

- Some natural phenomena can be measured without harming the environment:
 - Temperature
 - Rainfall
 - Humidity
- Others, require destructive instrumentation:
 - CO₂ flux from single plant, meadow, or soil

The site at James Reserve where mosscam is located







- 1. Estimate the incident illumination in the scene
- 2. Transform the image to be under a reference illuminant
- 3. Estimate the target signal

Device Calibration: Physical Model of Image Formation

$$r_k = \int_w E(\lambda) S(\lambda) R_k(\lambda) d\lambda$$

- r_k = response of the kth sensor
- w = bandwidth of device
- $E(\lambda)$ = incident spectral power distribution
- $S(\lambda)$ = subject's relative spectral reflectance
- $R_k(\lambda)$ = the sensitivity of the kth sensor



$$r \approx \hat{E}(\lambda)\hat{S}(\lambda)^T R(\lambda)$$
$$r \approx (\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{e}} w_e)(\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{s}} w_s)^T \mathbf{R}$$

- Discretize the bandwidth and rewrite in matrix notation
- Model $E(\lambda)$ and $S(\lambda)$ using functional PCA
- Results in 6 unknowns (w_e and w_s)

This system is under-constrained. Estimate the spectra in sequence.

Device Calibration: Estimating Incident Illumination

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$$\begin{bmatrix} E_1(\lambda_R)S(\lambda_R)\\ E_1(\lambda_G)S(\lambda_G)\\ E_1(\lambda_B)S(\lambda_B) \end{bmatrix} = T_{light} \begin{bmatrix} E_2(\lambda_R)S(\lambda_R)\\ E_2(\lambda_G)S(\lambda_G)\\ E_2(\lambda_B)S(\lambda_B) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$T_{light} = \begin{bmatrix} E_1(\lambda_R)/E_2(\lambda_R) & 0 & 0\\ 0 & E_1(\lambda_G)/E_2(\lambda_G) & 0\\ 0 & 0 & E_1(\lambda_B)/E_2(\lambda_B) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Given some $E(\lambda)$ found previously, we can compute T_{light}
- This assumes that $R(\lambda) = \delta_k$ k = {R, G, B}
- Though unrealistic, this assumption has been shown to hold for cameras presented with "reasonable" light sources (like daylight)



- Unlike lighting estimation, we have less insight into the relationship between CO₂ model and the image's color coordinates.
- Estimate the CO₂ using non-linear regression
- Use multiple time-shifted versions of chromaticity coordinates as input



Application: Measuring Moss Photosynthesis

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Ecologists want to determine the effect of short summer rain events on the moss' ability to survive

- There are no available sensors
- Methods suggested by previously ecological studies have insufficient temporal resolution

Tortula princeps





Photosynthesis begins to occur 5 minutes after being hydrated

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Lab Experimental Setup:

- Measured CO₂ flux of the moss as it dries down over time
- Use these measurements to train our models





Moss in a temperature controlled chamber



Infrared gas analyzer

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- Predict incident lighting
- "Register" images
- Use "registered" images to predict CO₂ (below)





Problem Statement: Tracking Pollinators

Biologists want to perform studies about pollinator behavior over lengthy periods of time

- There are no available sensors
- Currently data is acquired by physically watching flowers and counting pollinators









- Crop the image, leaving only the region of interest (ROI) remaining
- 2. Model the background to detect novel foreground objects
- 3. Locate most likely target, emit F(x): target location and likelihood
- 4. Track target through a sequence of frames

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 Step 1: Automatically "register" the images using template matching



Instead of inner product, measure normalized L2 Distance:

$$R(x,y) = \frac{\sum_{x',y'} (T(x',y') - I(x+x',y+y'))^2}{\sqrt{\sum_{x',y'} T(x',y')^2 \cdot \sum_{x',y'} I(x+x',y+y')^2}}$$

Find minimum value, and extract that as the best match









Application: Tracking Pollinators

• Step 2: "Learn" what the background looks like

Build a density estimate of color values:

$$p_{ij}(x) = \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{s \in S} \delta(s - x)$$

$$S = \{x_t(a, b) \mid |a - i| < c, |b - j| < c, 0 \le t < T\}$$



Application: Tracking Pollinators

• Step 3a: Subtract the background

Compute the distance between a new image and the background model.

$$BC(p,q) = \sum_{x \in X} \sqrt{p(x)q(x)}$$
$$D_B(p,q) = -\ln(BC(p,q))$$

Produces a difference image





• Step 3b: Reapply template matching to detect target





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Application: Tracking Pollinators

• Step 4: Look for sequential frames containing the target

$$R(x,y) = \frac{\sum_{x',y'} (T(x',y') - I(x+x',y+y'))^2}{\sqrt{\sum_{x',y'} T(x',y')^2 \cdot \sum_{x',y'} I(x+x',y+y')^2}}$$

 $match(S_i) = argmin(x_i, y_i) R(x_i, y_i))$

Constraints for a sequence S:

- $max(match(S_i)) < M_1$
- mean(match(S_i)) < M₂
- $max(dist(S_i, S_j)) < D_1$
- mean(dist(S_i , S_j) < D_2



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