

gamma_flow: Guided Analysis of Multi-label spectra by Matrix Factorization for Lightweight Operational Workflows

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Abstract

gamma_flow is an open-source Python package for real-time analysis of spectral data. It supports classification, denoising, decomposition, and outlier detection of both single- and multi-component spectra. Instead of relying on large, computationally intensive models, it employs a novel supervised approach to non-negative matrix factorization (NMF) for dimensionality reduction. This ensures a fast, efficient, and adaptable analysis while reducing computational costs. **gamma_flow** achieves classification accuracies above 90% and enables reliable automated spectral interpretation. Originally developed for gamma-ray spectra, it is applicable to any type of one-dimensional spectral data. As an open and flexible alternative to proprietary software, it supports various applications in research and industry.

Keywords: Python, Gamma spectroscopy, Non-negative Matrix Factorization, Classification, Denoising, Spectral Deconvolution

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C6	Software code languages, tools, and services used	Python
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- Scores (different detector, single-label class.)
- Confusion matrix (different detector, single-label class.)
- Denoised spectrum
- Outlier: Feature importance (decision tree)

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