shuttles) platforms.

These remote sensing satellites are equipped with sensors looking down to the earth. They are the "eyes in the sky" constantly observing the earth as they go round in predictable orbits.

In airborne remote sensing, downward or sideward looking sensors are mounted on an aircraft to obtain images of the earth's surface.

The Electromagnetic Spectrum

The electromagnetic radiation is normally used as an information carrier in remote sensing. An electromagnetic wave is characterized by a frequency and a wavelength.



The electromagnetic spectrum can be divided into several wavelength (frequency) regions.

The E	lecti	comag	net	ic Spectr	um	
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		<u>visible</u> <u>t</u>	<u>hermal</u> <u>IR</u>			

The Electromagnetic Spectrum

Optical R.S.

Electromagnetic spectral regions for remote sensing :

Visible : Red: 610 - 700 nm Orange: 590 - 610 nm Yellow: 570 - 590 nm Green: 500 - 570 nm Blue: 450 - 500 nm Indigo: 430 - 450 nm Violet: 400 - 430 nm Infrared: Near Infrared (NIR): 0.7 to 1.5 μm. Short Wavelength Infrared (SWIR): 1.5 to 3 μm. Mid Wavelength Infrared (MWIR): 3 to 8 μm.

Long Wanelength Infrared (LWIR): 8 to 15 μm. **Far Infrared (FIR)**: longer than 15 μm.

Microwaves: 1 mm to 1 m wavelength.

Interaction of Radiation with Matter



In reflected radiation region, only reflected radiance at view direction is recorded.

How does light interact with matter to create the measurement?



Reflectance curve is a curve which illustrate the variety of object reflectance at different wavelengths. It shows spectral signatures of surface materials.

Reflectance :



Hyperspectral remote sensing (HRS), or imaging spectroscopy (IS), is a technology that can provide detailed spectral information from every pixel in an image. Whereas HRS refers mostly to remote-sensing means (usually from far distances), the emerging IS technology covers all spatial-spectral domains, from microscopic to telescopic.

In general, being a technology that provides spatial and spectral information simultaneously, HRS-IS improves our understanding of the remote environment. It enables accurate identification of both targets and phenomena as the spectral information is presented on a spatial rather than point (pixel) basis.

Furthermore, it provides a new capability—to quantitatively assess chemical and physical aspects of the pixel(s) in question. The IS-HRS technology is well accepted in the remote-sensing arena as an innovative tool for many applications, such as in geology, ecology, soil, limnology, pedology, plant biology and atmospheric sciences, especially for cases in which other remote-sensing means have failed or are incapable of obtaining additional information.

Spatial Information Л Imagers Imaging Radiometers Hasho Spectorest Imaging Specroradiometers **Spectroradiometers** Radiometers Spectrometers Spectral Information Intensity Information human eye imaging spectromete image image data cube Each pixel contains a unique, continuous spectrum for the dentification of terrestrial materials by their reflectance spectrum after tmospheric correction spectral spatial dimension spatial dimension (along the flight line) (across the flight line) swath reflectance wavelength (um)

-Prof. Dr. Eyal Ben-Dor



Figure 3. Hyperspectral Remote Sensing (Source: NEMO)

Characteristics of HRS: a combination of image and spectra information



Alunite seen by 88 2.0 three systems OFFSET 1.5 TM 10-50 nm REFLECTANCE 0.1 0.2 MODIS FWHM AB 0.0 2 з WAVELENGTH (µm)

Spectral curves and spectral resolution



From Panchromatic to Hyperspectral—Increasing the Spectral Resolution

Multispectral

Color photography







Hyperspectral



When the spectral Resolution reached higher than $\lambda/100$ the Optical Remote Sensing can be Considered as Hyperspectral Remote Sensing

2. Spectral Properties of Earth Materials

Typical Reflectance Spectrum



SPECTRAL LIBRARY



Vegetation is sensitive to optical radiation from the ultraviolet through infrared spectral range and is optimized to absorb solar energy in the visible spectrum to drive the biological process of photosynthesis necessary for plant growth.



Typical spectral curve of vegetation





When plants get ill, Chlorophyll absorption intensity will get weaker and reflectance will get higher especially in red light region. For this reason, ill plants are often in light yellow color.

Absorption decrease- vegetation is green



Spectral characteristics of healthy plants in NIR region: High reflectance $(45\% \sim 50\%)$ High transmittance $(45\% \sim 50\%)$ Low absorptance (<5%)

With the increase of Chlorophyll consistency , photosynthesis will be strengthened and more photons in long wavelength will be consumed



NDVI = [R(860nm) - R(660nm)] / [R(860nm) + R(660nm)]

Red-edge reflectance:

 $R_{red} = [R(670nm) + R(780nm)] / 2$

Red-edge inflection:

 $\lambda_{red} = 700nm + [R_{red} - R(700nm)] / [R(740nm) - R(700nm)] * 40nm$

Spectral bands selection → color composition → index image

3. Sensor Technology



Hyperspectral RS Imaging process—Reflectance bands

Energy source -> **Atmosphere** -> **Target** -> **Atmosphere** -> **Sensor** -> **Images**



3.2 Imaging Characteristics of HRS

Characteristics of HRS: a combination of image and spectra information



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Hyperspectral Imaging



(1) Whiskbroom Imaging Spectrometer



A whisk broom or spotlight sensor (also known as an across track scanner) is a technology for obtaining satellite images with optical cameras. A mirror scans across the satellite's path (ground track), reflecting light into a single detector which collects data one pixel at a time. Whisk broom scanners have the effect of stopping the scan, and focusing the detector on one part of the swath width.



3.4 Spatial Imaging Models of Imaging Spectrometer

(2) Pushbroom Imaging Spectrometer

A push broom scanner (also known as an along-track scanner) is a device for obtaining images with spectroscopic sensors. In orbital push broom sensors, a line of sensors arranged perpendicular to the flight direction of the spacecraft is used. Different areas of the surface are imaged as the spacecraft flies forward. A push broom scanner can gather more light than a whisk broom scanner because it looks at a particular area for a longer time, like a long exposure on a camera. One drawback of pushbroom sensors is the varying sensitivity of the individual detectors.



3.4 Spatial Imaging Models of Imaging Spectrometer

(2) Pushbroom Imaging Spectrometer

- (i) <u>Hyperspectral pushbroom line</u> <u>scanners</u> use a CCD area array – which is however operated in a pushbroom mode as with a linear array.
- (ii) The remaining detectors in the area array collect the spectral (colour) data for that line in hundreds of narrow spectral channels.
- (iii)The spectral data is generated using a dispersive prism or grating – that acts as an imaging spectrometer.
- (iv) The final result is an image "cube".



3.4 Spatial Imaging Models of Imaging Spectrometer

(2) Pushbroom Imaging Spectrometer



The geospectral camera: A compact and geometrically precise hyperspectral and high spatial resolution imager

Figure 1: Sentinel-5/GF-5 imaging principle

4. Hyperspectral Remote Sensing Applications

Image Classification

Classic supervised classification

- There are many other strategies for supervised classification of hyperspectral data.
- The parallelepiped classifier constructs multidimensional boxes for each class using class mean and standard deviation and the pixel is tested to determine membership.
- \Rightarrow \checkmark The minimum distance classifier assigns a pixel to the class with the closest mean.
- The maximum likelihood classifier evaluates the likelihood of assigning a pixel to a class using both the variance and the covariance of the available training samples.







Parallelepiped classifier

Minimum distance classifier

Maximum likelihood classifier

Image Classification





Japanese cabbage (midseason)

Chinese cabbage (midseason)



Lettuce (midseason)

Pasture





Plastic film

No_vegetation cover area

LANDCOVER IN MINAMIMAKI, JAPAN August 23, 2000

Precise Agriculture

The roles of H.R.S in precision agriculture:

- (1) Where and what kind of agricultural products will be produced ---- Crop Identification
- (2) What quality of agricultural products will be provided for the market
 ---- Spectral analysis models for the extraction of Crop biochemical parameters

Precision agriculture: "Do the right <u>thing</u> at the right <u>place</u> and at the right <u>time</u>". Hyperspectral R.S.: Providing relevant and reliable agronomic indexes to farmers


Bio-chemical parameter mapping

Chlorophyll (mg/g) 0.4~1 1 ~ 1.5 1.5 ~ 2 $2 \sim 2.5$ 2.5~3 3~4 **Non-Planted**

Nitrogen (%)



April 26, 2001

Bio-chemical parameter mapping

Dissolved sugar(%)



Leaf water contents(%)



April 26, 2001

Precise Agriculture

Color-composed analysis by Chl., TN, Dissolved sugar bands



Mineral Exploration

Spectroscopy → study of the interaction between matter and radiated energy specifically looking at what wavelengths of light are emitted or absorbed by an object in order to characterize materials.



Mineral Exploration

Absorption bands of rock forming minerals



Mineral Exploration







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Urban and Artificial objects detection



HRS data in the north part of Beijing City

Urban and Artificial objects detection



CLASSIFICATION





legend

vegetation water cinder asphalt highway earth road red tile roof cement road or square wine tile roof grey asbestine roof white tile roof grey tile roof felt roof railway cyan tile roof white asbestine roof metallic gascan concrete roof



Hyperspectral remote sensing models to monitor inland water quality

In 2014, the project "Hyperspectral remote sensing technology and application in monitoring eutrophication of inland waters" won the prize of Science and Technology Award of Beijing.

Retrieval of water constituents from Hyperspectral images (PROBA/CHRIS)



Sea ecosystem monitoring











Sea ecosystem monitoring





Sea ecosystem monitoring



- Under natural conditions, fluorescence and photosynthesis are correlated
 → a measurement of fluorescence can be interpreted as a proxy for
 instantaneous photosynthesis
- Challenge for the retrieval: SIF is a small signal (~1-2%) with respect to the reflected solar radiation in the red and near-infrared part of the spectrum



SIF retrieval principle: in-filling of absorption lines



Example (FD = Fractional depth, bottom/continuum ratio)

FD(Fs=0)=Li/Lo =3/20 = 0.15FD(Fs=1)=(Li+Fs)/(Lo+Fs) =4/21 = 0.19

- The SIF spectrum (650-850 nm) overlaps
 - Atmospheric bands: O2B (690 nm), water vapor (730 nm), O2A (761 nm)
 - Solar Fraunhofer lines: everywhere





Equation Chain: Molecules to the Globe

From PAM fluorometry

$$F_t = F'_m (1 - \frac{J_e}{a \text{PAR}_{(PSII)}})$$

 $\text{SIF} \approx F_t \cdot a \text{PAR}$

Non-photochemical quenching to the "tipping point"

$$k_{NPQ} = f(x), x = 1 - \frac{J}{J_c}$$

SIF to GPP; from flux sites and satellites $\begin{cases}
GPP = PAR \cdot fPAR \cdot \epsilon_P \\
SIF = PAR \cdot fPAR \cdot \epsilon_F \\
GPP = \frac{\epsilon_P}{\epsilon_F} \cdot SIF
\end{cases}$

Frankenberg, C., Fisher, J. B., Worden, J., Badgley, G., Saatchi, S. S., Lee, J. E., ... & Yokota, T. (2011). New global observations of the terrestrial carbon cycle from GOSAT: Patterns of plant fluorescence with gross primary productivity. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 38(17).



1. The TanSat satellite

TanSat is the first Chinese satellite and the third satellite after the GOSAT of Japan and OCO-2 of the US dedicated to the monitoring and detection of carbon dioxide (CO_2) from space, which was launched on December 21, 2016.



1. The TanSat satellite

• Main payloads of TanSat:

Atmospheric Carbon dioxide Grating Spectroradiometer (ACGS) Cloud and Aerosol Polarimetry Imager (CAPI).

Specification of TanSat-ACGS

Band	O ₂ -A	Weak CO ₂	Strong CO ₂
Spectral Coverage (nm)	758-778	1594-1624	2042-2082
Spectral Resolution (nm)	0.044	0.12	0.16
SNR	360@15.2	250@2.6	180@1.1
Spatial Resolution	$2 \text{ km} \times 2 \text{ km}$		
Swath	20 km		

0.765µm O ₂ A-Band	CO ₂ 1.61µm Band	CO2	2.06 µm Band		
Specification of TanSat-CAPI					
Band Ran	ge SNR	FOV	pixels		

Band	Range	SNR	FOV	pixels	
1	365-408	260		1600	
2	660-685	160		1600	
3	862-877	400	400k	1600	
4	1360-1390	180	m	800	
5	1628-1654	110		800	



1. The TanSat satellite

• Fe Frannhofer line at 758.8 nm, KI Fraunhofer line at 770.1 nm for SIF retrieval

The Fe Fraunhofer lines around 758.8 nm, KI Fraunhofer line at 770.1 nm and the atmospheric absorption band around 760 nm all have potential for use in SIF retrieval. Here, a spectral window covering several Fe Fraunhofer lines around 758.8 nm, which is marked in gray shadow, was selected for SIF retrieval.



TanSat-ACGS L1B Radiance at O₂-A band

Radiance =
$$\sum_{i=0}^{6} c_i (Dn - Dn_{dark})^i$$

- Radiance-ACGS radiance in Level 1B data;
- *c_i* Radiometric calibration gain;
- Dn-The digital number of ACGS's response in observational model;
- Dn_{dark} The digital number of dark signal of ACGS; 5

$$\lambda = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} C_i \cdot P^i$$

- P refers to the pixel number
- Ci refers to the dispersion coefficients

2. SIF Retrieval method for Tansat

• SVD data-driven algorithm for SIF retrieval

The Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) data-driven algorithm, which was firstly used for **global SIF retrieval by Guanter et al. (2012),** was employed to retrieve SIF from the TanSat–ACGS data.

$$L_{TOA} = I_0^{\lambda} \mu \left[\rho_0^{\lambda} + \frac{\rho_s^{\lambda} \cdot T_{\downarrow\uparrow}^{\lambda}}{\pi} \right] + SIF_{TOA}^{\lambda} \qquad M = U \Sigma V^T$$

$$R_{TOA} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \omega_i v_i + F_s^{TOA} \cdot I \qquad Ax = L_{TOA}$$

$$Ax = L_{TOA}$$

$$A = [V, I] \qquad x = [\omega_i, SIF_{TOA}]^T$$

The following rules were designed for the selection of the training samples:

- (1) Non-vegetated surface (bare soil or snow)
- (2) Normalized and averaged at-sensor radiance at O₂-A band within the range 25 to 200 mW m⁻² sr⁻¹ nm⁻¹
- (3) Uniform distribution with latitude to guarantee the representativeness of the sun zenith angle (SZA) for the training samples

- 3. The results of TanSat SIF retrieval
 - Global SIF retrieved from TanSat (2017.3-2019.8)



Du, S., Liu, L., Liu, X., Zhang, X., Zhang, X., Bi, Y., & Zhang, L. (2018). Retrieval of global terrestrial solar-induced chlorophyll fluorescence from TanSat satellite. Science Bulletin, 63(22), 1502-1512.

3. The results of TanSat SIF retrieval

Quantitative comparison of TanSat SIF with OCO-2 and MODIS
 Vegetation indices



The high consistency between TanSat and OCO-2 SIF products (R²=0.86) and the consistency between the spatial patterns in the TanSat SIF and MODIS vegetation indices increase the confidence in the potential and feasibility of TanSat data for SIF retrieval

5. The Hyperspectral Imager on China's GF-5 Satellite



• GF-5 Satellite

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Introduction

- AHSI is the main payload of GaoFen-5(GF-5) satellite of China's High Resolution Earth Observation System.
- Application in monitoring and investigation of ecologies, environments, resources, agricultures, forestry, and soil, etc.

Development Timeline

- 2008~2012: Prototype
- 2013~2015: Engineering Model
- 2016~2018: Flight Model
- 2018.05.09: Launched at Taiyuan Satellite Centre

Key Performance

Characteristic	On orbit performance		
Spectral Range /µm	0.39~2.513		
Spectral Resolution /nm	4.31 (VNIR); 7.96 (SWIR)		
Spectral Channels	330		
Ground Sampling Distance /m	29.76~29.95		
Swath Width /km	59.75		
Accuracy of Absolute Radiation Calibration	<2.59% (VNIR); <2.68% (SWIR)		
Accuracy of Relative Radiation Calibration	0.35% (VNIR); 0.43% (SWIR)		
Accuracy of Spectral Calibration /nm	0.32 (VNIR); 0.55 (SWIR)		
X-track spectral error /nm	0.23 (VNIR); 0.20 (SWIR)		
SNR	686(600nm); 369(900nm); 452(1200nm); 460(1500nm); 405(1700nm); 194(2400nm)		
MTF	~0.3		

Key Performance

Paylaoad	Country	F #	Slit length	Dispersion width	Spectral distortion
Hyperion	USA	12	15mm	9.6mm	<1/5 pixel
CRISM	USA	4.4	~20mm	10.02mm	<1/5 pixel
CHRIS	ESA	6	~18mm	3.38mm	<1/10 pixel
M3	USA/Indi a	~4	16mm	6.21mm	<1/10 pixel
ALOS3	Japan	/	30mm	1.71mm	<1/10 pixel
ENMAP	Germany	3	24mm	3.84mm	<1/5 pixel
AHSI	China	2.83	60mm	30mm	<1/10 pixel

Key Performance



Center Spectral of Typ	oical Band (Band87)
Sep-2019	758.08 nm
Mar-2019	758.05 nm
Sep-2018	758.01 nm

SWIR Spectral Stability by LED on orbit



Center Spectral of Typical Band (Band185)				
Sep-2019	1291.11 nm			
Mar-2019	1290.95 nm			
Sep-2018	1291.25 nm			



Key Performance-Images



• VNIR Images of Shigatse, Tibet, China, acquired by AHSI in September 11th, 2018

Sample Applications-Water environment monitoring



Ch1a

ssd

tsm

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 Water quality monitoring in Doingting Lake by GF-5/AHSI, 05/10/2018

Sample Applications-Classification









• Yellow River delta, China, 2018/11/01

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Sample Application-Mineral Information Extraction



• Cuprite, Nevada, USA

	17.17%		13.07%	
Conclusion	AHSI on >Hyperion by		AHSI >Hyperion by	
结论				
	Accuracy:		Accuracy:	
玉髓 Chalcedony	82.71%	46.54%	76.46%	67.74%
Muscovite	/0.14%	50.08%	70.39%	30.37%
白云母	70 140/	50 680/	70 500/	58 270/
局呤石 Kaolinite	69.32%	59.56%	78.92%	56.42%
高岭石	69 32%	59 56%	78 92%	56 42%

Summary

- AHSI is a visible/ short-wave infrared hyperspectral imager aboard China's GF-5 satellite, launched in May 9th, 2018
- It has 330 spectral bands, 60 km swath width, and 30 m spatial resolution.
- It features a large FOV telescope, a lowdistortion large flatfield fine spectrometer, a largesize infrared focal plane detector, a longlife large cooling capacity cryocooler, a high-precision calibration system, and a high precision image compensation mechanism.
- On orbit test results show that it has stable and good performance(high SNR, low Smile, high calibration accuracy), high image quality, and high quantitative application capability.

Thanks!



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