

**GEOLOGIC MAPPING IN THE MIDDLE MOUNTAINS,
YUMA COUNTY, ARIZONA,
WITH SEBASS HYPERSPPECTRAL TIR IMAGES**

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Methodology

Data acquisition

Calibration

- radiometric
- wavelength

In-scene atmospheric correction

- MODTRAN 3 based
- tweak surface temperature, humidity

"Draping" Planck function to find T/E

Iterative correction for reflected sky irradiance

Field inspection and sample collection

Laboratory emissivity spectra

Foreground/background analysis (FBA) using:

- image spectra for training areas defined in the field
- image spectra for training areas defined in the image through enhancement (e.g., of bands showing the 11.3- μm carbonate emissivity feature)
- laboratory emissivity spectra

Compilation of classified (thresholded) foreground images to make geologic map

Verify map by field checking

KP Mine Site
SEBASS 12,26,70=BGR

8.3 ~~8.3~~ 11.0
9.1



Frame 000-999



Frame 1000-1999

Hyperspectral TIR / Middle Mountains

Conclusions

- Hyperspectral TIR imaging may allow recovery of emissivity spectra
- Geologic mapping and rock-type identification
- Keys are:
 - Good NEAT
 - Sufficient $\Delta\lambda$ to resolve emissivity features (e.g., $<0.5 \mu\text{m}$)
 - In-scene atmospheric corrections (pixel-by-pixel)
 - Lack of requirement for registration to DTH