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We present a geometric framework for characterizing information in hyperspectral movies, i.e., sequences of hyperspectral data cubes evolving in time. Time frames in such a movie are mapped to a sequence of abstract points on the real Grassmann manifold  $G(k, n)$ , a manifold that parameterizes the  $k$ -dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The Grassmannian framework affords data compression while retaining pertinent data structure. This structure, associated with the evolution of the frames of a hyperspectral movie, can be revealed by persistent homology, a relatively new multiscale method from topological data analysis. The proposed approach is applied to the detection of chemical signals in the Long-Wavelength Infrared data set. (Received September 22, 2015)