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Introduction

Motivation:

- Scene Projector validation tool, SI traceable, for <u>in-car police video</u> cameras
- Scene projector for <u>Fire-fighter Sensor Evaluation</u>
- Scene Projector performance validation artifact for <u>military hardware</u>
- Scene Projector for <u>Quantitative Optical Medical Imaging</u>
- Scene Projector for <u>Multi and Hyperspectral Imaging/Earth-remote Sensing</u>

General solution:

- > The Hyperspectral Image Projector (HIP)
 - A 2D scene projector where every pixel has a programmable spectrum

A few optical technologies introduced along the way

- Micromirror (Digital Micromirror Device DMD) arrays,
- Liquid Crystal on Silicon (LCOS) arrays,
- Supercontinuum sources

Outline

- Introduction to the concept of a Hyperspectral Image Projector (HIP)
- Show what a realized HIP looks like
- Show some example scenes
 - San Diego Naval Air Station
 - Enrique Reef in Puerto Rico
 - Medical scene of liver/bile duct
- Future Directions

Hyperspectral Image Projector (HIP)

- HIP projects 2-d hyperspectral images
 - Complex spatial scenes with use-defined spectral content
- A source analog to Hyperspectral Image Sensors



HIP Basic Concept

HIP replaces the color filter wheel in a conventional DLP projection system.

- 1. Enable user-defined eigenspectra
- 2. Change the number of different spectra from 3 to an arbitrary, user-defined, number



1 Chip DLP[™] Projection



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Digital Micromirror Devices (DMD's)

- An array of (Micro-Electro-Mechanical System) MEMS micromirror elements
- Developed by Texas Instruments
 - 1024 x 768 elements, +/- 12 degree tilt angle
 - Aluminum mirrors
 - 13.68 micron pitch
 - < 24 microseconds mechanical switching time
- Two nice features
 - Mirrors don't fail
 - Control software has been developed



Two Pixels from the DMD Mirror Array:



Liquid crystal technology is also being investigated for the HIP by Boulder Nonlinear Systems, Inc. under SBIR programs

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Overview of the NIST HIP



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Principle of the Spectrally Programmable Source Double subtractive spectrometer



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How the DMD is used in the Spectral Engine:

Monochromator Mode





Broad-band Source Mode





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Spectral Matching Examples



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Spectral Matching Examples:



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Source: Laser-pumped Photonic Crystal Fiber

- Utilizes non-linear effects in a photonic crystal optical fiber to greatly broaden the spectrum of a 1064 nm pump laser.
- Broadband light is generated in a single-mode (5 um core diameter) photonic crystal (holey) optical fiber
 - No etendue issues as with lamps or blackbodies.
 - Ideally suited for coupling to a spectral engine.
 - High radiance, not high power
- High power and high spectral resolution:
 - 3mW/nm spectral power density from 450 nm to 1700 nm
- Commercially available.





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Supercontinuum Source Stability

Short term: 60 seconds

Longer term: 60 minutes



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HIP VNIR-SWIR Spectral Engine



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VNIR-SWIR Spatial Engine Optical Design



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VNIR-SWIR Spatial Engine Mechanical Design



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NIST/Resonon VNIR-SWIR HIP Prototype System



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Reference Instrument

PIXIS camera with a liquid crystal tunable filter



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Hyperspectral Image Data Cube

AVIRIS Image Cube of the San Diego Naval Air Station



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Compressive Projection is Used to Achieve Higher Brightness

Software such as ENVI/SMACC is used to find the Eigenspectra and their Abundances

J. Gruninger, A. J. Ratkowski, and M. L. Hoke, "The sequential maximum angle convex cone (SMACC) endmember model," *Proc. SPIE* **5425**, 1-14 (2004).

Example: AVIRIS Image Cube of San Diego Naval Air Station



Then we need only project N = 6 broadband spectra instead of M = 30+ monochromatic spectra.



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Enrique Reef Decomposition

Eigenspectra

Abundance Images





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Original Image



Re-created Image

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Gall Bladder, Liver, Skin Image Drs. Edward Livingston & Karel Zuzak University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Maritoni Litorja, NIST



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Image Decomposition Into Endmember Spectra and Abundance Images



Original RGB image



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Image Decomposition - Visible Classification according to components spectra



Gall bladder

Cystic duct

Liver





Original RGB image



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Image Decomposition - Near IR Classification according to components spectra

skin







liver





Original NIR image at 800 nm



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Future Directions

- Working with NOAA exploring Liquid Crystal on silicon (LCOS) array-based spectral light engines
- Working with NASA to include polarization
- Extending range into UV and further into the IR
 - Currently looking at the 3 to 5 um range
 - Plans to consider extending capabilities to the 8μm to 12 μm range

Summary

Hyperspectral Image Projector (HIP)

Being developed as a scene projector for testing spectral/imaging sensors

- Projects a 2D image with programmable spectra at each pixel
- Unique applications in testing sensors with realistic spectra and scenes
- Using a 4 W supercontinuum source, the HIP is capable of 2 nm spectral resolution over the VNIR and 5 nm over the SWIR, providing spectral, spatial, and radiometric fidelity for simulating solar-illuminated Earth scenes.
- Used for testing Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics (LASP) HSI prototype in May 2011
- Currently being used for testing NASA Ocean Radiometer for Carbon Assessment (ORCA) prototype

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