ChemCam data processing – Advanced processing


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Mars conditions vs. experimental conditions

• Temperature variations can shift λ. Corrected automatically to better than 0.2 pix. MVA models errors increase <10% (Wiens et al. 2013)
• Pressure change (~40 Pa) has negligible effect on the plasma intensity and temperature.
• On-target energy density (related to focus, distance, target properties, etc.) influences plasma conditions
  • Ongoing work to assess and correct for this
• Note: all calibration data on Earth are collected under Mars conditions
Evolution of LIBS plasma with pressure

Earth atmospheric pressure (760 Torr)

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Mars atmospheric pressure (5-7 Torr)

Lunar surface pressure (10^{-8}-10^{-12} Torr)

REMS Mars daytime variation 40 Pa ~ 0.3 Torr

Knight et al. 2000: Al I emission at 394.4 nm, Los Alamos soil; gated window between 50ns and 200ns. See also: Clegg et al., 2007; Mezzacappa et al., LIBS 2010; Lasue et al., LPSC 2011
**Distance correction**

**Raw Spectra**

AGV-2

- 3 m standoff
- 5 m standoff
- 7 m standoff

**Continuum Removed**

AGV-2

Clegg et al. 2013

- Background subtraction, instrument response \(1/r^2\) and normalization correct to 1st order
- Improved distance correction in progress (Melikechi et al., 2014, Mezzacappa et al., 2014)

**Continuum Removed + Normalized**

AGV-2
Distance correction

- Plasma temperature is independent of distance (Wiens et al., 2013)
- Most observations between 2m and 4m, but some out to 7m.
- Observations using the arm require strategic planning, but ChemCam observations can be planned tactically
  - Allows rapid response to interesting targets
  - >200,000 laser shots to date
Univariate calibration

• Use strength of a single emission line to predict the composition for a given element
• Useful alternative to multivariate method, especially for minor/trace elements
• Use calibration targets on the rover to build the regression - different laser energies require different models

1. Macusanite volcanic glass
2. Norite synthetic glass
3. Picrite synthetic glass
4. Shergottite synthetic glass
5. Graphite synthetic glass
6. Kaolinite ceramic
7. Nontronite ceramic
8. Titanium plate (diagnostics)

References:
1-4: Fabre et al., 2011
6-9: Vaniman et al., 2012
Univariate calibration

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- Calibration curves plot peak area vs known composition
- Taking ratios of lines can help correct for differences in intensity from different targets

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Calibration curves

Fabre et al., 2013
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Lasue et al., 2015
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Olilla et al., 2014
Trace elements

- ChemCam can detect minor and trace elements, including: Li, Ba, Sr, Rb, Mn, F, Zn, S
- Univariate models and/or restricted-range PLS can be used to get approximate quantitative measurements
- Using the full wavelength range in PLS doesn’t perform as well: strong lines dominate

Olilla et al., 2014

Forni et al., 2015
Independent Component Analysis

• Similar to PCA, but seeks to minimize statistical dependence between components
  – Does not assume a Gaussian distribution as PCA does
  – Results in loadings that isolate individual elements \( \rightarrow \) easier to read scores plots than PCA
    • Axes are a qualitative measure of signal from one element

Forni et al., 2013
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- Many different methods!
- Many use ICA or PCA scores as input
- Non linear projection can be used (Lasue et al. 2011)

Clustering / Classification

- Unsupervised:
  - Hierarchical clustering
  - K-means clustering
- Supervised:
  - SIMCA
  - PLS-DA

Gasnault et al., 2015
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Software options

• Unscrambler
  - Pro: capable of most multivariate analysis methods, relatively user-friendly
  - Con: proprietary, expensive, not scriptable
• Programming languages:
  - IDL
    • **Primary language currently used by the CCAM team**
    • Pro: scriptable, has functions for some methods described
    • Con: expensive, learning curve, doesn’t have functions for all methods
  - **Python/Numpy/SciPy => next step**
    • Pro: free, scriptable, many libraries for multivariate analysis, widely used
    • Con: learning curve
  - R
    • Pro: very large library of statistical functions, free, widely used
    • Con: learning curve
• Many others!
• Questions? Ask a CCAM team member!
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To be continued with Multivariate Quantitative Predictions

Thank you