



Standoff LIBS: Classification of hazardous residues on painted surfaces



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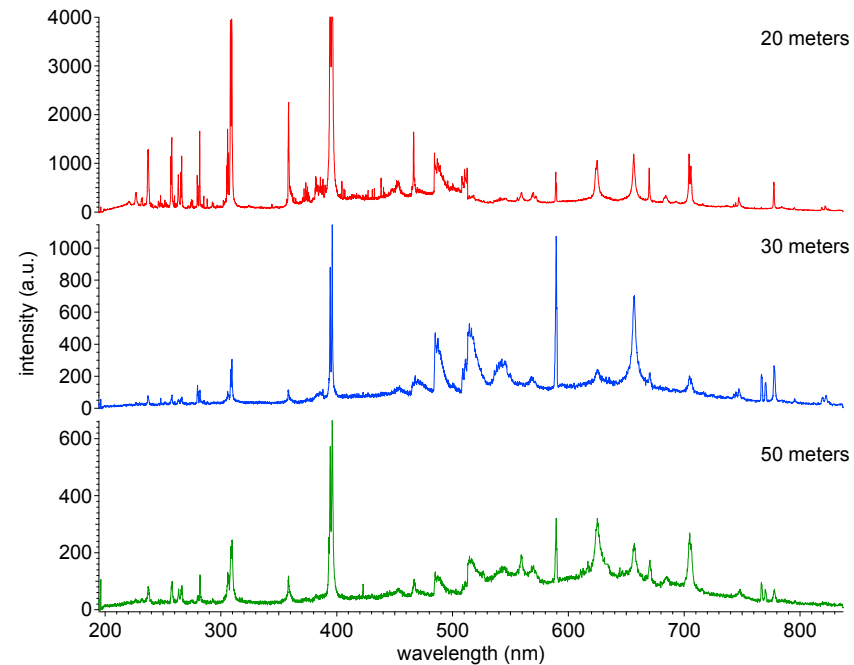
Analysis of painted surfaces

Multivariate analysis of residues on
painted surfaces

Conclusions



Standoff LIBS at ARL



# samples	
explosives	603/695
TPR	87%
non-explosives	4/320
FPR	1.2%



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Residues on different substrates



RDX, oil, and dust residue

on

Aluminum, rubber, silicone, wood,
cardboard, travertine

FPR

Aluminum 0%, rubber 0%, silicone
5%, wood 65%, cardboard 10%,
travertine 35%

Very different laser-material
interactions due to diverse
substrates

Gottfried, J.L., et al., J. Anal. At. Spectrom. 2009, 24, 288-296



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Goal



Classify explosive residues on substrates with similar compositions

- Minimize differences in laser-material interaction
- Increase number of samples analyzed
- Collect at standoff distance



Use painted surfaces

- Contain organic components; C, H, N, and O
- Different colors will have additional additive components
- Surface roughness, porosity, and hardness more consistent

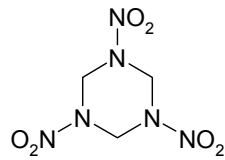


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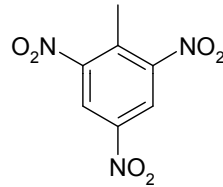
Samples/substrates



Explosives



RDX - $C_3H_6N_6O_6$



TNT - $C_7H_5N_3O_6$

Non-explosives

Road dust

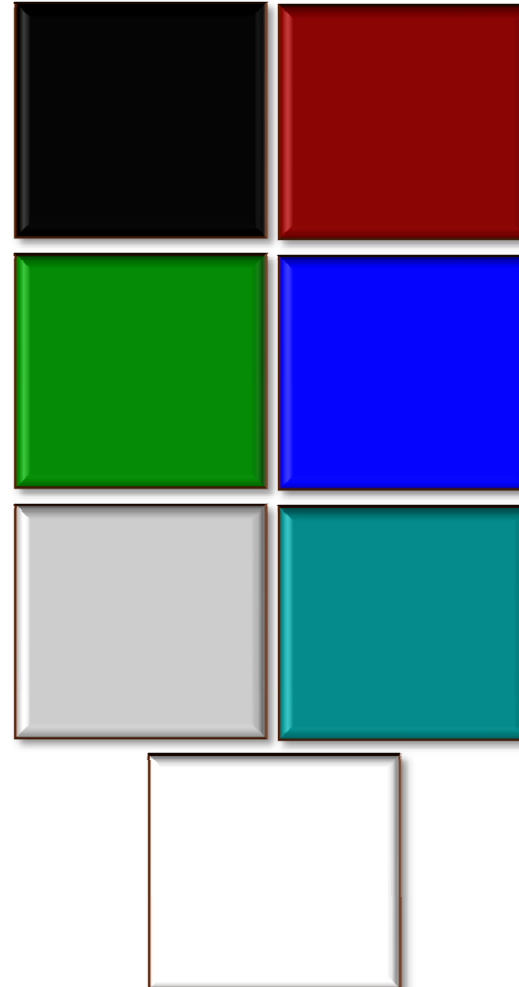
Sand

Oil

Fingerprints

Blank

Painted Surfaces



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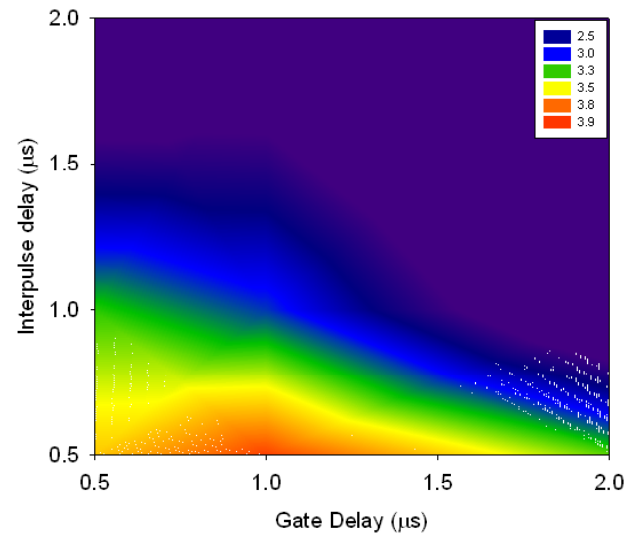
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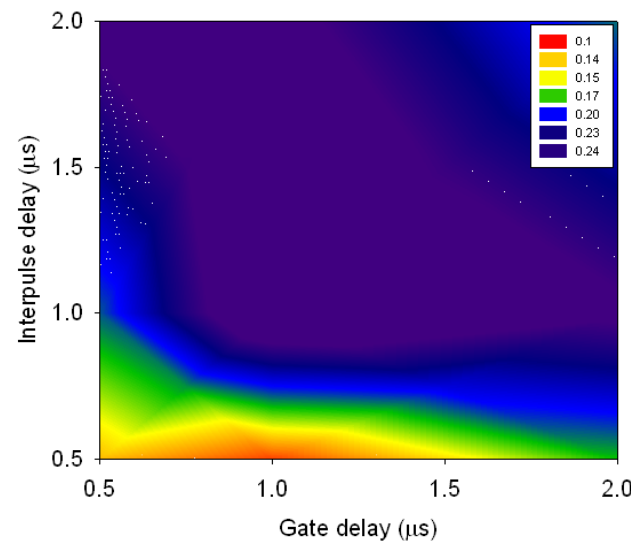
LIBS experiment



- Laser parameters
 - 1064 nm
 - 335 mJ/ pulse
 - double pulse
- Optimal timing
 - 0.5 μs delay
 - 1 μs interpulse
- 25-30 meters



SNR
Signal to noise ratio



RMSEC
Root mean squared
error of calibration



Painted surface classification



Partial least squares discriminant analysis (PLS-DA)

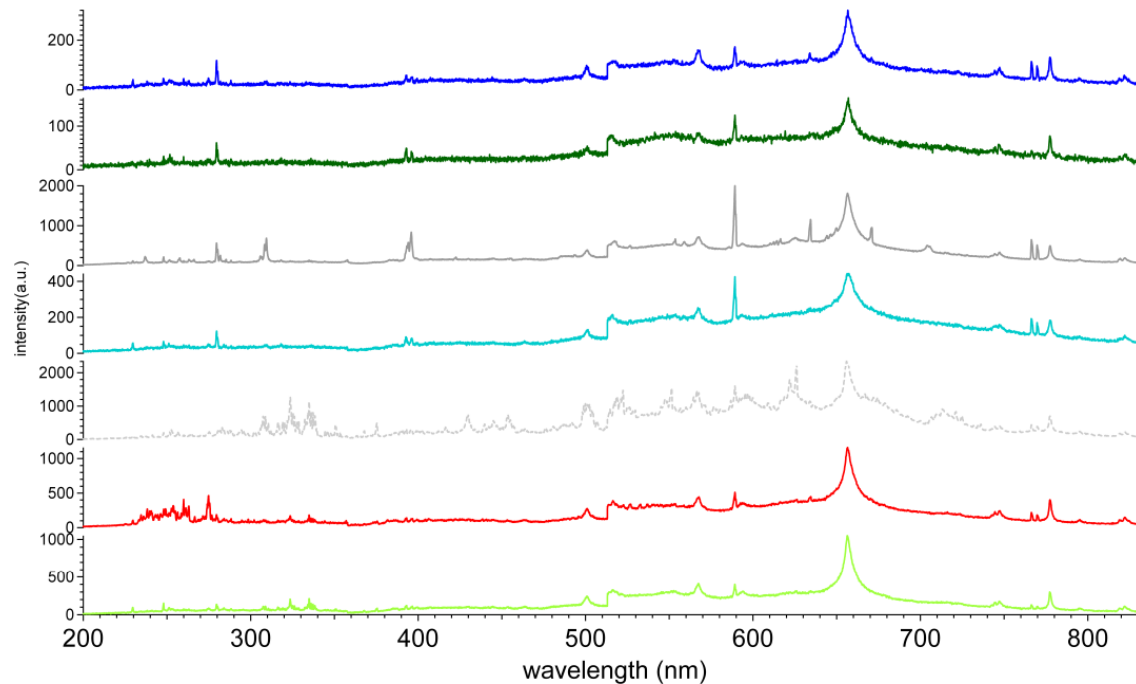
- Supervised, inverse least squares discrimination method
- Generates predictor variables used to classify
- Finds maximum separation between classes

Collected LIBS spectra

- Model: 495 samples
 - Whole spectra used as variable input
 - 7 classes (based on color)
 - Optimal number of latent variables determined (40)
- Validation: 213 samples



LIBS spectra of painted surfaces



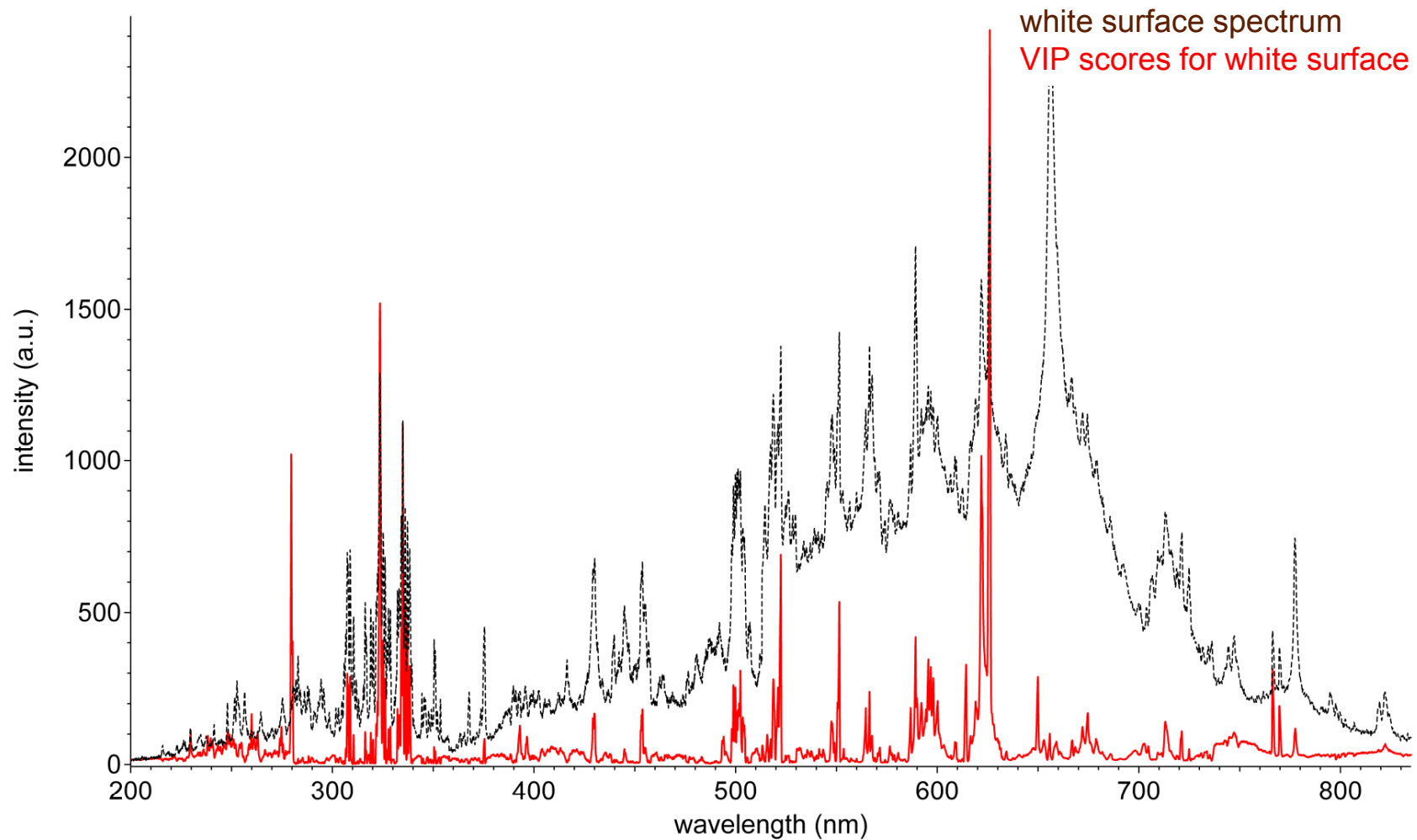
Determine probability of each test sample

- Classified: >75% belongs to correct class
- Misclassified: >75% belongs to incorrect class
- Unclassified: >75% belongs to multiple classes

	Classified	Misclassified	Unclassified
Black	97%	0%	3%
Blue	93%	0%	7%
Dark green	97%	0%	3%
Silver	100%	0%	0%
Teal	100%	0%	0%
Red	100%	0%	0%
White	100%	0%	0%
All	98%	0%	2%



Variable importance in projection (VIP) scores



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Residues on painted surface



PLS-DA model: 414 spectra

- 69 RDX
- 25 TNT
- 70 blank surfaces
- 70 oil
- 60 dust
- 60 fingerprints
- 60 sand

Three PLS-DA models

- Whole spectra
- Intensity and ratios
- "Fused"

Model classes based on residue not color

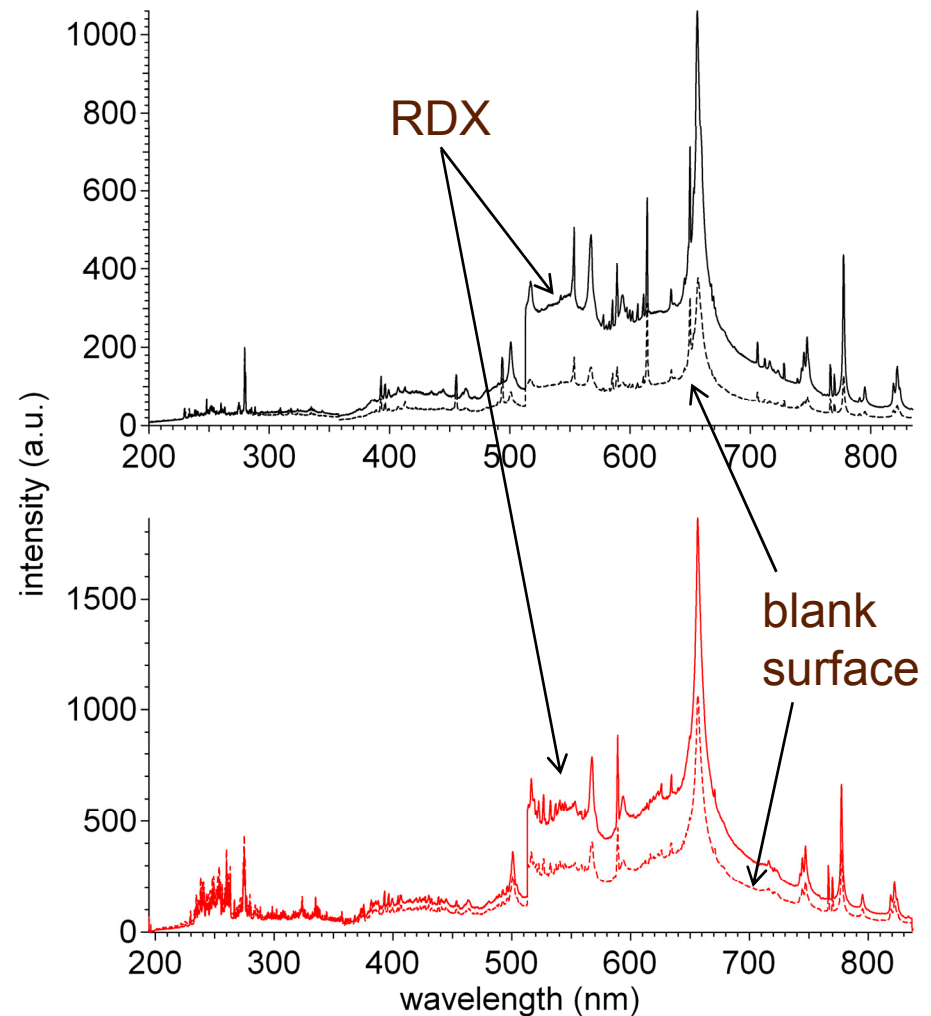
- Explosive
- Blank
- Oil
- Dust
- Fingerprints
- Sand

850 test samples

- 210 explosives
- 640 non-explosives

Probability >75% sample belongs to explosive class

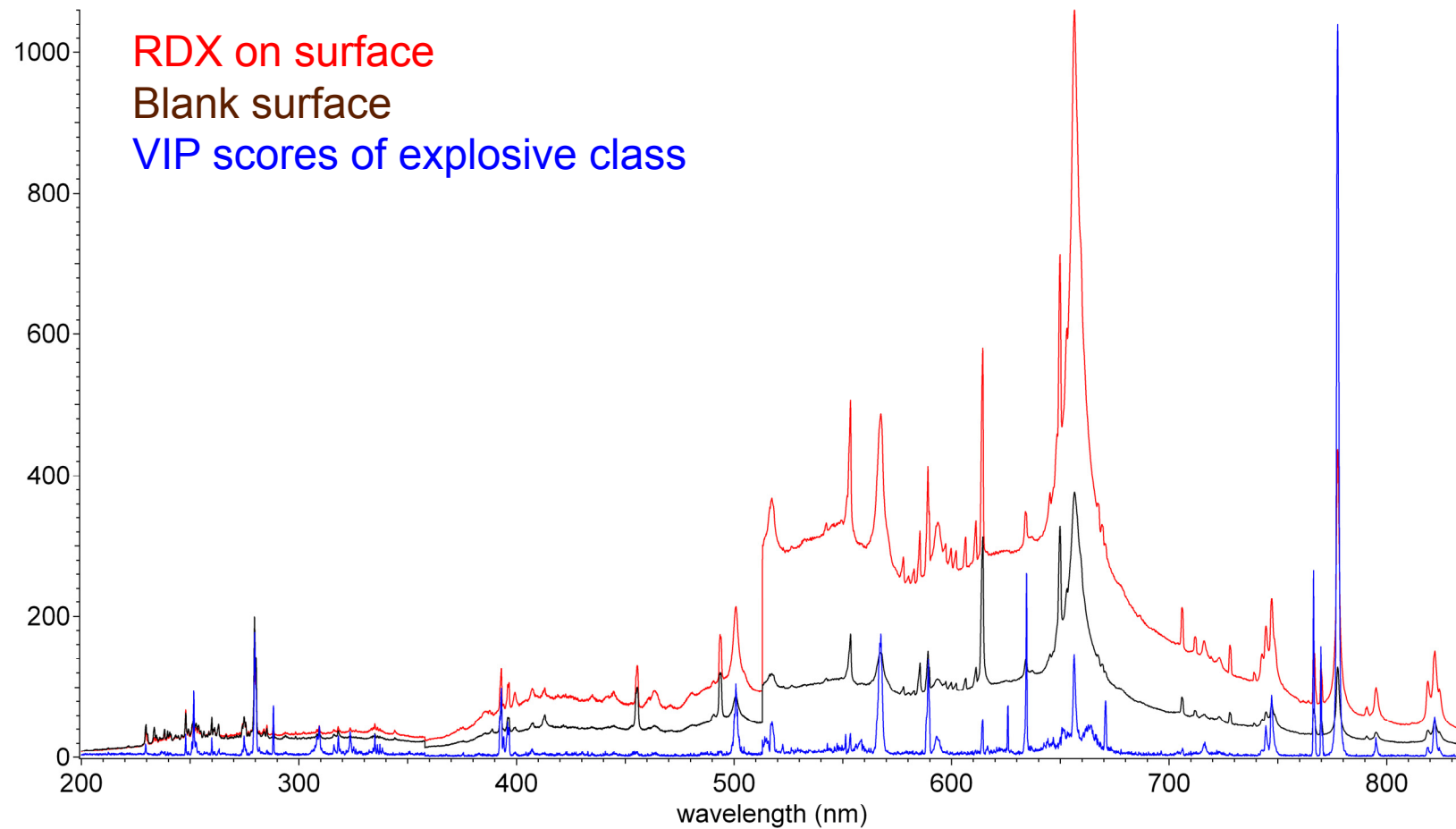
TPR 99.5% and FPR 3.1%





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VIP scores



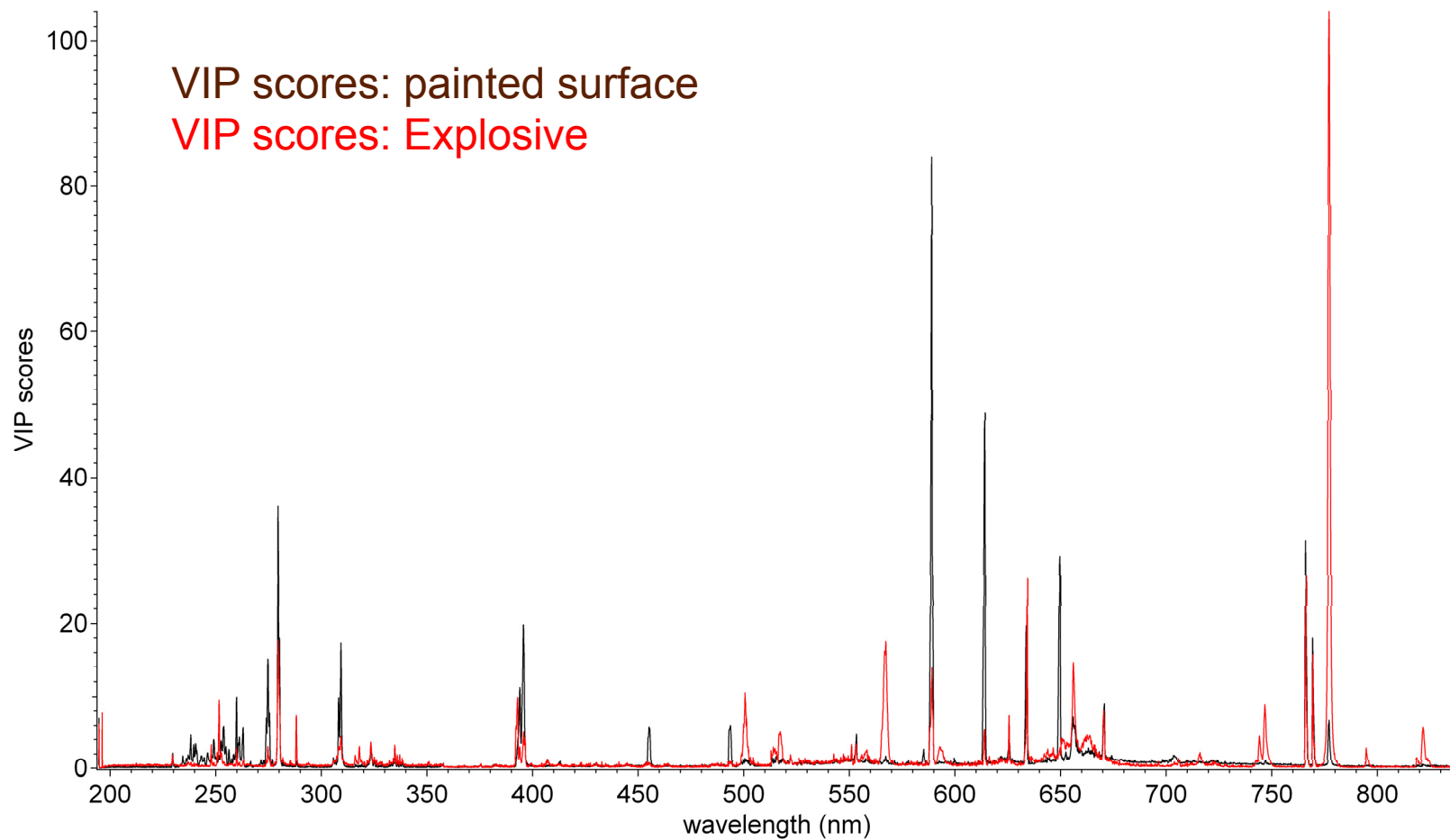
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VIP scores: explosive class vs. color class



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Selected intensities and ratios model



3800 test samples

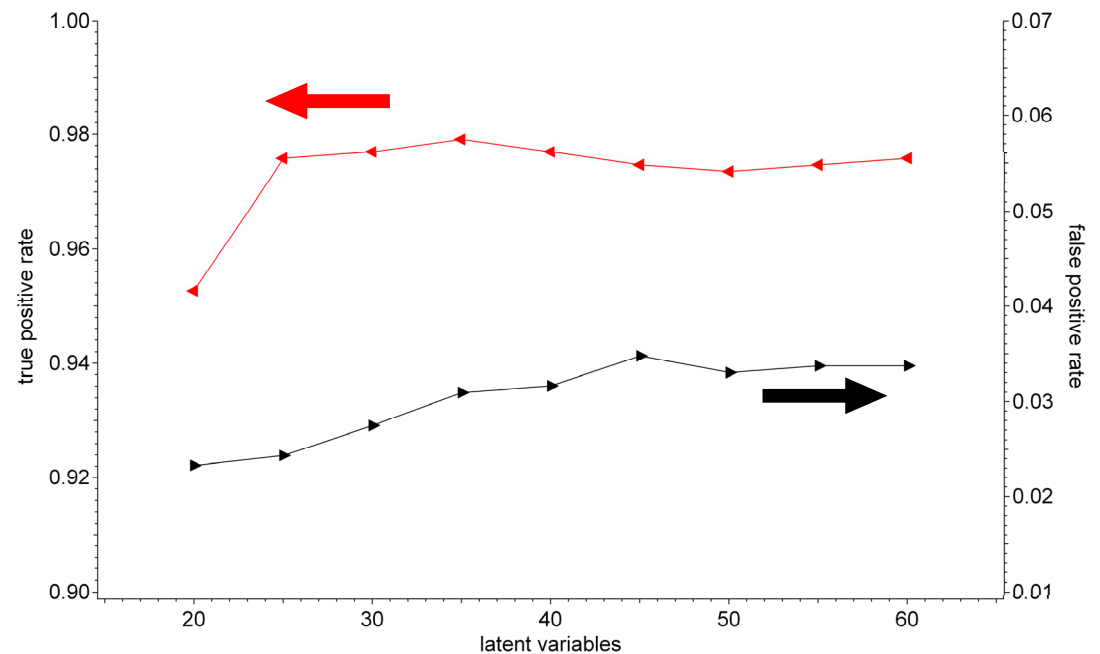
- 908 explosives
- 2876 non-explosives

Used intensities and ratios

- C,H,N and O
- C₂ and CN
- ratios based on non-linear combinations of intensities

TPR 97-98%

FPR 2.5-3.5%





More testing

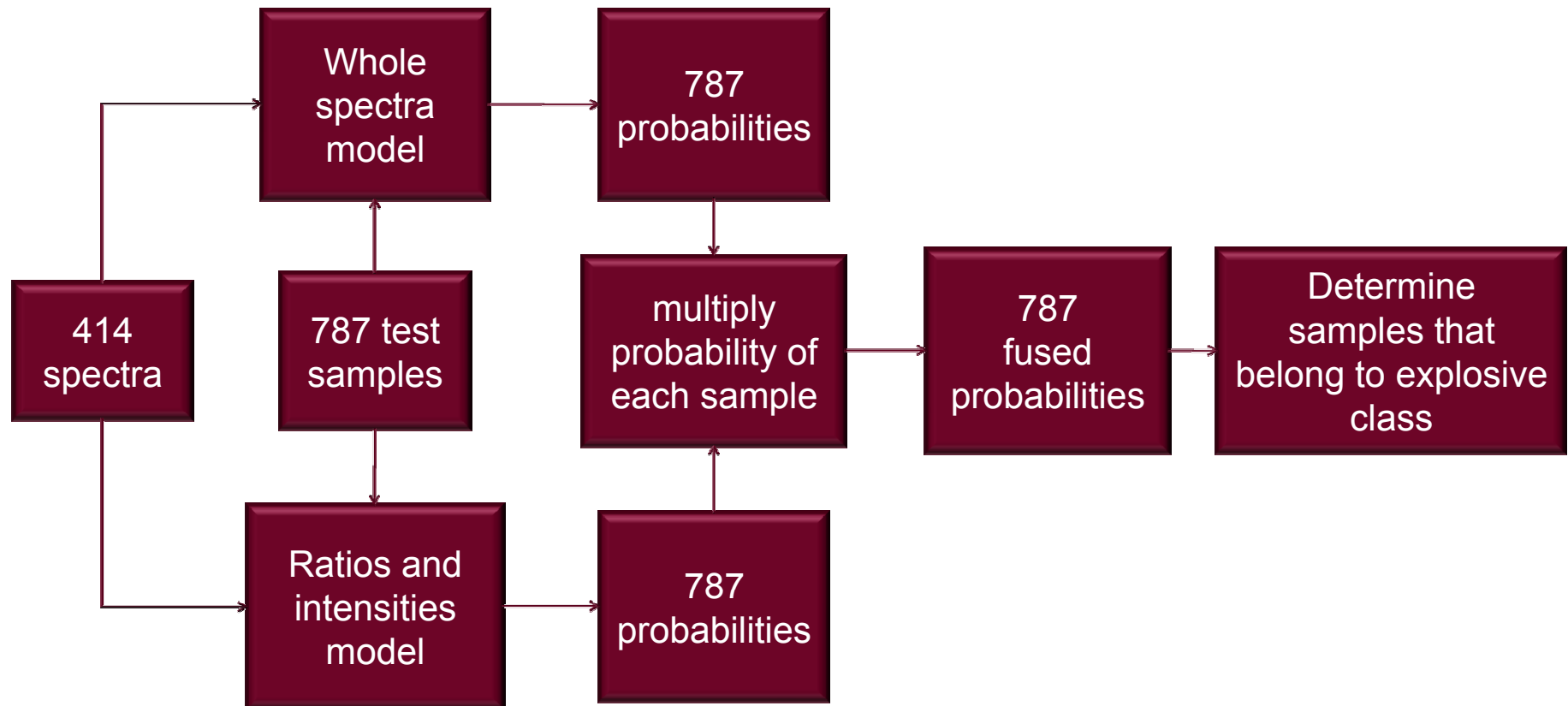


Further tested intensities and ratios model using samples not included in model

- Composition-B (36% TNT, 63% RDX, 1% wax)
- Diesel fuel

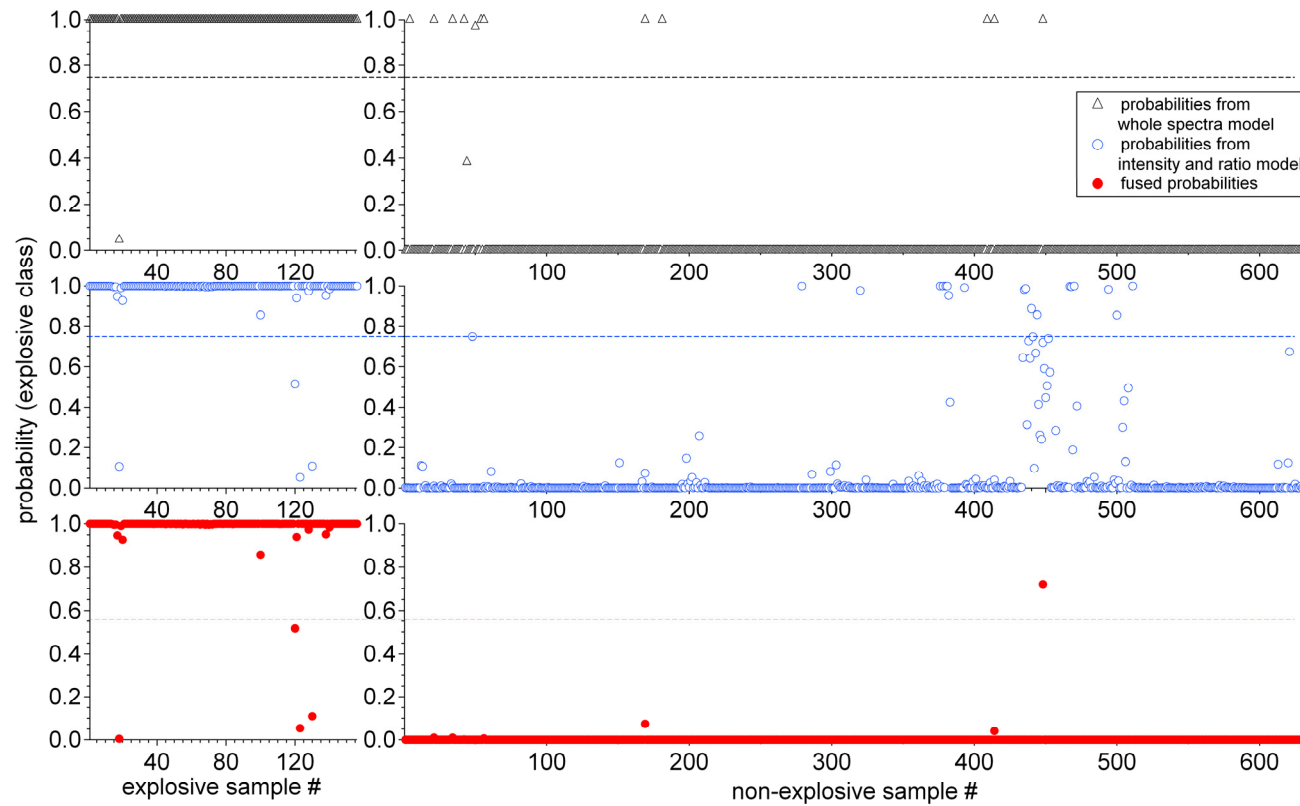
Results

- 85% TPR (Comp-B) 331 samples
- 4% FPR (diesel) 593 samples





Probabilities



whole

ratios

fused

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	Whole	Ratio	Fused
TPR	99%	97%	97%
FPR	1.9%	2.9%	0.16%

Classified painted surfaces by color

Classified residues as explosive or non-explosive on painted surfaces

Whole spectra PLS-DA model

- Classification due to constituent elements
- Classification also due to substrate

Ratio PLS-DA model

- Classification can only be due to constituent elements

Fused model decreases false positive rate