



## APPROXIMATING EXPERIMENTAL VEGETATION SPECTROSCOPY DATA THROUGH EMULATION

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## Hyperspectral image (subset Barrax)



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#### Any difference? Which model would you choose?



#### **SCOPE**

**Emulator** 

(emulated SCOPE)

## **Emulation of RTMs**

<u>Emulators</u> are statistical models that approximate the processing (input-output) of a physical model (e.g. RTM) - at a fraction of the computational cost:

making a statistical model from a physical model

RTM

**Machine learning** 

**Emulator** 



#### **Processing steps emulation**



#### **Emulator toolbox**



#### With ARTMO's emulation processing chain any RTM can be converted into an emulator.



# Emulation of experimental spectral data



Can we use emulation to predict <u>noisy data</u> such as:

- **1. Field measurements?**
- 2. Images?

## **Various open questions:** Emulators great idea... what about accuracy?

1. Role of machine learning regression algorithm?







2. Emulation is same as interpolation?





3. Role of data type?





#### **Interpolation of experimental data: Scattered methods**



- Gridded(o) LUTs
- Value at query point depends on distance to LUT nodes
- No tuning hyper-parameters
- Multi-output: spectra (*k*-dim)
- Only few interpolation methods allow interpolating in scattered **D**-dim parameter space:



#### **Rationale & setup experimental SPARC dataset**



SPARC data set (July 2003; Barrax, Spain)

- Field data (135 samples), 6 variables:
  - Leaf Chl measured with CCM-200
  - LAI measured with LiCor LAI-2000
  - FVC measured with hemispherical photographs
  - Biomass
  - Leaf water content
  - Canopy water content
- Spectral data:
  - HyMap (125 bands)



#### (MLs: 80% training – 20% testing)

80% Training

#### 20 PCA





#### 20% Validation

## NRMSE (%) results interpolation and emulation validated against remaining 20% SPARC data.



Emulation methods more accurate and faster than conventional interpolation methods.

#### Visual comparison reference data vs. emulated data GPR emulator

**20% SPARC dataset** 

#### **GPR** emulator



- Somewhat less variation emulator, because bare soils (variables=0) produce only 1 output spectra.
- Inclusion of a soil variable can solve this issue, e.g. soil moisture

## Example of #500 emulated SPARC spectra based on varying all 6 variables



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## Hyperspectral subset: image?



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### Using emulator to reconstruct hyperspectral

**image** (125 bands, 500 x 500)





#### **Evaluation NN emulator**

(125 bands, 500 x 500)







1257 nm



1503 nm



738 nm

1723 nm











Some areas perfectly emulated, however, also significant differences: soil spectral variability poorly emulated (because not trained for it).

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100

50

0 %

-50

-100

## Using emulator to reconstruct a complete CHRIS image



- Fast rendering of full hyperspectral image.
- Vegetated surfaces adequatly emulated.
- A variable for controlling spectral variability bare soil needed (e.g. soil moisture)

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Size of GPR model: 0.51Mb

#### **Relative error maps**

#### 553 nm



643 nm







Statistic: NRMSE



### Visible part better emulated than NIR.

#### **Emulation of a S2 subset**

L2A S2 subset (10 bands), Valladolid, Spain



**GPR** reconstructed S2 subset





Size of GPR model: 1.8Mb

#### **Emulation of a smaller S2 subset**

L2A S2 subset (10 bands), Valladolid, Spain



**GPR reconstructed S2 subset** 





Size of GPR model: 0.12Mb

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#### **Emulation of S2-like hyperspectral image**



Size of GPR model: 0.4Mb 21/22

## Take home messages

- ✓ Emulation can be used to rapidly reconstruct sensor-like (hyper)spectral data with sufficient accuracy.
- ✓ Emulation is more accurate and faster than conventional interpolation techniques.
- ✓ Emulation can generate simplified (hyper)spectral scenes in the order of seconds.





## Thanks!

#### More about emulation:

Daniel Heestermans: WE2.R7.5 MULTIOUTPUT AUTOMATIC EMULATOR FOR RADIATIVE TRANSFER MODELS (12:30-12:50)

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