

Machine Learning Analysis of PDS Mars Images to Improve Discoverability

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>25M images from Mars (so far)

Orbit

- 3M Mars Odyssey
- 2M Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter
- 243K Mars Global Surveyor
- 62K Viking Orbiter

Ground

- 12M Mars Science Laboratory (Curiosity) rover
- 7M Mars Exploration rovers
- 256K Phoenix lander
- 219K InSight lander
- 18K Mars Pathfinder
- 7K Viking lander





Goal: Improve Discoverability

1. Content-based search

- Use machine learning to tag images with content of interest (e.g., craters, dark slope streaks)
- Integrate machine learning tags into the usersearchable PDS Image Atlas database
- 2. Novelty-based ranking
 - Identify novel or unusual images to focus attention on observations that may lead to new scientific discoveries
 - Integrate novelty ranking into the PDS Image Atlas with a browsable carousel

1. Content-based search

HiRISE orbital images of Mars surface features





1. Content-based search

- Detect and crop individual "landmarks"
- Train machine learning classifier to recognize each class
 - 10k labeled examples





(e) Impact ejecta (f) Swiss cheese

(g) Spider

(h) Other

- Convolutional neural network (CNN)
- Predict class and retain if confidence >= 0.9
 - 15M in full HiRISE archive

http://pds-imaging.jpl.nasa.gov/search/

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Search for landmarks of interest

E.g., search for images containing cratersLandmarks are localized

 Image Class (MRO HIRISE RDRs Only)

 bright dune (897) crater (20931) dark dune (3277) impact ejecta (96) slope streak (2678) spider (98) swiss cheese (828)
 "crater" search



Craters



Dark dunes

Dark slope streaks



MSL rover images (25 classes)

Scoop

Wheel

MAHLI CT





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Horizon



Mastcam CT



Search for rover wheels





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2. Novelty-based ranking

Use DEMUD algorithm for novelty analysis

- CNN to extract feature vector for each image
- Singular value decomposition of feature vectors
- Rank images by their reconstruction error (i.e., amount of novel content)

Novelty detection – MSL (6K images)

20 most novel



20 least novel



Novelty detection – InSight (2K images)

20 most novel



20 least novel



Novelty ranking – Atlas integration

Default ordering is reverse chronologicalShow top-ranked images in browsable carousel



Summary

- Machine learning to help users find images of interest
 - Content-based search for known classes
 - Novelty-based ranking to discover new phenomena
- Machine learning output -> image meta-data
 - Searchable with PDS Image Atlas web portal
- Current work
 - Final integration of novelty carousel into the Atlas
 - Add science-based classes to MSL rover data set
 - Use data augmentation and calibration to improve reliability

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