

# Mars Express Power Challenge



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The equipment needs to be at certain temperature:

- Electronics - room temp.
- Imaging sensors - low temp.

*Science Power = Produced Power - Thermal Power*

# The Problem

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**Given:** data for 3 Martian years:

- Year 1: 2008-08-22 to 2010-07-10
- Year 2: 2010-07-10 to 2012-05-27
- Year 3: 2012-05-27 to 2014-04-14

Multi-  
target  
regression

**Predict:** power consumption of 33 thermal lines for

- Year 4: 2014-04-14 to 2016-03-01 (per hour)

# The Data

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- Solar Aspect Angles (SAAF)
- Detailed Mission Operations Plan (DMOP)
  - subsystem on/off
- Flight Dynamics TimeLine with pointing events (FTL)
- Long term data
  - solar constant, mars-sun distance etc.
- Other events
  - Umbras, pen-umbras...

33 target attributes:

- Measured electric current every 30-60 seconds

# Solar Aspect angles

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- `ut_ms`: unix timestamp in milliseconds
- `sa`: angle of Mars Express solar panels' normal
- `sx`: solar angle of the X axis of satellite
- `sy`: solar angle of the Y axis of satellite
- `sz`: solar angle of the Z axis of satellite

# Detailed Mission Operations Plan

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- `ut_ms`: unix timestamp in milliseconds
- `subsystem`: name of the operated subsystem command

Unix timestamp, Subsystem

1219370500000, AXXX305A

1219370632000, AXXX3AFF

1219370819000, MAPO.0000008333

...

## Other events:

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Unix timestamp, Description

1219370500000, "1200\_KM\_DESCEND,"

1219370632000, "MRB\_AOS\_10,"

1219370819000, "800\_KM\_DESCEND,"

1219370902000, "MAR\_PENUMBRA\_START,"

1219370986000, "MAR\_UMBRA\_START,"

1219371075000, "MAR\_UMBRA\_END,"

...



# Feature Construction

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- Data time frame (resolution)
- Current solar radiation
- Solar radiation in the past
- DMOP and FTL (orbiter commands and pointing events)

# Data time frame

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- Power data (targets) typically measured in 30-60s intervals with a lot of gaps
- 1min time resolution (=time step)
  - Fixed 60s time step for entire data set
  - Remove larger gaps (5 or 10 time steps)
  - Linear interpolation and integration for continuous data (electric, solar power)
  - 2.6 million examples!

# Current Solar Radiation

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- For each of the 6 six sides of the orbiter + solar panels:

$$A_E = A \max\{\cos \alpha, 0\}$$

$$\text{feat}(t_i) = \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} A_E(t) c(t) U(t) dt$$

- Using orbiter orientation angles  $\alpha$ , solar constant  $c$  and (pen)umbra coefficient  $U$

# Orbiter History

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- Current orbiter state depends on its state in the past
- Lagged features
- Summed features

$$\text{feat-sumN}(t_i) = \sum_{t=t_{i-1}}^{t_i-N} \text{feat}(t)$$

- $N = 4, 16, 32, 64, 128$

# DMOP and FTL Features

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- DMOP: when different subsystems' commands have been triggered
  - Time since (max 1 day) activation for:
    - all command/subsystem pairs
    - any command for a given subsystem
- FTL: when different spacecraft pointing events took place + communication with Earth
  - Event Active/Inactive

# Final Data Set

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- 1 min time resolution
- 465 features
- 2.6M examples
- 7.4 GB
  
- Newer versions:
  - 1 and 2 min time resolution
  - Lagged and summed DMOP and FTL
  - 600 and 1200 features
  - 2.6M and 1.3 M examples
  - 17 GB

# Machine Learning

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## What we tried:

- Predictive Clustering Trees (PCTs)
- Random Forests of PCTs
- Single target and multi target prediction
- Clustering of targets to combine ST and MT
- Tuning of RF parameters
- All data (years 1+2+3) and only recent data (3rd year)
- A few different data sets
- Feature ranking
- Ensemble of ensembles
- Extreme Gradient Boosting
- ...

# What worked best?

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- Random Forests of PCTs:
  - 200 trees in ensemble
  - minimum of 500 examples in tree leafs
  - consider  $\frac{1}{4}$  of all features (instead of sqrt)
- Smaller data set (465 features, 2.6M examples, 7.4 GB)
- Single target prediction (6th place -> 1st place)
- Training time: ~15h per target
- ~100 Gb of RAM



# What the Others Did?

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- 1h time resolution
- Extreme Gradient Boosting, Neural Nets, Ensembles of ensembles
- Multi target to single target conversion (new attribute specifying the target):

Original dataset (F=Feature, L=Power Line):

F1	F2	L1	L2
1.3	0.2	0.4	0.6
1.9	1.2	0.2	0.7

Flattened dataset (LID = Line ID):

F1	F2	LID	L
1.3	0.2	1	0.4
1.3	0.2	2	0.6
1.9	1.2	1	0.2
1.9	1.2	2	0.7

# Leaderboard :-)

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## Leaderboard

Name	Submissions	Last Submission	Best Submission	Best Score
MMMe8	21	July 30, 2016, 9:17 a.m.	July 30, 2016, 9:17 a.m.	0.0803769211622248
redrock	58	July 29, 2016, 11:39 p.m.	July 29, 2016, 11:39 p.m.	0.0804496833344005
fornaxintospace	58	July 29, 2016, 7:38 p.m.	July 29, 2016, 7:38 p.m.	0.0819239101733324
Alex	42	July 22, 2016, 8:24 p.m.	July 22, 2016, 8:22 p.m.	0.0846394180545192
trnka	38	July 29, 2016, 9:12 p.m.	May 22, 2016, 8:23 a.m.	0.0906015604695004
w	49	July 29, 2016, 8:12 p.m.	July 29, 2016, 8:12 p.m.	0.0906458520844299
otto	10	July 29, 2016, 7:35 p.m.	July 29, 2016, 7:35 p.m.	0.0966951084083446
Gagan@Gowda	39	July 30, 2016, 2:59 a.m.	July 30, 2016, 2:59 a.m.	0.0976163772137674
dinesh	26	July 30, 2016, 6:14 a.m.	July 28, 2016, 5:15 p.m.	0.0987883463469848
qianzhaozhi	3	May 26, 2016, 3:56 p.m.	May 25, 2016, 5:52 p.m.	0.0997231086092421
Mars_km.dfki	21	July 29, 2016, 7:13 p.m.	July 29, 2016, 7:13 p.m.	0.0997384213146519

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MMMe8	24	July 31, 2016, 11:53 p.m.	July 30, 2016, 9:17 a.m.	0.0803769211622248
fornaxintospace	63	July 31, 2016, 11:56 p.m.	July 29, 2016, 7:38 p.m.	0.0819239101733324
Alex	42	July 22, 2016, 8:24 p.m.	July 22, 2016, 8:22 p.m.	0.0846394180545192
luis	6	July 31, 2016, 11:56 p.m.	July 31, 2016, 11:56 p.m.	0.089078627464354
w	53	July 31, 2016, 5:06 p.m.	July 31, 2016, 5:06 p.m.	0.0895714760419749
trnka	42	July 31, 2016, 11:57 p.m.	May 22, 2016, 8:23 a.m.	0.0906015604695004
Gagan@Gowda	41	July 31, 2016, 10:39 p.m.	July 31, 2016, 10:39 p.m.	0.0963982366953394
vaseen	11	July 31, 2016, 11:13 p.m.	July 30, 2016, 5:42 p.m.	0.0964198045933572

# Final Results :-)

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3	fornaxintospace	July 29, 2016, 5:38 p.m.	0.081925542258189737
4	Alex	July 22, 2016, 6:22 p.m.	0.083848704280679837
5	luis	July 31, 2016, 9:56 p.m.	0.088395630359812905
6	w	July 31, 2016, 3:06 p.m.	0.088993096282001347
7	trnka	May 22, 2016, 6:23 a.m.	0.089866726592717425
8	Gagan@Gowda	July 31, 2016, 8:39 p.m.	0.096160889582667899
9	yaseen	July 30, 2016, 3:42 p.m.	0.096190288456035195

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