

# Low-Rank Nonnegative Factorizations for Spectral Imaging Applications

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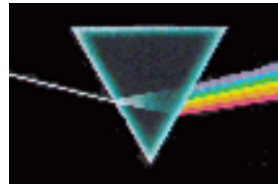
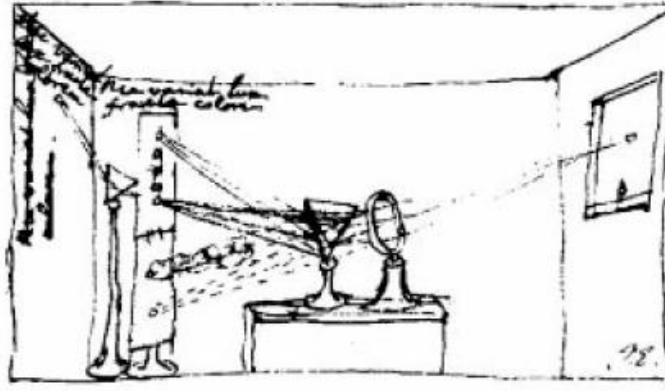
# Outline

- Object Identification from Spectral Data
- Features-Based Clustering & Classification
- Nonnegativity Constrained Low-Rank Approximation for Blind Source Separation and Unsupervised Unmixing (Ill-posed, nonlinear inverse problem)
- Nonnegative Matrix Factorization (NMF)
- Results using Air Force data from Maui and data from K. Abercromby at NASA JSC
- Preliminary Results on using Perron-Frobenius Theory to Compress Hyperspectral Sensor Data
- Comments on Nonnegative Tensor Factorization (NTF) for Image data (see poster by Christos Boutsidis)

# Simple Analog Illustration

## Hidden Components in Light – Separated by a Prism

From Newton's Notebook



Our purpose – finding hidden components by data analysis

# Blind Source Separation for Finding Hidden Components (Endmembers)

Mixing of Sources

...basic physics often leads to linear mixing...

$\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n]$  –column vectors (1-D spectral scans)

Approximately factor

$$\mathbf{X} \approx \mathbf{W} \mathbf{H} = \sum_k \mathbf{w}^{(j)} \mathbf{h}^{(j)}$$

$\pm$  denotes outer product

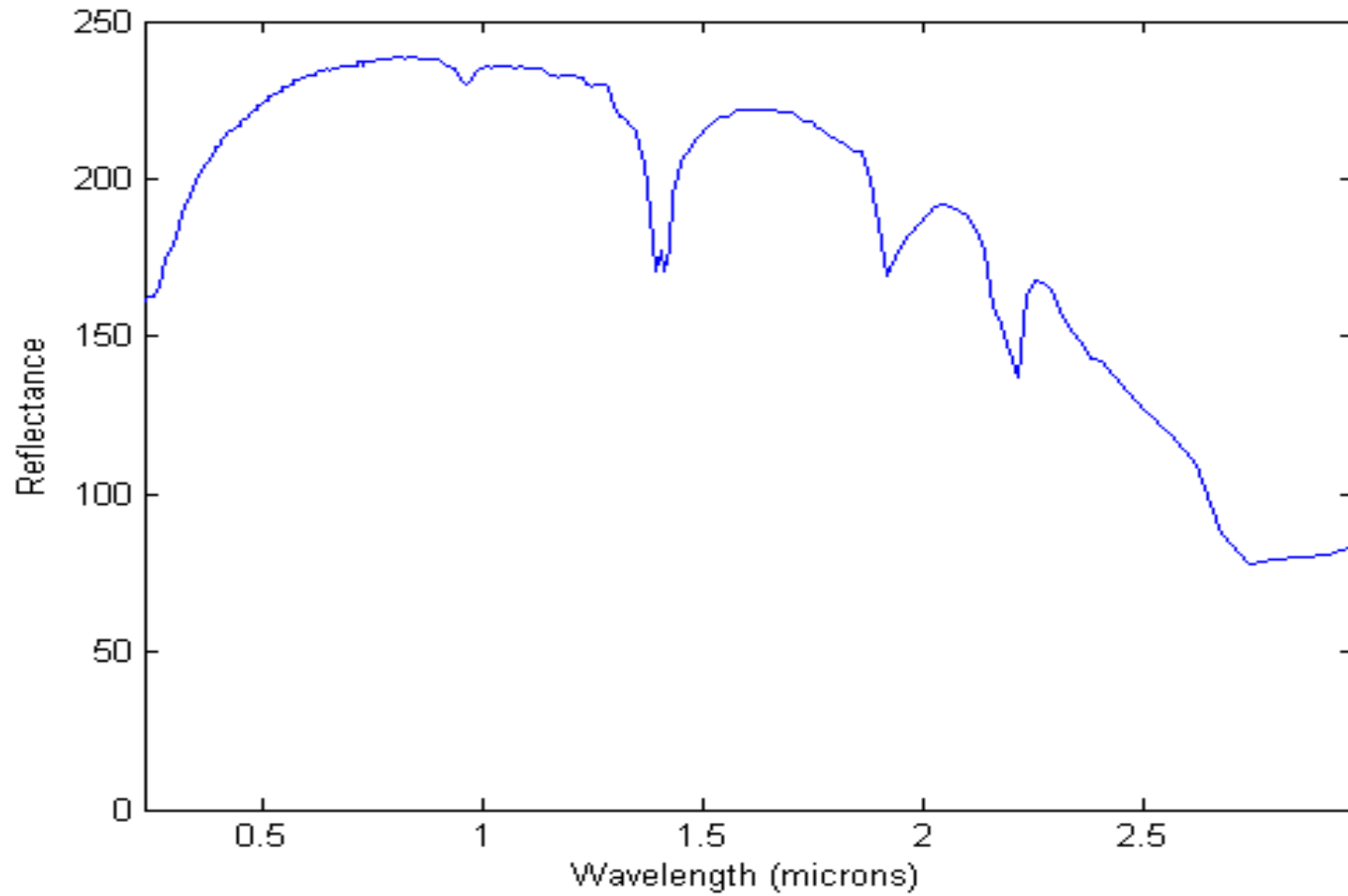
$\mathbf{w}^j$  is jth col of  $\mathbf{W}$ ,  $\mathbf{h}^j$  is jth col of  $\mathbf{H}^T$

$\mathbf{X}$  sensor readings (mixed components – observed data)

$\mathbf{W}$  separated components (feature basis matrix, unknown, low rank)

$\mathbf{H}$  hidden mixing coefficients (unknown), replaced later with abundances of materials that make up the object.

# Typical Scan



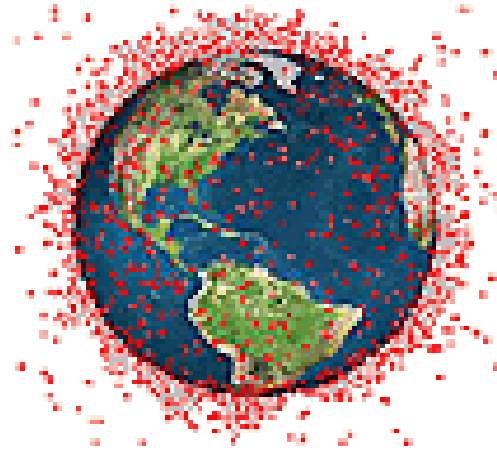
- NMF Allows only additive, not subtractive combinations of the original data, in comparison to orthogonal decomposition methods, e.g. PCA.
- Used by Lee and Seung (MIT) in *Nature*, 1999, in biometrics, preceded and followed by numerous papers related to applications.
- Matlab Toolbox: NMFLAB, <http://www.bsp.brain.riken.jp/>
- Historical perspective:

Problem 73-14, Rank Factorization of Nonnegative Matrices, by A. Berman and R.J. Plemmons, SIAM Review 15 (1973), p. 655: (Also in Berman/Plemmons book)

# Some General Applications of NMF Techniques

- Source separation in acoustics, speech, video
- EEG in Medicine, electric potentials
- Spectroscopy in chemistry
- Molecular pattern discovery - genomics
- Thermal nondestructive testing - aircraft and missile parts
- Email surveillance
- Document clustering in text data mining
- Atmospheric pollution source identification
- Hyperspectral sensor data compression
- **Spectroscopy for space applications – spectral data mining**
  - Identifying object surface materials and substances

# Space Object Identification and Characterization from Spectral Reflectance Data



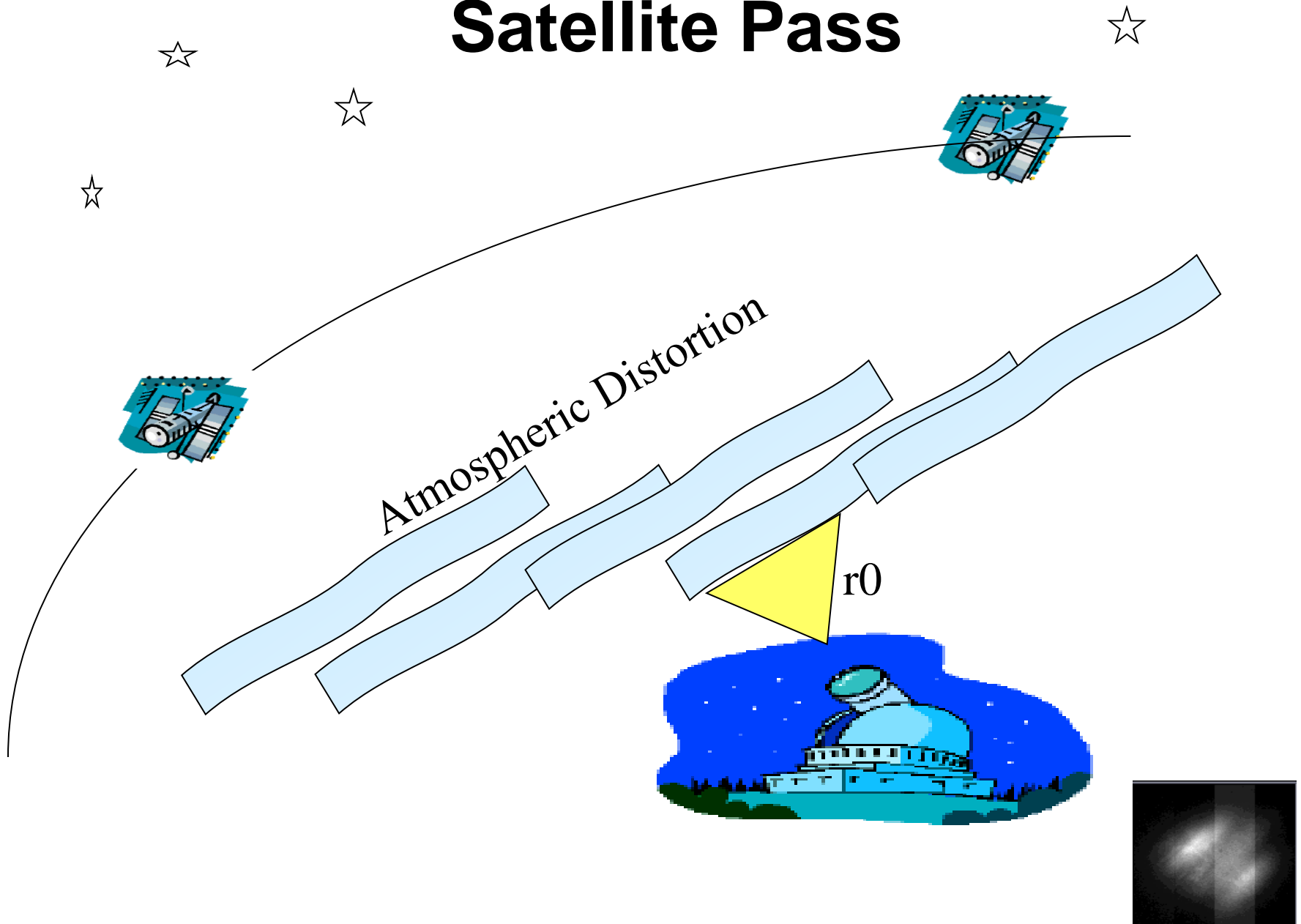
More than 15,000 known objects in orbit: various types of military and commercial satellites, rocket bodies, residual parts, and debris – need for space object database mining, object identification, clustering, classification, etc.



# Maui Space Surveillance Site



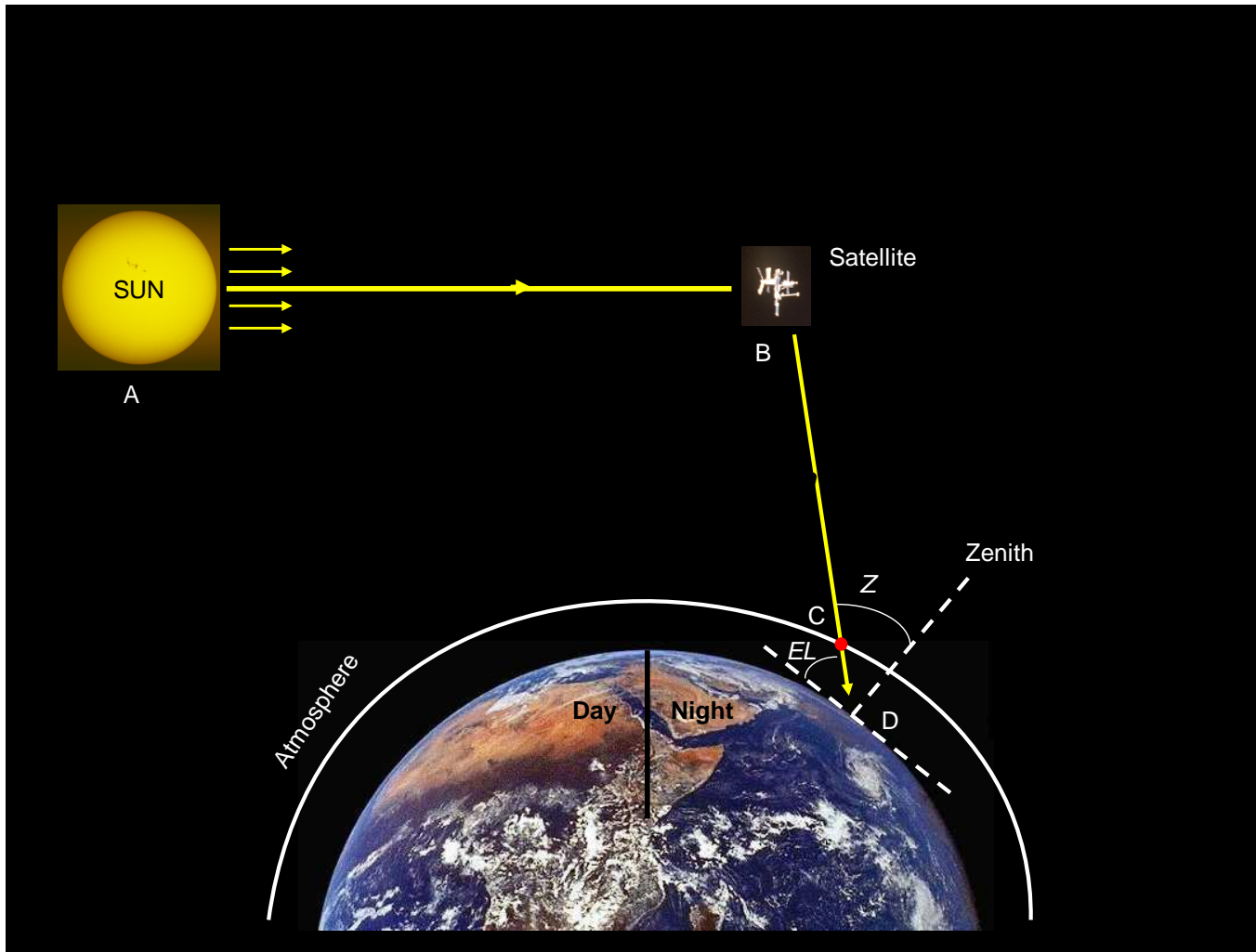
# Satellite Pass



# **Imaging Sciences for Space Situational Awareness by Monitoring Space Satellites (AFOSR)**

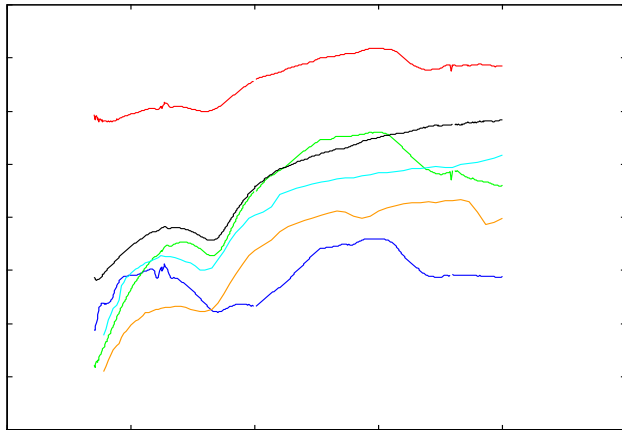
- **'Listen' (laser enabled vibrometry)**
- **'Smell' (chemical sensing with spectrometer)**
- **'Touch' (scatterometry/polarimetry for surface texture information)**
- **'See' (by sequential speckle <video> imaging)**
- **'characterize materials' (spectral imaging)**

# The creation and observation of a reflectance spectrum



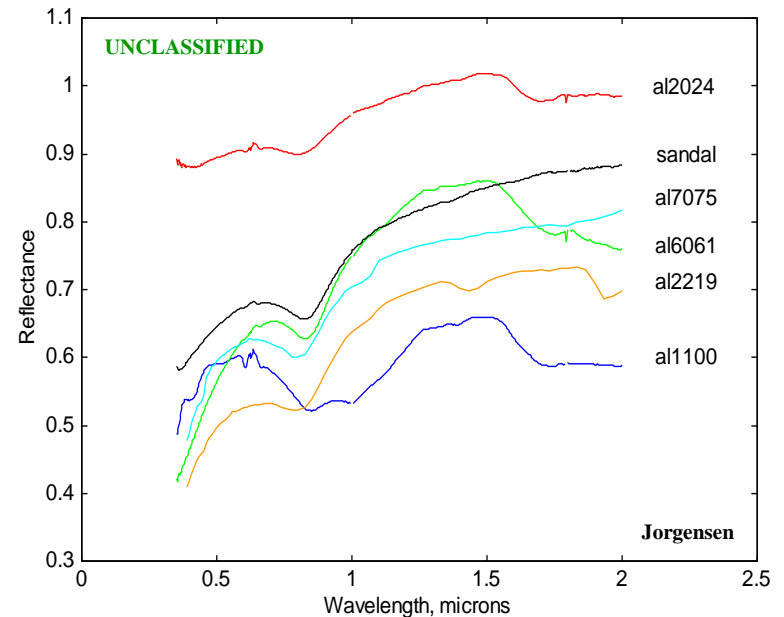
# Spectral Imaging of Space Objects

- Current “operational” capability for spectral imaging of space objects
- Panchromatic images
- Non-imaging spectra



# Spectral Imaging of Space Objects

- Why look at anything spectrally?
  - Simple answer: Color vs. Black and white
  - More involved answer: Spectral radiometry
- For space objects were looking at being able to:
  - Differentiate between different material classes
  - Material degradation
  - Identify hidden payloads
  - Anomaly resolution



# Overview of the SOI Problem

- Space activities require accurate information about orbiting objects for space situational awareness
- Many objects are either in
  - Geosynchronous orbits (about 40,000 KM from earth), or
  - Near-Earth orbits, but too small (e.g., space mines) to be resolved by optical imaging systems
  - Can approximately collect one pixel/object by optical telescope

# Overview of the SOI Problem Continued

- Problem solution by learning the parts of objects (hidden components) by low rank nonnegative sparse representation
- Basis representation (dimension reduction) can enable near real-time object (target) recognition, object class **clustering**, and characterization. (ill-posed inverse problem)
- Match recovered **hidden components** with known spectral signatures from substances such as mylar, aluminum, white paint, kapton, and solar panel materials, etc. This is classification.
- Fundamental difficulty: Find from spectral measurements:
  - Endmembers: types of constituent materials
  - Fractional abundances: proportion of materials that comprise the object.



# Approximate NMF

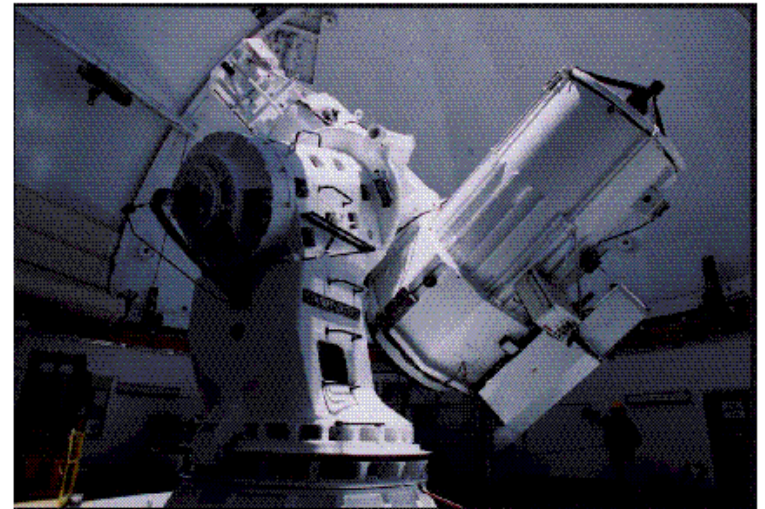
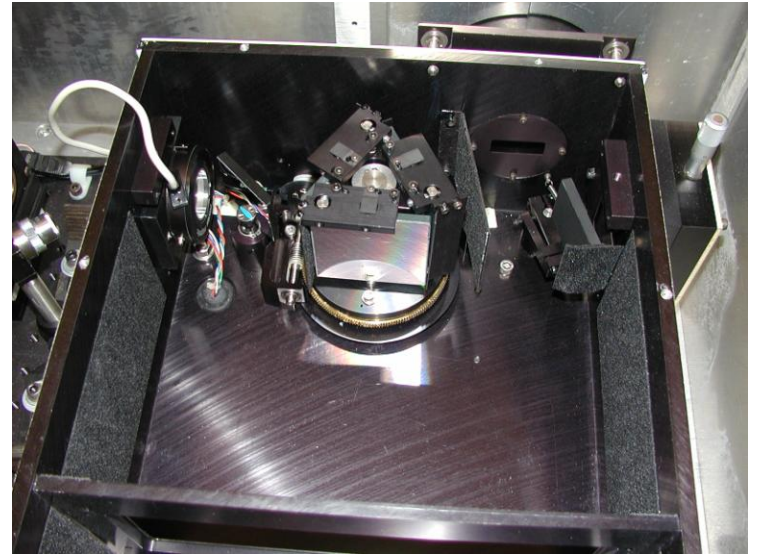
- Utilize constraint that sensor data values in  $X$  are nonnegative
- Apply non-negativity constrained low rank approximation for blind source separation, dimension reduction and unsupervised unmixing
- Low rank approximation to data matrix  $X$ :

$$X \approx WH, \quad W \geq 0, \quad H \geq 0$$

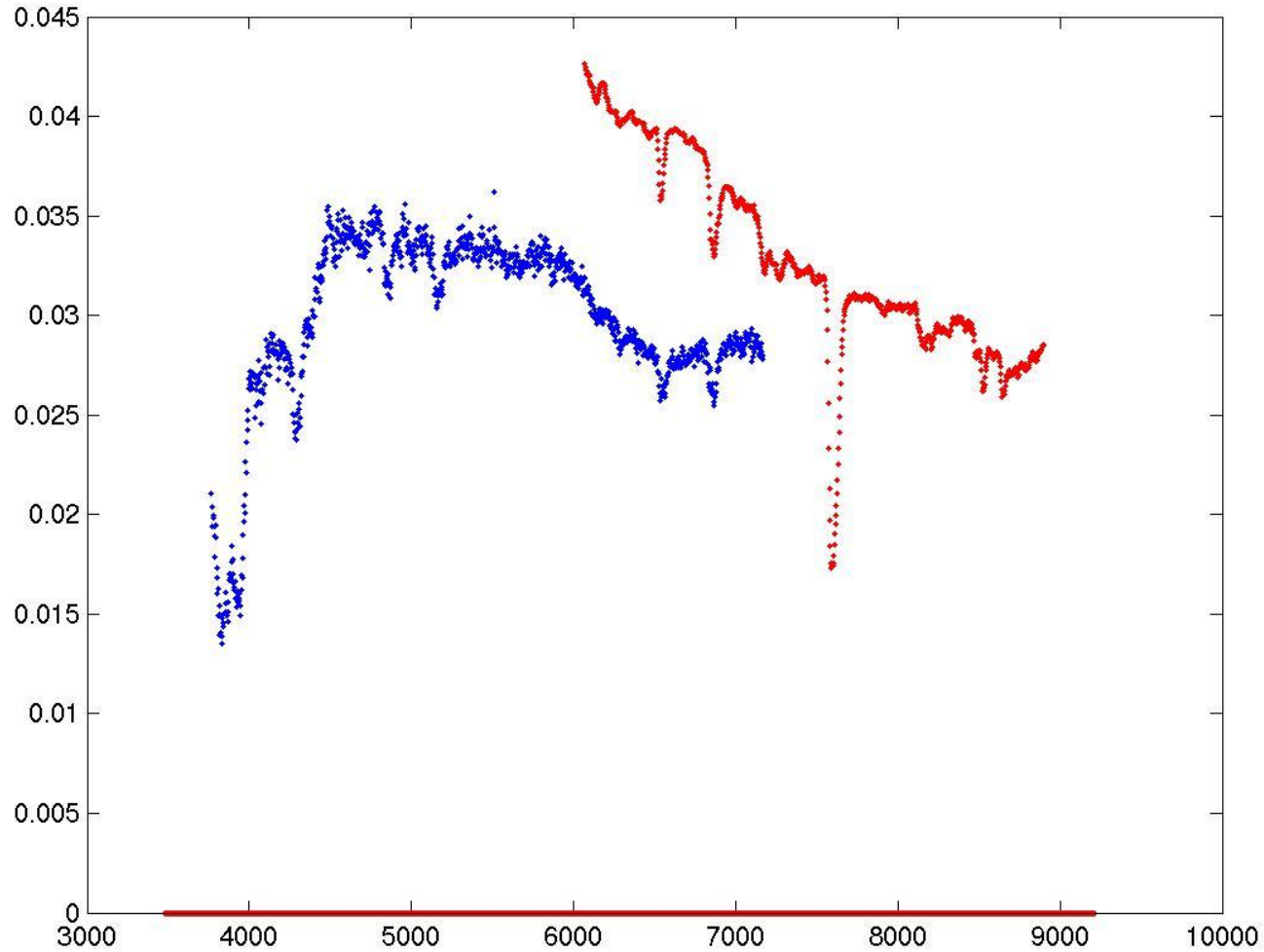
- Columns of  $W$  are initial basis vectors for spectral trace database, may want smoothness and statistical independence in  $W$ .
- Columns of  $H$  represent mixing coefficients, desire statistical sparsity in  $H$  to force essential uniqueness in  $W$ . May want sparsity for  $H$ .

# Some of our Data Obtained from a Spica (Space Infrared Telescope for Cosmology and Astrophysics) Spectrometer

- Mission: Support non-imaging SOI with spectroscopic observations
- 3 – 4 angstrom resolution
- **Blue** mode: 3000 – 6000 angstroms (.3 – .6 nm)
- **Red** mode: 6000 – 9000 angstroms (.6 – .9 nm)
- Located on Maui



# Sample Raw Data Collected in Blue and Red Modes



# Electromagnetic Spectrum: Spectral Signatures

- ❑ For any given material, the amount of solar (or other) radiation that it reflects, absorbs, or transmits varies with wavelength.
- ❑ This property of matter makes it possible to identify different substances out of 300+ and separate them by their spectral signatures (spectral curves) –spectral unmixing, finding fractional abundances.

# An Approach to Finding Endmembers and Fractional Abundances

- Vectorize the spectral scans of space objects into columns of  $\mathbf{X}$  (works well for 1-D signals, not for 2-D images)

- Cluster the columns of  $\mathbf{X}$  using a NMF scheme  
 $\mathbf{X} \approx \mathbf{WH}$ ,  $\mathbf{W} \geq 0$  (smooth),  $\mathbf{H} \geq 0$  (sparse)

(We use a metric by Hoyer to enforce sparsity in  $\mathbf{H}$ .)

$$\text{sparseness}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{n} - \frac{\|x\|_1}{\|x\|_2}}{\sqrt{n} - 1}$$

# Parts- Based Clustering & Classification

- Features from hidden components: parts-based learning algorithms from training set data
- Utilize constraint that spectral trace reflectance values are nonnegative
- Arrange the spectral traces into columns of a (nonnegative) database matrix denoted by  $\mathbf{X}$
- Non-negativity constrained low rank approximation for blind source separation and unsupervised unmixing
- Low rank approximation to data matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ :  $\mathbf{X} \approx \mathbf{W}\mathbf{H}$ ,  $\mathbf{W} \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbf{H} \geq 0$ 
  - Columns of  $\mathbf{W}$  are basis vectors for spectral trace database (endmembers)
  - $\mathbf{H}$  eventually discarded and new reduced  $\mathbf{H}$  computed
  - Alternating iterations used

# NMF Problem Formulation

□ Given initial database expressed as  $n \times m$  nonnegative matrix  $\mathbf{X}$

find two reduced-dimensional matrices  $\mathbf{W}$  ( $n \times r$ ) and  $\mathbf{H}$  ( $r \times m$ ) to:

$$\min_{W,H} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{W}\mathbf{H}\|_F^2, \quad \text{plus constraints}$$

where  $W_{ij} \geq 0$  and  $H_{ij} \geq 0$  for each  $i$  and  $j$ . Choice of  $r \ll m$  is often problem dependent. Can impose other (e.g., smoothness, sparsity) constraints on  $\mathbf{W}$  and/or  $\mathbf{H}$ .

# NMF - Continued

- Can use convex cone theoretic geometric concepts to determine conditions for uniqueness, up to permutation and scaling of the rows (Donaho and Stodden).
- Constraints on  $H$  strongly affect uniqueness in  $W$ .



Lee and Seung (1999) proposed a multiplicative alternating iteration scheme

1. Initialize  $W$  and  $H$  with nonnegative values and scale columns of  $W$  to unit norm.
2. Iterate for each  $c, j$  and  $i$  until convergence or stop ( $\epsilon$  is a machine dependent small positive pos. no.):

$$(a) \quad H_{cj} \leftarrow H_{cj} \frac{(W^T X)_{cj}}{(W^T W H)_{cj} + \epsilon}$$

$$(b) \quad W_{ic} \leftarrow W_{ic} \frac{(X H^T)_{ic}}{(W H H^T)_{ic} + \epsilon}$$

(c) Scale the columns of  $W$  to unit norm.

- Process is essentially a diagonally-scaled gradient descent method of EM (R-L) type.

But, clustering is ill-posed. Regularization may be needed.

# New Approach to Selecting Endmembers and Computing Fractional Abundances

- Vectorize the spectral scans of space objects into columns of a matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$
- Cluster the columns of  $\mathbf{Y}$  using a NMF scheme
$$\mathbf{Y} \approx \mathbf{W}\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{W} \geq 0, \mathbf{H} \geq 0$$
(Enforce smoothness on  $\mathbf{W}$  and sparsity on  $\mathbf{H}$ .)
- Classify the basis vectors in  $\mathbf{W}$  using lab data from Jorgensen and an *information theoretic* scoring method (Kullback-Leibler divergence, i.e., relative entropy). Represent these endmembers by a matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ .
- $\mathbf{B}$  represents a compressed database for  $\mathbf{Y}$  and has a variety of uses, e.g., ....
- Determine the spectral abundances of the space object spectral scans in columns of  $\mathbf{Y}$  by iteratively solving nonlinear least squares problems with matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  containing the classified endmembers.  
(We use a nonlinear least squares scheme to compute material abundances.)

- Minimize a functional  $F(W, H)$  by solving the following constrained optimization problem. (Here  $a$  and  $b$  are regularization parameters).

$$\min_{W, H} \{ \|Y - WH\|_F^2 + \alpha J_1(W) + \beta J_2(H) \}, \text{ for } W \geq 0 \text{ and } H \geq 0$$

where  $\alpha J_1(W)$  and  $\beta J_2(H)$  are used to enforce certain **application-dependent** characteristics on the solution

- Determine gradients for  $W$  and  $H$  and set each to zero (alternating iterations).

# Sparse CNMF

We define sparseness of a vector  $x$  of length  $n$  as

$$\text{sparseness}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{n} - \frac{\|x\|_1}{\|x\|_2}}{\sqrt{n} - 1}$$

Given  $A$ , a matrix of arbitrary size, let

$$\bar{A} = \text{vec}(A),$$

denote the vector formed by stacking the columns of  $A$ .

Now consider the following objective function:

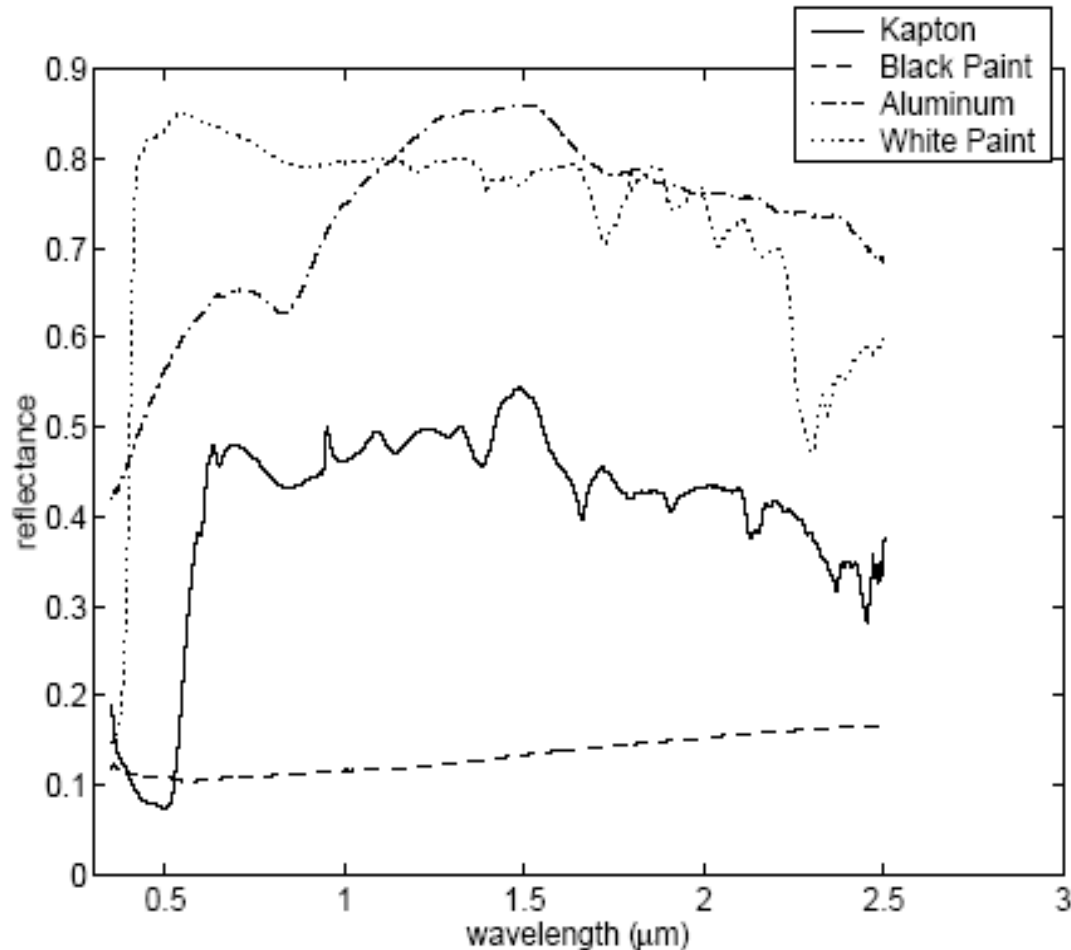
$$F(W, H) = \frac{1}{2} \|Y - WH\|_F^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} (\omega \|\bar{H}\|_2 - \|\bar{H}\|_1)^2,$$

where  $Y$  is  $m \times n$ ,  $W$  is  $m \times k$ , and  $H$  is  $k \times n$ , and

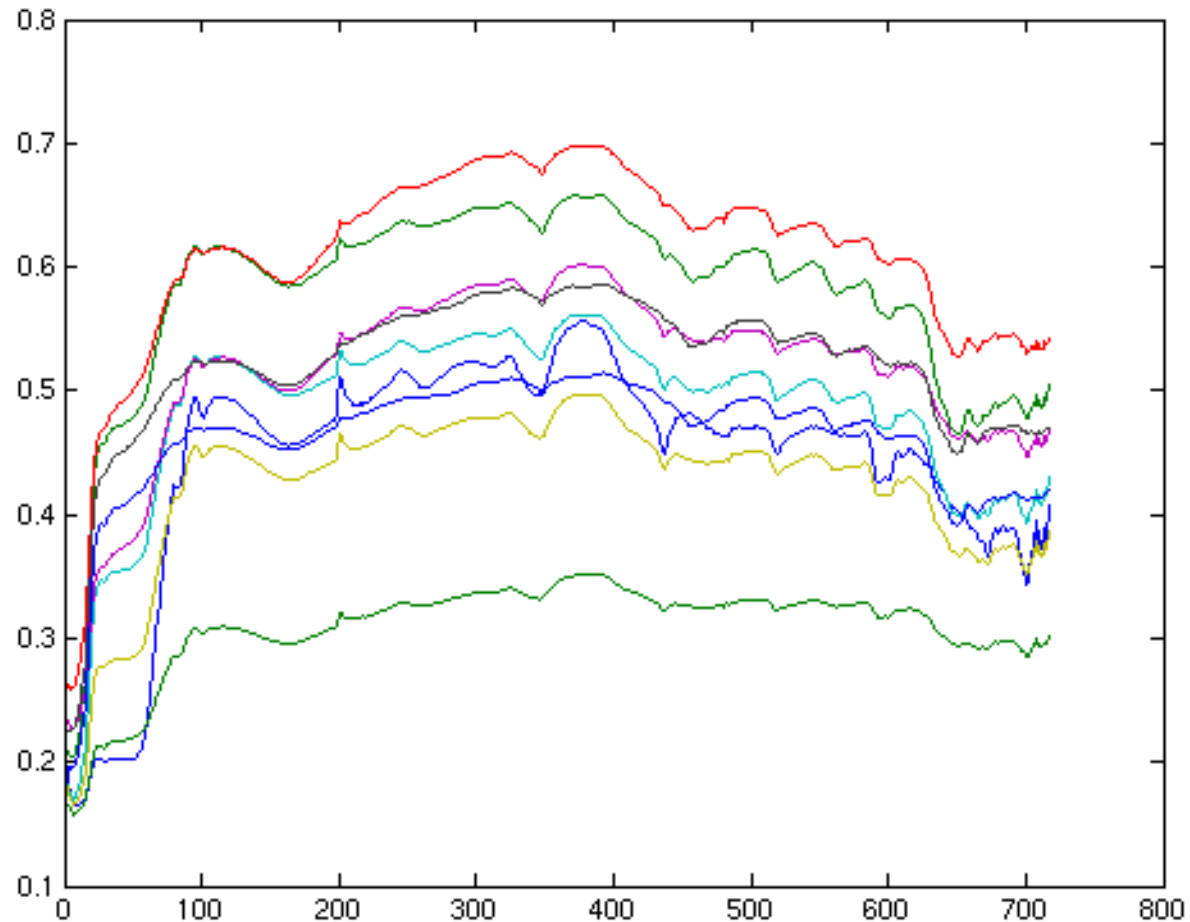
$$\omega = \sqrt{kn} - (\sqrt{kn} - 1) \text{sparseness}(H).$$

Compute gradient, insert in basic optimization expression, and apply alternating iterations. Results in basis matrix  $\mathbf{W}$  with a sparse mixing matrix  $\mathbf{H}$ .

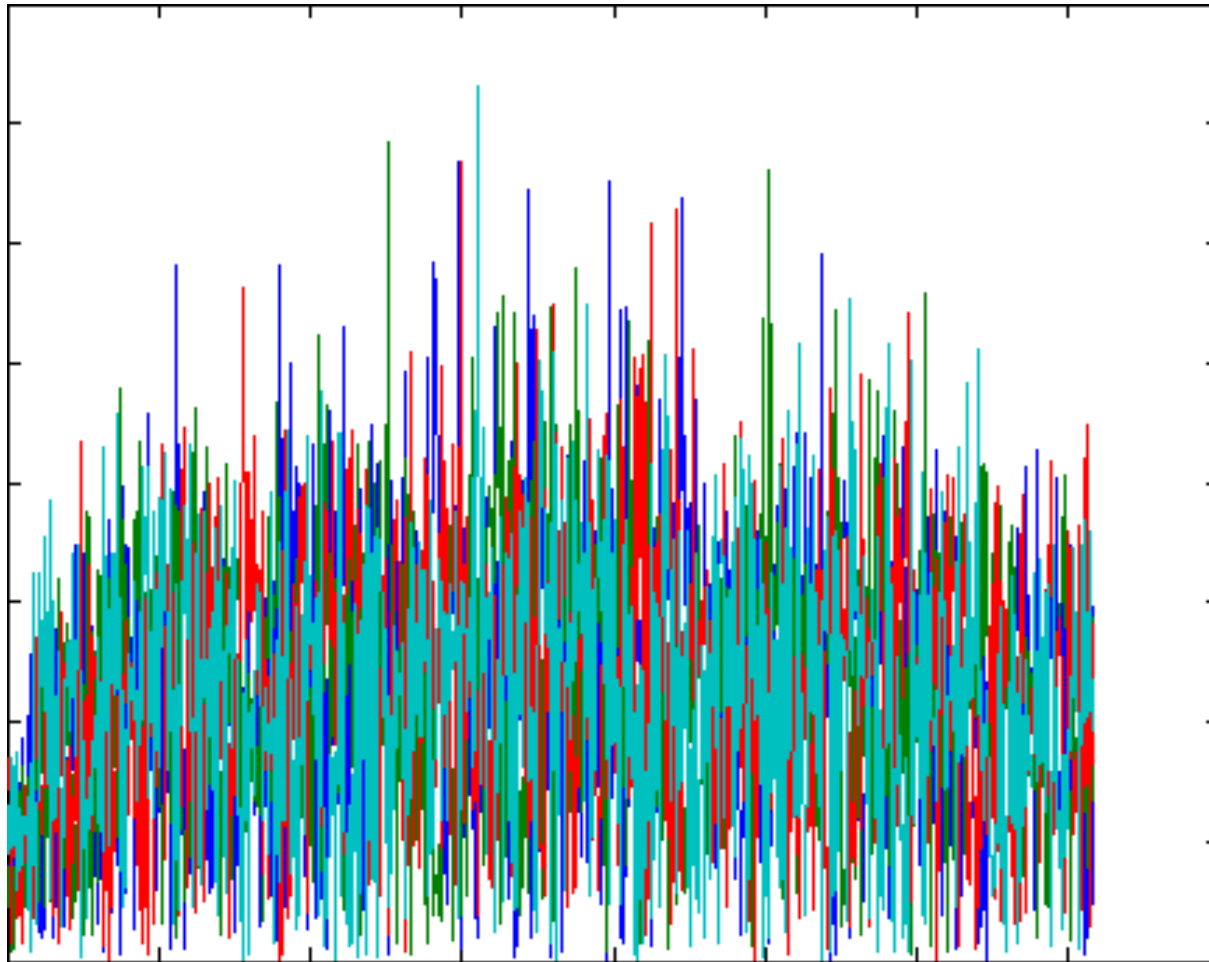
# Sample Results – Finding only Endmembers We Form Simulated Satellites from NASA Data



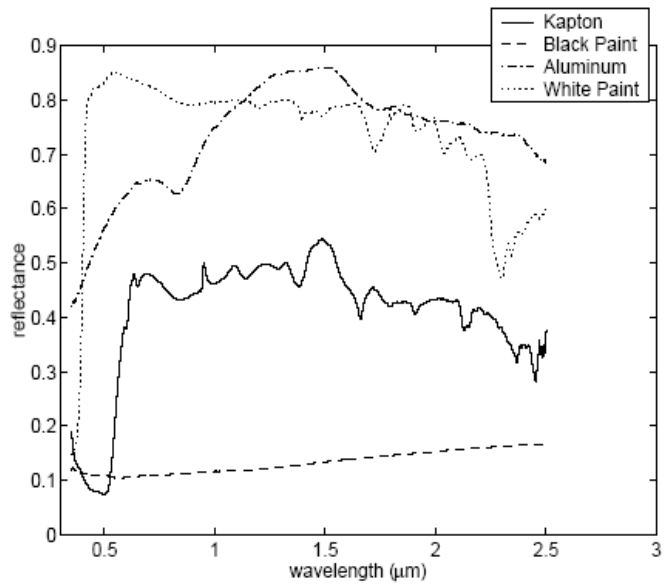
# A Few Combined Traces (time varying mixtures)



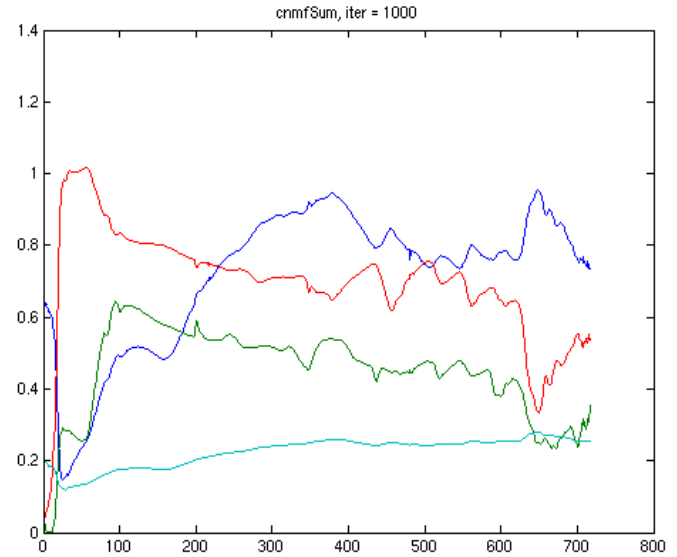
# Blind Source Separation Using NMF



# Original



# Recovered

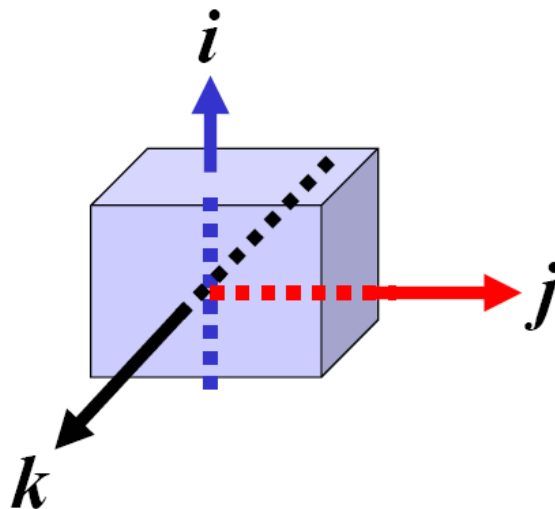




# Extend NMF: Nonnegative Tensor Factorization (NTF)

Joint project with Christos Boutsidis and Peter Zhang

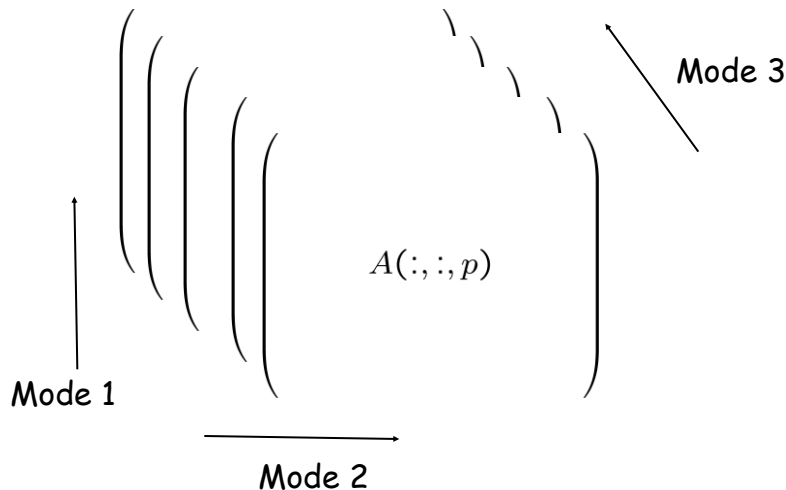
- Our interest: 3-D data. 2-D images stacked into 3-D Array, forming a “box”



# Datasets of images modeled as tensors

**Goal:** Extract features from a tensor dataset (naively, a dataset subscripted by multiple indices). Image samples with diversities, e.g., eigenviews.

$m \times n \times p$  tensor  $A$



# What is NTF (for 3-D Arrays)?

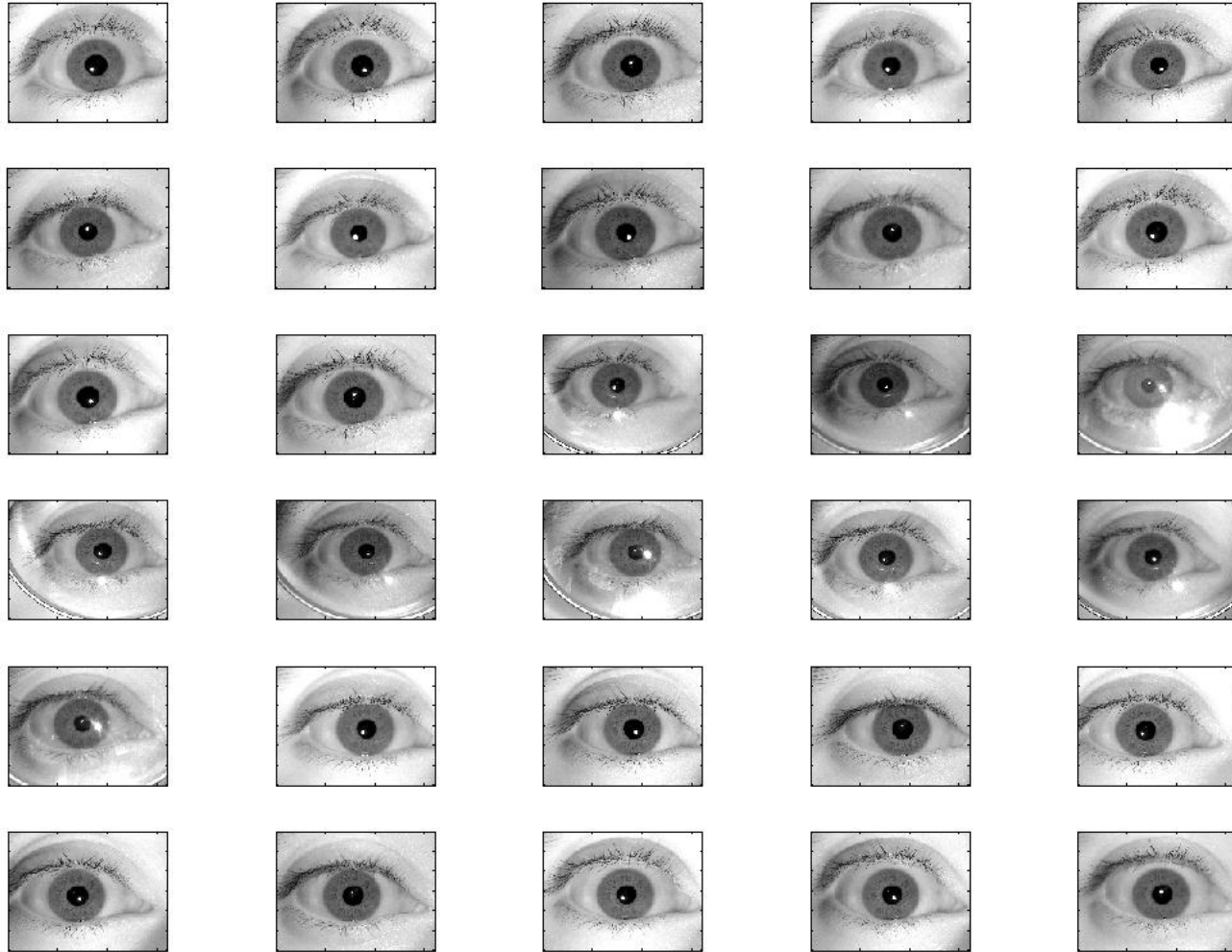
Given a nonnegative tensor  $\mathcal{A} \in R^{m \times n \times p}$  and a positive integer  $k$ , find nonnegative vectors  $u^{(i)} \in R^{m \times 1}$ ,  $v^{(i)} \in R^{n \times 1}$  and  $w^{(i)} \in R^{p \times 1}$  to minimize the functional

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathcal{A} - \sum_{i=1}^k u^{(i)} \circ v^{(i)} \circ w^{(i)} \right\|_F^2.$$

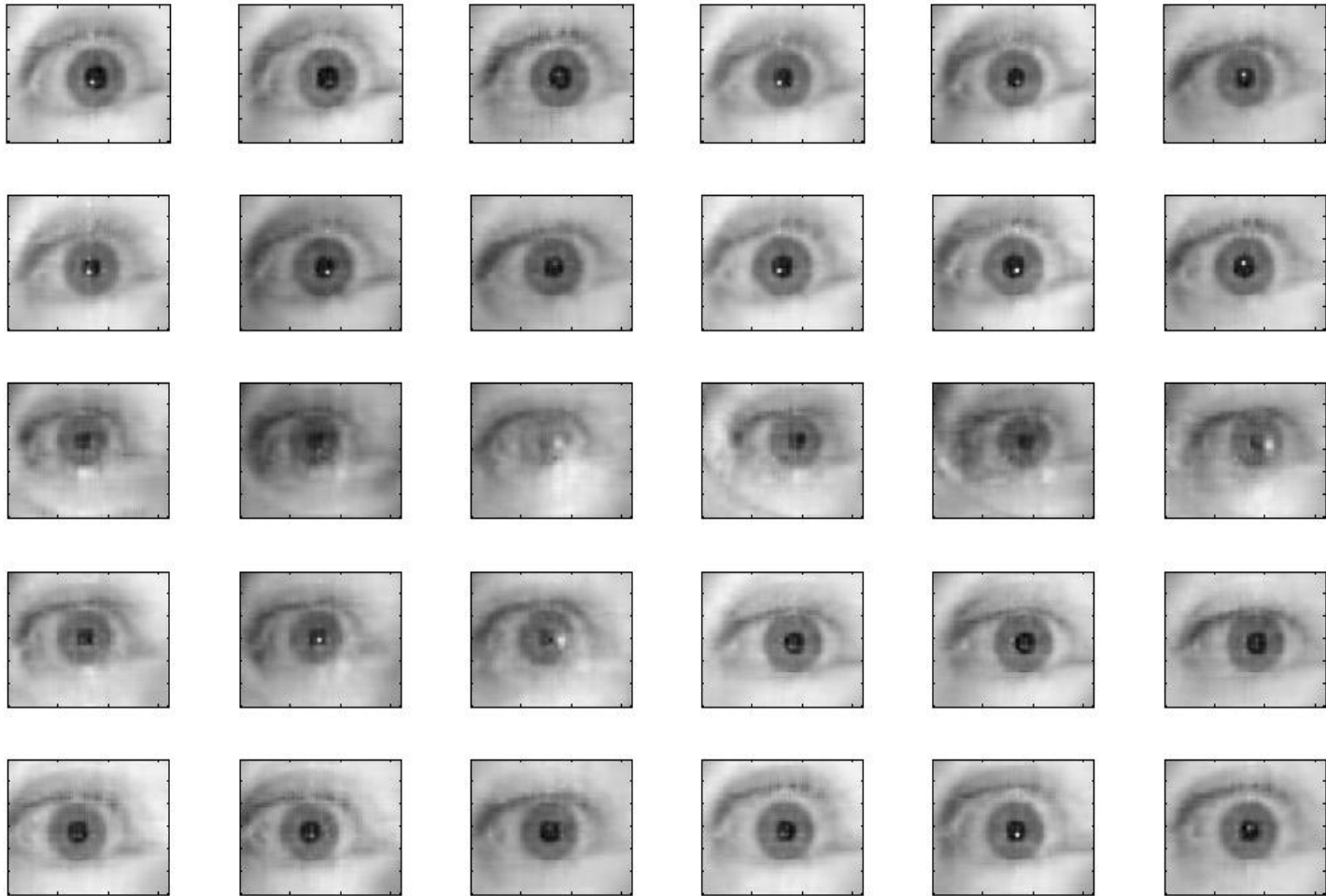
Here  $\circ$  denotes “outer product”. The rank-one matrices  $u^{(i)} \circ v^{(i)}$  are the desired basis components, and  $w^{(i)}$  the weights.

- See poster by Christos Boutsidis
- Issues: Uniqueness, Initialization, Efficient optimization algorithms

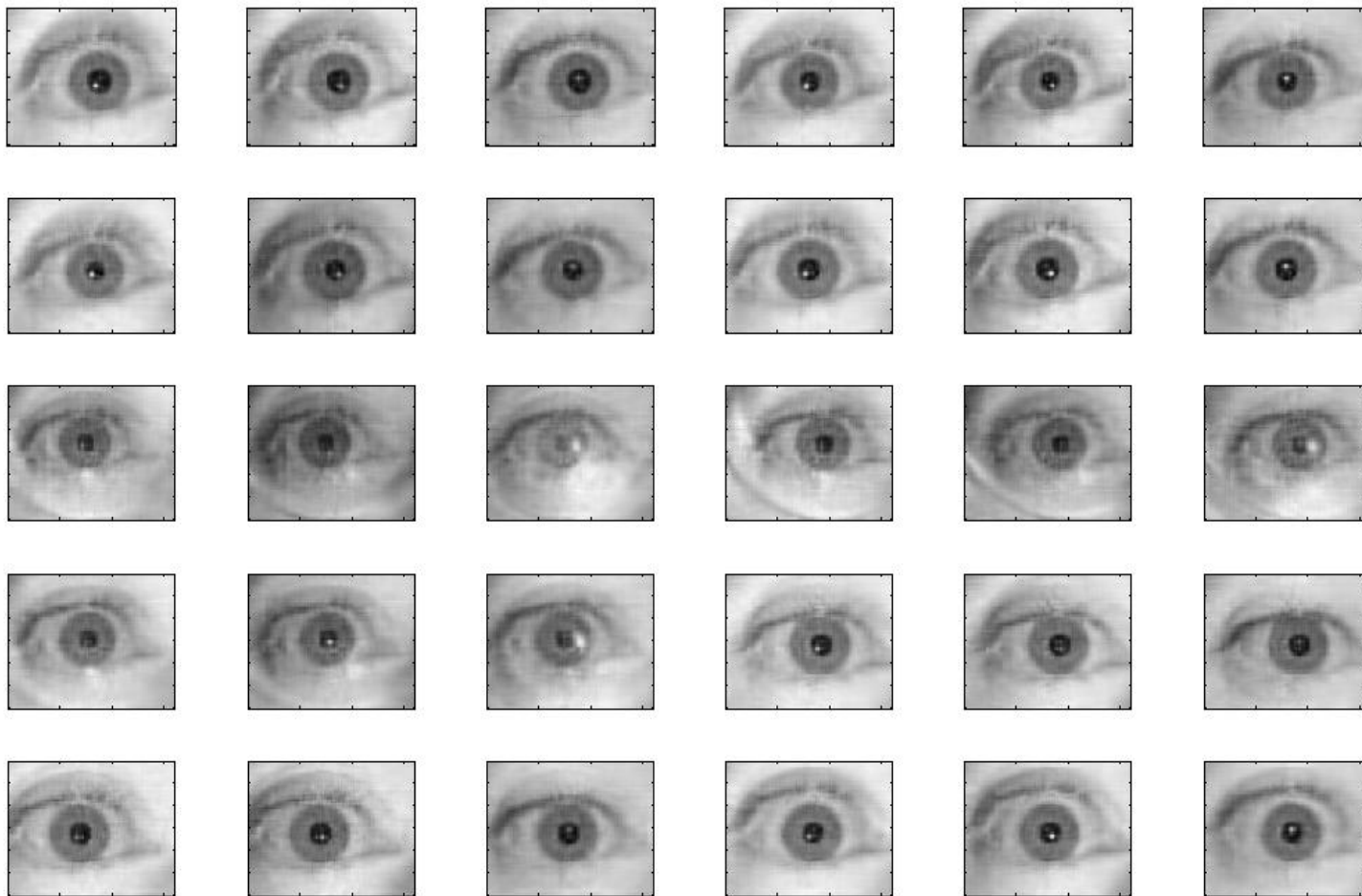
# Iris Recognition Images



# Recovered Images using PARAFAC ~1 hr



# Recovered Images using Boutsidis/Zhang ~ 5 min

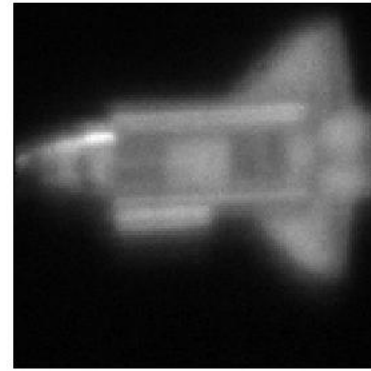
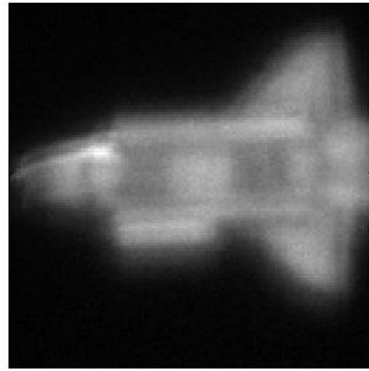
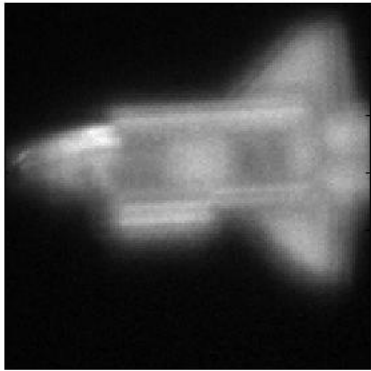


# Compression

- Original array    120x160x30    4,608,000 bytes
- X    120x50    48,000 bytes
- Y    160x50    64,000 bytes
- Z    30x50    12,000 bytes

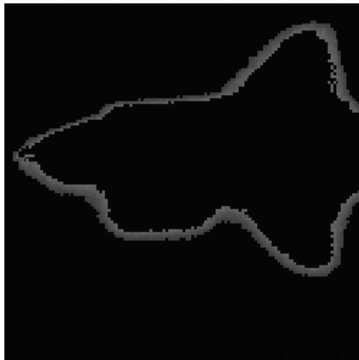
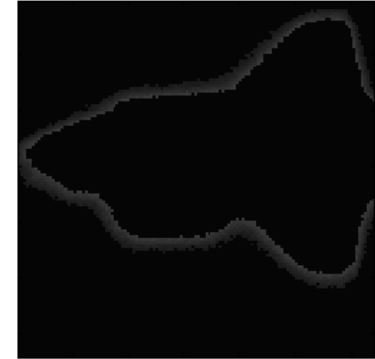
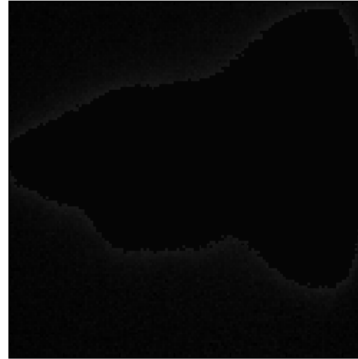
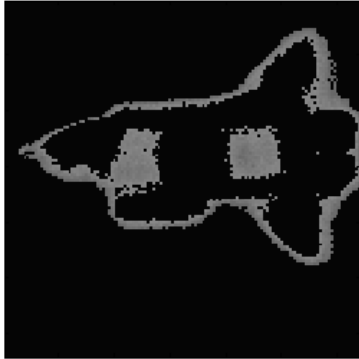
– Compression ratio 37 to 1

# Columbia in Final Orbit over Maui Space Center





# K-means clustering



# Summary and NMF Applications for Spectral Data

- Classification of objects in terms of material features and fractional abundances
- Database compression, including hyperspectral data
- Fast determination of whether a new object spectral trace is in the database, using basis matrix approximation
- Multiple observations with object in different orientations can provide object shape information
- Low-rank representation can enable fast object (target) recognition and tracking (Kullback-Leibler matching)
- Enabled in part by modified nonnegative matrix factorization and information theoretic techniques (relative entropy)
- Compression and reconstruction of image arrays data
- Some related papers at: <http://www.wfu.edu/~plemmons>