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# **SAR POLARIMETRY** Basics Concepts, Advanced Concepts and Applications

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**Objective** 

To provide

# the minimum, but necessary, amount of knowledge required to understand scientific works on SAR Polarimetry (PolSAR)

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#### **Basic Concepts in PolSAR Analysis**

#### **Wave Polarimetry**

- Wave Propagation
- Wave Polarisation
- Jones Vector
  - Polarisation Ratio
  - Complex Polarisation Plane
  - Orthogonal Jones Vector
  - Elliptical Basis Transformation
- Stokes Vector
  - Poincaré Sphere
  - Elliptical Basis Transformation
- Partially Polarised Waves
- Wave Polarisation Dimension

#### **Scattering Polarimetry**

- Scattering Problem
- Polarimetric Descriptors
  - Scattering / Sinclair Matrix
  - Target Vectors
  - Partially Scattering Polarimetry
  - Mueller / Kennaugh Matrix
  - Huynen Parameters
  - Coherency Matrix
  - Covariance Matrix
- Elliptical Basis Transformations
- Synthesis / Equivalence
- Polarimetric Target Dimension
  - MonostaticTarget Equations
  - Monostatic Target Diagram

#### **Advanced Concepts in PolSAR Analysis**

- Polarimetric Speckle Filtering
- Diffusion Symmetries
- Target Decomposition Theorems
  - Krogager Decomposition
  - Huynen / Barnes Decompositions
  - Cloude / Holm Decompositions
  - Freeman / Yamaguchi Decompositions
  - Van Zyl / Arii Decompositions
  - H / A /  $\underline{\alpha}$  Decomposition
  - eigenvalues based parameters
  - TSVM Decomposition

- PolSAR Image Segmentation
  - H /  $\underline{\alpha}$  Unsupervised Classification
  - Wishart Classifier
  - Wishart H /  $\underline{\alpha}$  Classification
  - Wishart H / A /  $\underline{\alpha}$  Classification
  - Wishart Freeman Classification
- Basics of Polarimetric SAR Interferometry
  - Complementarity of Polarimetry and Interferometry
  - Pol-InSAR classification of complex scenes

# **Practicals**



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- A bit of History
- Space-borne Polarimetric SAR Sensors
- Software / Toolbox
- Learning / Training



## **Radar Polarimetry**



Radar Polarimetry (Polar : polarisation Metry: measure) is the science of acquiring, processing and analysing the polarization state of an electromagnetic field

Radar Polarimetry deals with the full vector nature of polarized electromagnetic waves

#### **Radar Polarimetry**

The POLARISATION information Contained in the waves backscattered from a given medium is highly related to:

its geometrical structure reflectivity, shape and orientation

its geophysical properties such as humidity, roughness

#### **SAR Polarimetry Applications**



#### **Forest Vegetation**

- Forest Height
- Forest Biomass
- Forest Structure
- Canopy Extinction
- Underlying Topography

- Forest Ecology
- Forest Management
- Ecosystem Change
- Carbon Cycle

- Soil Moisture Content
- Soil roughness
- Height of Vegetation Layer
- Extinction of Vegetation Layer
- Moisture of Vegetation Layer
- Farming Management
- Water Cycle
- Desretification



Agriculture

#### **Snow and Ice**

Urban Areas

- Topography
- Penetration Depth / Density
- Snow Ice Layer
- Snow Ice Extinction
- Water Equivalent

- Ecosystem Change
- Water Cycle
- Water Management

Urban Monitoring

Geometric PropertiesDielectric Properties



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# **A Bit Of History**



# **Radar Polarimetry**



#### **Discovery of the Phenomena of Polarized Electromagnetic Energy**















## **Polarimetric SAR**





# **San Francisco Bay**





ALOS : Advanced Land Observing Satellite PALSAR : Phase Array L-Band SAR



# **San Francisco Bay**

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# **Scattering Polarimetry**



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#### **ALOS - PALSAR**

#### January 2006 L-Band (Sngl / Twin / Quad)





ALOS : Advanced Land Observing Satellite PALSAR : Phase Array L-Band SAR

#### **TerraSAR - X**

#### June 2007 X-Band (Sngl / Twin / Quad ?)



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#### **RADARSAT - 2**

December 2007 **C-Band (Quad)** Agence spatiale canadienne Canadian Space Agency MDA





#### What About The Future ?



### From Tomorrow ...



## New and Future Space-Borne PolSAR Pol-InSAR Sensors



#### **SENTINEL – 1A**



#### April 2014 C-Band (Dual)



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#### **ALOS - 2**



L-Band (Quad)



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## Software / Toolbox ?



### **PolSARpro v5.0**

#### The Polarimetric SAR Data Processing and Educational Tool v5.0



## **PolSARpro v5.0**



#### **OPEN SOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

#### The Tool is free download on the Internet from the ESA Web Portal (Earthnet) at : https://earth.esa.int/web/polsarpro



### **PolSARpro v5.0**

#### http://earth.esa.int/web/polsarpro



**The Web Site provides** 

• Details of the project

- Access to the tutorial and software
- Information about status of the development
- Demonstration Sample Datasets



# **Learning / Training**

### **Next P.I Generations**



#### **Books On Polarimetric Radar SAR, Polarimetric Interferometry**



Polarimetric Radar Imaging: From basics to applications Jong-Sen LEE – Eric POTTIER CRC Press; 1st ed., February 2009, pp 422 ISBN: 978-1420054972



Polarisation: Applications in Remote Sensing Shane R. CLOUDE Oxford University Press, October 2009, pp 352 ISBN: 978-0199569731

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#### **PROPAGATION EQUATION**

#### REAL ELECTRIC FIELD VECTOR $\vec{E}(z,t)$







#### **PROPAGATION EQUATION**

COMPLEX ELECTRIC FIELD VECTOR  $\underline{E}(z)$  With:  $\vec{E}(z,t) = \Re\left(\underline{E}(z)e^{j\omega t}\right)$ 

HELMHOLTZ PROPAGATION EQUATION  $\nabla^2 \underline{E}(z) + \underline{k}^2 \underline{E}(z) = 0$ 

**SOLUTION:** 
$$\underline{E}(z) = \underline{E}e^{-jkz}$$

With: 
$$\underline{E} = \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_{ox} e^{j\delta_x} \\ E_{oy} e^{j\delta_y} \\ E_{oz} e^{j\delta_z} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### SINUSOIDAL PLANE WAVE

$$abla \cdot \vec{E}(z,t) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = 0$$



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## POLARISATION ELLIPSE



#### **REAL ELECTRIC FIELD VECTOR**

$$\vec{E}(z,t) = \begin{cases} E_x = E_{0x} \cos(\omega t - kz - \delta_x) \\ E_y = E_{0y} \cos(\omega t - kz - \delta_y) \\ E_z = 0 \end{cases}$$



## **POLARISATION ELLIPSE**



THE REAL ELECTRIC FIELD VECTOR MOVES IN TIME ALONG AN ELLIPSE

$$\left(\frac{E_x}{E_{\theta x}}\right)^2 - 2\frac{E_x E_y}{E_{\theta x} E_{\theta y}} \cos(\delta) + \left(\frac{E_y}{E_{\theta y}}\right)^2 = \sin^2(\delta)$$
  
With:  $\delta = \delta_y - \delta_x$ 



#### **POLARISATION ELLIPSE**



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#### **POLARISATION HANDENESS**

#### **ROTATION SENSE: LOOKING INTO THE DIRECTION OF THE WAVE PROPAGATION**




### **REAL ELECTRIC FIELD VECTOR**

### **PHASOR = JONES VECTOR**

$$\vec{E}(z,t) = \begin{cases} E_x = E_{0x} \cos(\omega t - kz - \delta_x) \\ E_y = E_{0y} \cos(\omega t - kz - \delta_y) \\ E_z = 0 \end{cases} \longrightarrow \underline{E} = \begin{bmatrix} E_x = E_{0x} e^{j\delta_x} \\ E_y = E_{0y} e^{j\delta_y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{With: } \vec{E}(z,t) = \Re\left(\underline{E}e^{j(\omega t - kz)}\right)$$

### **GEOMETRICAL PARAMETERS**

ABSOLUTE PHASE

$$\alpha = \delta_x$$

AMPLITUDE

$$A = \sqrt{E_{\theta x}^2 + E_{\theta y}^2}$$

**ORIENTATION ANGLE** 

$$\tan 2\phi = 2 \frac{E_{\theta x} E_{\theta y}}{E_{\theta x}^2 - E_{\theta y}^2} \cos \delta$$

**ELLIPTICITY ANGLE** 

$$\sin 2\tau = 2 \frac{E_{\theta x} E_{\theta y}}{E_{\theta x}^2 + E_{\theta y}^2} \sin \delta$$

POLARISATION HANDENESS: Sign(T)

### JONES VECTOR

#### HORIZONTAL POLARISATION STATE



#### **VERTICAL POLARISATION STATE**



#### LEFT CIRCULAR POLARISATION STATE



### **RIGHT CIRCULAR POLARISATION STATE**



### JONES VECTOR

### **Special Unitary Matrices Group and Jones Vector**

$$E_{(\hat{x},\hat{y})} = \begin{bmatrix} E_x = E_{ox}e^{j\delta_x} \\ E_y = E_{oy}e^{j\delta_y} \end{bmatrix} = Ae^{j\alpha} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi)\cos(\tau) - j\sin(\phi)\sin(\tau) \\ \sin(\phi)\cos(\tau) + j\cos(\phi)\sin(\tau) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\underbrace{E_{(\hat{x},\hat{y})}}_{in(\phi)} = Ae^{j\alpha} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\underbrace{E_{(\hat{x},\hat{y})}}_{in(\phi)} = A \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### JONES VECTOR



## ORTHOGONAL JONES VECTOR

### **JONES VECTOR**

$$\underline{E} = \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_{ox} e^{j\delta_x} \\ E_{oy} e^{j\delta_y} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= A \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \hat{u}_x$$
$$\underbrace{\mathbf{POLARISATION ALGEBRA}}$$

NORM OF A JONES VECTOR $\|\underline{E}\| = \sqrt{E_{\theta x}^2 + E_{\theta y}^2}$ SCALAR PRODUCT $\langle \underline{A}, \underline{B} \rangle = \underline{A}^{T^*} \underline{B}$ ORTHOGONALITY $\langle \underline{A}, \underline{A}_{\perp} \rangle = 0$ 

### ORTHOGONAL JONES VECTOR

### **JONES VECTOR**

$$\underline{E} = A \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \hat{u}_x$$

**ORTHOGONAL JONES VECTOR** 

$$E_{\perp} = A \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \hat{u}_{y}$$

$$= A \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\phi) & -\cos(\phi) \\ \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & -j\sin(\tau) \\ -j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \hat{u}_{x}$$

$$E_{\perp} = A \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi + \frac{\pi}{2}) & -\sin(\phi + \frac{\pi}{2}) \\ \sin(\phi + \frac{\pi}{2}) & \cos(\phi + \frac{\pi}{2}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\tau) & j\sin(-\tau) \\ j\sin(-\tau) & \cos(-\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \hat{u}_{x}$$

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## ORTHOGONAL JONES VECTOR





**ORTHOGONALITY CONDITIONS** 

$$(\phi, \tau) \mapsto \begin{cases} \phi' = \phi + \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \tau' = -\tau \implies \text{ Change of Polarisation Handeness} \end{cases}$$



### **JONES VECTOR**

$$\underline{E} = A \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \hat{u}_x$$

**ORTHOGONAL JONES VECTOR** 

$$\underline{E}_{\perp} = A \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \hat{u}_{y}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} E, E_{\perp} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} [\hat{u}_{x}, \hat{u}_{y}]$$

**ELLIPTICAL BASIS TRANSFORMATION** 

### **ORTHOGONAL JONES VECTORS**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{E}, \underline{E}_{\perp} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} [\hat{u}_x, \hat{u}_y]$$

SU(2) : SPECIAL UNITARY TRANSFORMATION MATRIX

$$\begin{bmatrix} U(\phi,\tau,\alpha) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} U_2(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_2(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_2(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\begin{bmatrix} U_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_2 \end{bmatrix}^{T^*} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{D2} \end{bmatrix}$  CONSERVATION OF THE WAVE ENERGY  $det(\begin{bmatrix} U_2 \end{bmatrix}) = +1$  ENSURES THE CORRECT PHASE DEFINITION

### SU(2) : SPECIAL UNITARY TRANSFORMATION MATRIX

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### **ELLIPTICAL BASIS TRANSFORMATION MATRIX**

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_{(\underline{A},\underline{A}_{\perp})\mapsto(\underline{B},\underline{B}_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U(\phi,\tau,\alpha) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} e^{j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & -j\sin(\tau) \\ -j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & \sin(\phi) \\ -\sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix}$$



FROM LINEAR TO CIRCULAR BASIS

$$\underline{E} = E_{H} \underline{H} + E_{V} \underline{V} = E_{LC} \underline{LC} + E_{RC} \underline{RC}$$

With:



FROM LINEAR TO CIRCULAR BASIS

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With:





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### FROM LINEAR TO CIRCULAR BASIS

$$\underline{E} = E_{H} \underline{H} + E_{V} \underline{V} = E_{LC} \underline{LC} + E_{LC} \underline{LC}$$

With:

### FROM LINEAR TO CIRCULAR BASIS

$$\underline{E} = E_{H} \underline{H} + E_{V} \underline{V} = E_{LC} \underline{LC} + E_{LC_{\perp}} \underline{LC_{\perp}}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$[\underline{LC}, \underline{LC_{\perp}}] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & j \\ j & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U(\varrho, \frac{\pi}{4}) \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} U_{(\underline{H}, \underline{V}) \mapsto (\underline{LC}, \underline{LC_{\perp}}) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -j \\ -j & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_{LC} \\ E_{LC_{\perp}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -j \\ -j & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_{H} \\ E_{V} \end{bmatrix}$$

REAL REPRESENTATION OF THE POLARISATION STATE OF A MONOCHROMATIC WAVE

$$\underline{E} \cdot \underline{E}^{T*} = \begin{bmatrix} E_x E_x^* & E_x E_y^* \\ E_y E_x^* & E_y E_y^* \end{bmatrix}$$

### **PAULI MATRICES GROUP**

$$\sigma_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -j \\ j & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\underbrace{E \cdot E^{T^*}}_{2} = \frac{1}{2} \{ g_0 \sigma_0 + g_1 \sigma_1 + g_2 \sigma_2 + g_3 \sigma_3 \} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} g_0 + g_1 & g_2 - jg_3 \\ g_2 + jg_3 & g_0 - g_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\{g_0, g_1, g_2, g_3\}$  STOKES PARAMETERS



### **JONES VECTOR**

$$\underline{E} = \begin{bmatrix} E_x = E_{ox} e^{j\delta_x} \\ E_y = E_{oy} e^{j\delta_y} \end{bmatrix}$$

**STOKES VECTOR** 

$$\underline{g}_{\underline{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} g_0 = |E_x|^2 + |E_y|^2 \\ g_1 = |E_x|^2 - |E_y|^2 \\ g_2 = 2\Re(E_x E_y^*) \\ g_3 = -2\Im(E_x E_y^*) \end{bmatrix}$$

WAVE POLARISATION STATE ESTIMATION FROM INTENSITIES MEASUREMENTS



### **STOKES VECTOR**

$$\underline{g}_{\underline{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} g_0 = E_{0x}^2 + E_{0y}^2 \\ g_1 = E_{0x}^2 - E_{0y}^2 \\ g_2 = 2E_{0x}E_{0y}\cos(\delta) \\ g_3 = 2E_{0x}E_{0y}\sin(\delta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g_0 = A^2 \\ g_1 = A^2\cos 2\phi\cos 2\tau \\ g_2 = A^2\sin 2\phi\cos 2\tau \\ g_3 = A^2\sin 2\phi\cos 2\tau \\ g_3 = A^2\sin 2\tau \end{bmatrix}$$

### **GEOMETRICAL PARAMETERS**

**ORIENTATION ANGLE** 

$$\tan 2\phi = 2 \frac{E_{0x} E_{0y}}{E_{0x}^2 - E_{0y}^2} \cos \delta = \frac{g_2}{g_1}$$

**ELLIPTICITY ANGLE** 

$$\sin 2\tau = 2 \frac{E_{\theta x} E_{\theta y}}{E_{\theta x}^2 + E_{\theta y}^2} \sin \delta = \frac{g_3}{g_0}$$

#### HORIZONTAL POLARISATION STATE



#### **VERTICAL POLARISATION STATE**

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#### **LEFT CIRCULAR POLARISATION STATE**



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#### **RIGHT CIRCULAR POLARISATION STATE**



# O(4) UNITARY ROTATION ROUP CESa JONES VECTOR

$$E = A \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \hat{u}_{x}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(\phi) \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(\tau) \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$HOMOMORPHISM SU(2) - O(3)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0_{3}(2\theta) \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} = \frac{1}{2} Tr \left( \begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(\theta) \end{bmatrix}^{T*} \sigma_{p} \begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \sigma_{q} \right)$$

$$(\sigma_{p}, \sigma_{q}) : \text{Pauli Matrices}$$

$$STOKES VECTOR$$

$$g_{E} = A^{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(2\phi) & -\sin(2\phi) & 0 \\ 0 & \sin(2\phi) & \cos(2\phi) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin(2\tau) & 0 & \cos(2\tau) \\ 0 & \sin(2\tau) & 0 & \cos(2\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin(2\alpha) & \cos(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \sin(2\alpha) & \cos(2\alpha) \end{bmatrix} g_{\hat{u}},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0_{3}(2\phi) & 0 \\ 0 & \sin(2\phi) & \cos(2\phi) \\ 0 & \sin(2\phi) & \cos(2\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0_{3}(2\phi) & 0 \\ 0 & \sin(2\phi) & \cos(2\phi) \\ 0 & \sin(2\phi) & \cos(2\phi) \end{bmatrix} g_{\hat{u}},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} U_2(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_2(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_2(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}$$

HOMOMORPHISM SU(2) - O(3)

$$\begin{split} \left[O_{3}(2\theta)\right]_{p,q} = &\frac{1}{2} Tr\left(\left[U_{2}(\theta)\right]^{T*} \sigma_{p}\left[U_{2}(\theta)\right] \sigma_{q}\right) \\ & (\sigma_{p}, \sigma_{q}): \text{Pauli Matrices} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\phi & -\sin 2\phi & 0 \\ \sin 2\phi & \cos 2\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\tau & 0 & -\sin 2\tau \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin 2\tau & 0 & \cos 2\tau \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 2\alpha & -\sin 2\alpha \\ 0 & \sin 2\alpha & \cos 2\alpha \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} O_3(2\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} O_3(2\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} O_3(2\tau) \end{bmatrix}$$

### **STOKES VECTOR**

$$\underline{g}_{E} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{0} \\ g_{1} \\ g_{2} \\ g_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} |E_{x}|^{2} + |E_{y}|^{2} \\ |E_{x}|^{2} - |E_{y}|^{2} \\ 2\Re(E_{x}E_{y}^{*}) \\ -2\Im(E_{x}E_{y}^{*}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_{0x}^{2} + E_{0y}^{2} \\ E_{0x}^{2} - E_{0y}^{2} \\ 2E_{0x}E_{0y}\cos(\delta) \\ 2E_{0x}E_{0y}\sin(\delta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{2} \\ A^{2}\cos 2\phi\cos 2\tau \\ A^{2}\sin 2\phi\cos 2\tau \\ A^{2}\sin 2\tau \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} g_{0} \\ g_{0} \\ g_{1}, g_{2}, g_{3} \end{cases} \text{ TOTAL WAVE INTENSITY}$$

$$\{ g_{1}, g_{2}, g_{3} \} \text{ POLARISED WAVE INTENSITIES}$$

$$g_{0}^{2} = g_{1}^{2} + g_{2}^{2} + g_{3}^{2} \end{bmatrix} \text{ WAVE FULLY POLARISED}$$

 $\{g_1, g_2, g_3\}$  Spherical Coordinates of a

point P on a sphere with radius  $g_{\theta}$ 



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### **JONES VECTOR**

### **ORTHOGONAL JONES VECTOR**



**STOKES VECTOR** 

**ORTHOGONAL STOKES VECTOR** 

$$\underline{g}_{\underline{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{\theta} \\ g_{1} \\ g_{2} \\ g_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ A\cos 2\phi \cos 2\tau \\ A\sin 2\phi \cos 2\tau \\ A\sin 2\tau \end{bmatrix} \qquad \underline{g}_{\underline{E}_{\perp}} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{\theta} \\ g_{1} \\ g_{2} \\ g_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ -A\cos 2\phi \cos 2\tau \\ -A\sin 2\phi \cos 2\tau \\ -A\sin 2\tau \end{bmatrix}$$

**ORTHOGONALITY = ANTIPODALITY** 

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### **STOKES VECTOR**

$$\underline{g}_{\underline{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{\theta} \\ g_{1} \\ g_{2} \\ g_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ A\cos 2\phi\cos 2\tau \\ A\sin 2\phi\cos 2\tau \\ A\sin 2\tau \end{bmatrix}$$

### **ORTHOGONAL STOKES VECTOR**

$$\mathbf{g}_{\underline{E}_{\perp}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}_{0} \\ \mathbf{g}_{1} \\ \mathbf{g}_{2} \\ \mathbf{g}_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ -A\cos 2\phi\cos 2\tau \\ -A\sin 2\phi\cos 2\tau \\ -A\sin 2\tau \end{bmatrix}$$

### **ORTHOGONALITY = ANTIPODALITY**



#### **DETERMINISTIC SCATTERING**

### **COMPLETELY POLARISED WAVE**

#### **RANDOM SCATTERING**

### PARTIALLY POLARISED WAVE

Polarisation Ellipse varies in time Amplitude, Phase: Random processes

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#### **STATISTICAL DESCRIPTION**



### PARTIALLY POLARISED WAVES

**EIGENVALUES DECOMPOSITION** 

$$\langle [\boldsymbol{J}] \rangle = [\boldsymbol{U}_2] \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_1 & \boldsymbol{0} \\ \boldsymbol{0} & \boldsymbol{\lambda}_2 \end{bmatrix} [\boldsymbol{U}_2]^{-1} = \boldsymbol{\lambda}_1 \underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_1 \underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_1^{T*} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_2 \underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_2 \underline{\boldsymbol{u}}_2^{T*}$$



**2 ORTHOGONAL EIGENVECTORS** 

 $\begin{bmatrix} U_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2 \end{bmatrix}$ 



$$\lambda_{1} = \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ \langle \boldsymbol{g}_{0} \rangle + \sqrt{\langle \boldsymbol{g}_{1} \rangle^{2} + \langle \boldsymbol{g}_{2} \rangle^{2} + \langle \boldsymbol{g}_{3} \rangle^{2}} \Big\}$$
$$\lambda_{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ \langle \boldsymbol{g}_{0} \rangle - \sqrt{\langle \boldsymbol{g}_{1} \rangle^{2} + \langle \boldsymbol{g}_{2} \rangle^{2} + \langle \boldsymbol{g}_{3} \rangle^{2}} \Big\}$$

### PARTIALLY POLARISED WAVES DESCRIPTORS

PARTIALLY POLARISED WAVES

### **Degree of Polarisation**



















WAVE DESCRIPTORS

### **MONOCHROMATIC PLANE WAVES**



**WAVE DESCRIPTORS** 

**PARTIALLY POLARISED PLANE WAVES** 

**COMPLEX DOMAIN** 

REAL DOMAIN

**STOKES VECTOR** 

COVARIANCE MATRIX 
$$\langle [J] \rangle = \langle \underline{E} \underline{E}^{T*} \rangle$$

PLANE WAVES FULLY DESCRIBED BY 4 INDEPENDANT PARAMETERS

$$\langle |\boldsymbol{E}_{x}|^{2} \rangle, \langle \boldsymbol{E}_{x} \boldsymbol{E}_{y}^{*} \rangle, \langle \boldsymbol{E}_{y} \boldsymbol{E}_{x}^{*} \rangle, \langle |\boldsymbol{E}_{y}|^{2} \rangle \\ \{ \langle \boldsymbol{g}_{0} \rangle, \langle \boldsymbol{g}_{1} \rangle, \langle \boldsymbol{g}_{2} \rangle, \langle \boldsymbol{g}_{3} \rangle \}$$

WAVE POLARIMETRIC DIMENSION = 4

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 $g_{\theta}$ 

 $g_1$ 

 $\boldsymbol{g}_2$ 

 $\langle \boldsymbol{g}_{3} \rangle$ 

 $\underline{g}_{E}$ 



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#### POLARIMETRIC RADARS: AN OVERVIEW COSA Result Nomenclature **Processing** Radar 4x4 scattering matrix No assumptions **Full polarization** Orthogonal Tx pols **Reciprocity &** Coherent Dual Rx 3x3 scattering matrix **Ouadrature** *symmetry* polarization *Symmetry* Pseudo 3x3 scattering One Tx Pol, Coherent assumptions matrix Compact Dual Rx No symmetry polarization 2x2 coherency matrix assumptions 2 magnitudes & 2 orthogonal Like-pol images & CPD co-pol phase Two Tx pols 2 orthogonal Like-2 magnitudes Dual pol images polarization Like- and Cross-Two Rx pols 2 magnitudes pol images One Mono-Magnitude Real image polarization polarization Courtesy of Dr. R. K. Raney
### SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

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### **COMPACT / HYBRID POLARIMETRY**

#### **JONES VECTOR**

$$\underline{E} = \begin{bmatrix} E_{HH} \\ E_{VH} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **JONES VECTOR**

$$\underline{E} = \begin{bmatrix} E_{HR} = E_{HH} - jE_{HV} \\ E_{VR} = E_{VH} - jE_{VV} \end{bmatrix}$$

**STOKES VECTOR** 

 $\underline{g}_{E} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{0} = |E_{HR}|^{2} + |E_{VR}|^{2} \\ g_{1} = |E_{HR}|^{2} - |E_{VR}|^{2} \\ g_{2} = 2\Re(E_{HR}E_{VR}^{*}) \\ g_{3} = -2\Im(E_{HR}E_{VR}^{*}) \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### **STOKES VECTOR**

$$\underline{g}_{\underline{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{0} = |E_{HH}|^{2} + |E_{VH}|^{2} \\ g_{1} = |E_{HH}|^{2} - |E_{VH}|^{2} \\ g_{2} = 2\Re(E_{HH}E_{VH}^{*}) \\ g_{3} = -2\Im(E_{HH}E_{VH}^{*}) \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **DUAL – POL MODE**

**COMPACT – POL MODE** 



### **COMPACT / HYBRID POLARIMETRY**

#### WAVE COVARIANCE MATRIX

$$\langle [\boldsymbol{J}] \rangle = \langle \underline{\boldsymbol{E}} \underline{\boldsymbol{E}}^{T*} \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \langle |\boldsymbol{E}_{HR}|^2 \rangle & \langle \boldsymbol{E}_{HR} \boldsymbol{E}_{VR}^* \rangle \\ \langle \boldsymbol{E}_{VR} \boldsymbol{E}_{HR}^* \rangle & \langle |\boldsymbol{E}_{VR}|^2 \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$



S.R. Cloude, D. Goodenough, H. Chen, « *Compact Decomposition Theory* » IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters, vol. 9 (1), pp 28-32, jan 2012

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### WAVE POLARIMETRY





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### POLARIMETRIC DESCRIPTORS



### THE DIFFERENT TARGET POLARIMETRIC DESCRIPTORS

[S] SINCLAIR Matrix
<u>k</u>, <u>Ω</u> Target Vectors
[K] KENNAUGH Matrix
[T] Coherency Matrix
[C] Covariance Matrix





SCATTERING MATRIX

#### **BISTATIC CASE**

**SCATTERING MATRIX or JONES MATRIX** 

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_X^s \\ E_Y^s \end{bmatrix} = \frac{e^{jkr}}{r} \begin{bmatrix} S_{XX} & S_{XY} \\ S_{YX} & S_{YY} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_X^i \\ E_Y^i \end{bmatrix}$$

DEFINED IN THE LOCAL COORDINATES SYSTEM

[S] IS INDEPENDENT OF THE POLARISATION STATE OF THE INCIDENCE WAVE

[S] IS DEPENDENT ON THE FREQUENCY AND THE GEOMETRICAL AND ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF THE SCATTERER

**TOTAL SCATTERED POWER** 

$$Span([S]) = Trace([S][S]^{T*}) = /S_{XX} /^{2} + /S_{XY} /^{2} + /S_{YX} /^{2} + /S_{YY} /^{2}$$

### SCATTERING MATRIX



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# SCATTERING POLARIMETRY



-15dB

0dB

-30dB

|VV|<sub>dB</sub>

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#### **Sinclair Color Coding**



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Pauli Color Coding (L,R)

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ELLIPTICAL BASIS TRANSFORMATION EXPRESSED IN THE ORIENTED ANTENNA COORDINATES SYSTEM

**EMISSION:** 

$$\underline{E}^{i}_{(A,A_{\perp})} = \left[ U_{(A,A_{\perp}) \mapsto (B,B_{\perp})} \right] \underline{E}^{i}_{(B,B_{\perp})}$$

SU(2) SPECIAL UNITARY ELLIPTICAL BASIS TRANSFORMATION MATRIX

**RECEPTION:** IN THE BSA CONVENTION  $\underline{\underline{E}}_{(A,A_{\perp})}^{s}$  PROPAGATES IN THE:  $\hat{p}_{s} = -\hat{p}_{i}$   $\left(\underline{\underline{E}}_{(A,A_{\perp})}^{s}\right)^{*}$  PROPAGATES IN THE:  $\hat{p}_{s} = \hat{p}_{i}$ Time reversal = Complex conjugation  $\left(\underline{\underline{E}}_{(A,A_{\perp})}^{s}\right)^{*} = \left[\underline{U}_{(A,A_{\perp})\mapsto(B,B_{\perp})}\right] \left(\underline{\underline{E}}_{(B,B_{\perp})}^{s}\right)^{*}$ 



**CON-SIMILARITY TRANSFORMATION** 

 $\begin{bmatrix} U_{(A,A_{\perp})\mapsto(B,B_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{SU(2) SPECIAL UNITARY ELLIPTICAL} \\ \text{BASIS TRANSFORMATION MATRIX} \end{array}$ 

$$\left[S_{(B,B_{\perp})}\right] = \left[U_{(A,A_{\perp})\mapsto(B,B_{\perp})}\right]^{T} \left[S_{(A,A_{\perp})}\right] \left[U_{(A,A_{\perp})\mapsto(B,B_{\perp})}\right]$$

**CON-SIMILARITY TRANSFORMATION** 



$$\begin{bmatrix} U_{(\underline{A},\underline{A}_{\perp})\to(\underline{B},\underline{B}_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U(\phi,\tau,\alpha) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} e^{j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & -j\sin(\tau) \\ -j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & \sin(\phi) \\ -\sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(-\alpha) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(-\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(-\phi) \end{bmatrix}$$

FROBENIUS NORM OF  $[S_{(A,A_{\perp})}]$  $Span([S_{(A,A_{\perp})}]) = Trace([S_{(A,A_{\perp})}][S_{(A,A_{\perp})}]^{T*}) = /S_{AA}/^{2} + 2/S_{AA_{\perp}}/^{2} + /S_{A_{\perp}A_{\perp}}/^{2}$ 

FROBENIUS NORM OF  $[S_{(B,B_{\perp})}]$  $Span([S_{(B,B_{\perp})}]) = Trace([S_{(B,B_{\perp})}][S_{(B,B_{\perp})}]^{T*}) = /S_{BB} / 2 + 2 / S_{BB_{\perp}} / 2 + / S_{B_{\perp}B_{\perp}} / 2$ 



#### (H,V) POLARISATION BASIS



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|HH+VV|

#### |HH-VV|

|HV |

AA+BB



#### (+45°,-45°) POLARISATION BASIS



**|AB |** 

With: A=Linear +45°, B=Linear -45°

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#### (LC,RC) POLARISATION BASIS



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### POLARIMETRIC DESCRIPTORS



### THE DIFFERENT TARGET POLARIMETRIC DESCRIPTORS

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[S] SINCLAIR Matrix
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#### **VECTORIAL FORMULATION OF THE SCATTERING PROBLEM**

SCATTERING MATRIX 
$$[S] = \begin{bmatrix} S_{XX} & S_{XY} \\ S_{YX} & S_{YY} \end{bmatrix}$$
  
 $\downarrow$   
SCATTERING VECTOR  $\vec{S} := V([S]) = \frac{1}{2}Trace([S][\Psi]) = \begin{bmatrix} S1 \\ S2 \\ S3 \\ S4 \end{bmatrix} \in C_4$   
With:  $V([S])$  MATRIX VECTORISATION OPERATOR  
 $[\Psi]$  SET OF ORTHOGONAL 2x2 MATRICES

FROBENIOUS NORM OF  $\vec{S}$  $/\!/\vec{S}/\!/^2$  $\overrightarrow{T}*$ 2

$$||^{2} = \vec{S}^{T*} \cdot \vec{S} = |S_{1}|^{2} + |S_{2}|^{2} + |S_{3}|^{2} + |S_{4}|^{2}$$
  
= Span([S]) = |S\_{XX}|^{2} + |S\_{YX}|^{2} + |S\_{XY}|^{2} + |S\_{YY}|^{2}

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**PAULI SCATTERING VECTOR**  $\underline{k} = V([S]) = \frac{1}{2}Trace([S][\psi_P])$ 

SET OF 2x2 COMPLEX MATRICES FROM THE PAULI MATRICES GROUP

$$\begin{bmatrix} \psi_P \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \sqrt{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \sqrt{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \sqrt{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \sqrt{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -j \\ j & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$
$$\boxed{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} S_{XX} + S_{YY} & S_{XX} - S_{YY} & S_{XY} + S_{YX} & j(S_{XY} - S_{YX}) \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Advantage: Closer related to physical properties of the scatterer

<u>Note:</u> Also known as  $\underline{k}_{4P}$ 

**LEXICOGRAPHIC SCATTERING VECTOR**  $\underline{\Omega} = V([S]) = \frac{1}{2}Trace([S][\psi_L])$ 

SET OF 2x2 COMPLEX MATRICES FROM THE LEXICOGRAPHIC MATRICES GROUP

$$\begin{bmatrix} \psi_L \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$
$$\mathbf{\Omega} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{XX} & S_{XY} & S_{YX} & S_{YY} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

**Advantage: Directly related to the system measurables** 

Note: Also known as <u>k<sub>4L</sub></u>



#### **SCATTERING VECTOR TRANSFORMATIONS**

**Pauli Scattering Vector:** 

**Lexicographic Scattering Vector:** 



UNITARY TRANSFORMATION

$$\underline{k} = [D_4] \underline{\Omega} \quad and \quad \underline{\Omega} = [D_4]^{-1} \underline{k} = [D_4]^{T^*} \underline{k}$$

WHERE  $[D_4]$  IS A SU(4) MATRIX IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE NORM OF THE SCATTERING VECTOR

$$\begin{bmatrix} D_4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & j & -j & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **MONOSTATIC CASE**

#### **Pauli Scattering Vector:**

$$\underline{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} S_{XX} + S_{YY} \\ S_{XX} - S_{YY} \\ S_{XY} + S_{YX} \\ j(S_{XY} - S_{YX}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: Also known as <u>k<sub>3P</sub></u>

Lexicographic Scattering Vector:





#### **SCATTERING VECTOR TRANSFORMATIONS**

Pauli Scattering Vector:

**Lexicographic Scattering Vector:** 

UNITARY TRANSFORMATION  $\underline{k} = [D_3] \underline{\Omega} \quad and \quad \underline{\Omega} = [D_3]^{-1} \underline{k} = [D_3]^T \underline{k}$ 

WHERE  $[D_3]$  IS A SU(3) MATRIX IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE NORM OF THE SCATTERING VECTOR

$$[D_3] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### **HUYNEN PARAMETERS**

#### PHYSICAL INTERPRETATION MAN-MADE TARGET DECOMPOSITION IDENTIFICATION and ANALYSIS

#### « PHENOMENOLOGICAL THEORY OF RADAR TARGETS » (1970)

- A0 : GENERATOR OF TARGET SYMMETRY
- **B0+B : GENERATOR OF TARGET NON-SYMMETRY**
- **B0-B : GENERATOR OF TARGET IRREGULARITY**
- **C**: GENERATOR OF TARGET GLOBAL SHAPE (LINEAR)
- **D**: GENERATOR OF TARGET LOCAL SHAPE (CURVATURE)
- **E** : GENERATOR OF TARGET LOCAL TWIST (TORSION)
- **F**: GENERATOR OF TARGET GLOBAL TWIST (HELICITY)
- **G**: **GENERATOR OF TARGET LOCAL COUPLING (GLUE)**
- H: GENERATOR OF TARGET GLOBAL COUPLING (ORIENTATION)

# STOKES VECTOR CSA

$$\underline{E} = A \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \hat{u}_{x}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(\phi) \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(\tau) \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\text{HOMOMORPHISM SU(2) - O(3)}}{\begin{bmatrix} 0_{3}(2\theta) \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} = \frac{1}{2} Tr \left( \begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(\theta) \end{bmatrix}^{T*} \sigma_{p} \begin{bmatrix} U_{2}(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \sigma_{q} \right)$$

$$(\sigma_{p}, \sigma_{q}) : \text{Pauli Matrices}$$

$$\frac{g}{E} = A^{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\phi)} & -\sin(2\phi) & \theta \\ 0 & \sin(2\phi) & \cos(2\phi) & \theta \\ 0 & \sin(2\phi) & \cos(2\phi) & \theta \\ 0 & \sin(2\phi) & \cos(2\phi) & \theta \\ 0 & \sin(2\tau) & \theta & \cos(2\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\tau)} & -\sin(2\tau) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\pi)} & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\sin(2\pi)} & \cos(2\pi) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\pi)} & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\pi)} & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\pi)} & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\pi)} & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\pi)} & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\pi)} & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\pi)} & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\pi)} & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\pi)} & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\pi)} & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{\theta}{\cos(2\pi)} & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\theta} & \frac{1}$$

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#### **SPECIAL UNITARY SU(2) GROUP**

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} U_2(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_2(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_2(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}$$

HOMOMORPHISM SU(2) - O(3)

$$\begin{bmatrix} O_3(2\theta) \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} = \frac{1}{2} Tr(\begin{bmatrix} U_2(\theta) \end{bmatrix}^{T*} \sigma_p \begin{bmatrix} U_2(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \sigma_q)$$
$$(\sigma_p, \sigma_q) : \text{Pauli Matrices}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\phi & -\sin 2\phi & 0 \\ \sin 2\phi & \cos 2\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\tau & 0 & -\sin 2\tau \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin 2\tau & 0 & \cos 2\tau \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 2\alpha & -\sin 2\alpha \\ 0 & \sin 2\alpha & \cos 2\alpha \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} O_3(2\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} O_3(2\phi) \end{bmatrix}$$

### POLARIMETRIC DESCRIPTORS



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### **COHERENCY MATRIX**

#### **BISTATIC CASE**

#### PAULI SCATTERING VECTOR $\underline{k}$

$$\underline{k} = \frac{I}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} S_{XX} + S_{YY} & S_{XX} - S_{YY} & S_{XY} + S_{YX} & j(S_{XY} - S_{YX}) \end{bmatrix}^T$$



HERMITIAN POSITIVE SEMI DEFINITE MATRIX - RANK 1
# **COHERENCY MATRIX**

#### **MONOSTATIC CASE**

# PAULI SCATTERING VECTOR $\underline{k}$ $\underline{k} = \frac{I}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} S_{XX} + S_{YY} & S_{XX} - S_{YY} & 2S_{XY} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$ COHERENCY MATRIX [T] $[T] = \underline{k} \cdot \underline{k}^{*T} = \begin{bmatrix} 2A_0 & C - jD & H + jG \\ C + jD & B_0 + B & E + jF \\ H - jG & E - jF & B_0 - B \end{bmatrix}$ **HERMITIAN MATRIX - RANK 1**

#### A0, B0+B, B0-B : HUYNEN TARGET GENERATORS

# **TARGET GENERATORS**

#### **PHYSICAL INTERPRETATION**



 $T_{11} = 2A_0 = |S_{XX} + S_{YY}|^2$   $T_{33} = B_0 - B = 2|S_{XY}|^2$ 

$$T_{22} = B_0 + B = |S_{XX} - S_{YY}|^2$$

# TARGET GENERATORS



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|HH+VV|

|HV |

|HH-VV|

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# ELLIPTICAL BASIS TRANSFORMATION

#### **SPECIAL UNITARY SU(2) GROUP**

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$$\begin{bmatrix} U_2(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_2(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_2(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **SPECIAL UNITARY SU(3) GROUP**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(2\phi) & \sin(2\phi) \\ 0 & -\sin(2\phi) & \cos(2\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\tau) & 0 & j\sin(2\tau) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ j\sin(2\tau) & 0 & \cos(2\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\alpha) & -j\sin(2\alpha) & 0 \\ -j\sin(2\alpha) & \cos(2\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} U_3(2\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_3(2\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_3(2\phi) \end{bmatrix}$$

# ELLIPTICAL BASIS TRANSFORMATION SINCLAIR MATRIX $\underline{E}_{(A,A_{\perp})}^{s} = [S_{(A,A_{\perp})}] \underline{E}_{(A,A_{\perp})}^{i} \qquad \underline{E}_{(B,B_{\perp})}^{s} = [S_{(B,B_{\perp})}] \underline{E}_{(B,B_{\perp})}^{i} \\ [S_{(B,B_{\perp})}] = [U_{(A,A_{\perp}) \mapsto (B,B_{\perp})}]^{T} [S_{(A,A_{\perp})}] [U_{(A,A_{\perp}) \mapsto (B,B_{\perp})}]$ CON-SIMILARITY TRANSFORMATION

#### **COHERENCY MATRIX**

$$[T_{(B,B_{\perp})}] = [U_{3(A,A_{\perp})\mapsto(B,B_{\perp})}][T_{(A,A_{\perp})}][U_{3(A,A_{\perp})\mapsto(B,B_{\perp})}]^{-1}$$

SIMILARITY TRANSFORMATION

 $\begin{bmatrix} U_{3(A,A_{\perp})\mapsto(B,B_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} U(3) \text{ SPECIAL UNITARY ELLIPTICAL} \\ \text{BASIS TRANSFORMATION MATRIX} \end{array}$ 



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## **COVARIANCE MATRIX**

#### **BISTATIC CASE**



## **COVARIANCE MATRIX**

#### **MONOSTATIC CASE**



# **ELLIPTICAL BASIS TRANSFORMATION** SINCLAIR MATRIX $\underline{E}_{(A,A_{\perp})}^{s} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{(A,A_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} \underline{E}_{(A,A_{\perp})}^{i} \qquad \underline{E}_{(B,B_{\perp})}^{s} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{(B,B_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} \underline{E}_{(B,B_{\perp})}^{i} \\ \begin{bmatrix} S_{(B,B_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{(A,A_{\perp}) \mapsto (B,B_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix}^{T} \begin{bmatrix} S_{(A,A_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_{(A,A_{\perp}) \mapsto (B,B_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix}$ CON-SIMILARITY TRANSFORMATION

#### **COVARIANCE MATRIX**

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{(B,B_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{3(A,A_{\perp}) \mapsto (B,B_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_{(A,A_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_{3(A,A_{\perp}) \mapsto (B,B_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

SIMILARITY TRANSFORMATION

 $\begin{bmatrix} U_{3(A,A_{\perp})\mapsto(B,B_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} U(3) \text{ SPECIAL UNITARY ELLIPTICAL} \\ \text{BASIS TRANSFORMATION MATRIX} \end{array}$ 





Both contain the same information about Polarimetric Scattering Amplitudes, Phase Angles and Correlations

[T] is closer related to Physical and Geometrical Properties of the Scattering Process, and thus allows a better and direct physical interpretation

[C] is directly related to the system measurables

[T] is directly related to the Kennaugh matrix and the Huynen parameters

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#### ELLIPTICAL BASIS TRANSFORMATION **SPECIAL UNITARY SU(2) GROUP** $cos(\phi) - sin(\phi) \leq cos(\tau) \quad j sin(\tau) \leq e^{-j\alpha}$ $sin(\phi) \quad cos(\phi) \parallel j sin(\tau) \quad cos(\tau)$ $e^{j\alpha}$ $[U,(\tau)]$ $[U,(\alpha)]$ $[U,(\phi)]$ **SPECIAL UNITARY SU(3) GROUP (T Matrix)** $\left| \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\tau) & 0 & j\sin(2\tau) \end{bmatrix} \right| \quad \cos(2\alpha) = -j\sin(2\alpha)$ 1 0 $0 \qquad 1 \qquad 0 \qquad \left| \right| - j \sin(2\alpha) \qquad \cos(2\alpha)$ $cos(2\phi) \quad sin(2\phi)$ 0 $-\sin(2\phi) \cos(2\phi)$ || $j\sin(2\tau) = 0 \cos(2\tau)$ $[U_{3}(2\phi)]$ $[U_{3}(2\tau)]$ $[U_3(2\alpha)]$ O(3) UNITARY GROUP $\cos 2\phi - \sin 2\phi \quad 0 \quad \cos 2\tau \quad 0 \quad -\sin 2\tau \quad 1$ 0 $sin 2\phi$ $cos 2\phi$ 1 0 0 0 $0 \cos 2\alpha - \sin 2\alpha$ $1 \| \sin 2\tau \quad 0 \quad \cos 2\tau \| 0 \quad \sin 2\alpha \quad \cos 2\alpha$ 0 0 $[O_3(2\alpha)]$ $[O_{3}(2\phi)]$ $[O_{3}(2\tau)]$

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# **POLARIMETRIC GOLDEN NUMBER**

**POLARIMETRIC TARGET DIMENSION** 





5 DEGREES OF FREEDOM

$$|\boldsymbol{S}_{XX}|, |\boldsymbol{S}_{XY}|, |\boldsymbol{S}_{YY}|$$

$$\phi_{_{XY-XX}}$$
 ,  $\phi_{_{YY-XX}}$ 

TARGET MONOSTATIC POLARIMETRIC « *DIMENSION* » II 5 KENNAUGH MATRIX [K]COHERENCY MATRIX [T]

9 HUYNEN REAL PARAMETERS (A0, B0, B, C, D, E, F, G, H)

COVARIANCE MATRIX [C]9 REAL PARAMETERS |XX|, |XY|, |YY|,Re $(XXXY^*), Im(XXXY^*)$ Re $(XXYY^*), Im(XXYY^*)$ Re $(XYYY^*), Im(XYYY^*)$ 

9 - 5 = 4 TARGET EQUATIONS

**PURE TARGET – MONOSTATIC CASE** 

$$\begin{bmatrix} T \end{bmatrix} = \underline{k} \cdot \underline{k}^{*T} = \begin{bmatrix} 2A_0 & C - jD & H + jG \\ C + jD & B_0 + B & E + jF \\ H - jG & E - jF & B_0 - B \end{bmatrix}$$
  
3x3 HERMITIAN MATRIX - RANK 1  
9 PRINCIPAL MINORS = 0

$$2A_{0}(B_{0} + B) - C^{2} - D^{2} = 0 \qquad 2A_{0}(B_{0} - B) - G^{2} - H^{2} = 0$$
  

$$-2A_{0}E + CH - DG = 0 \qquad B_{0}^{2} - B^{2} - E^{2} - F^{2} = 0$$
  

$$C(B_{0} - B) - EH - GF = 0 \qquad -D(B_{0} - B) + FH - GE = 0$$
  

$$2A_{0}F - CG - DH = 0 \qquad -G(B_{0} + B) + FC - ED = 0$$
  

$$H(B_{0} + B) - CE - DF = 0$$



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# **SPECKLE PHENOMENON**







SURFACE ROUGHNESS WAVELENGTH

SCATTERING FROM DISTRIBUTED SCATTERERS

COHERENT INTERFERENCES OF WAVES SCATTERED FROM MANY RANDOMLY DISTRIBUTED ELEMENTARY SCATTERERS INSIDE THE RESOLUTION CELL

**GRANULAR NOISE** 

SPECKLE PHENOMENON

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#### Fully Developed speckle

Bright points: Points where the interference is constructive Dark points: Points where the interference is destructive Corner reflector Dominant scatter No speckle



S<sub>hh</sub> amplitude E-SAR L-band system

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### **SPECKLE PHENOMENON**

### **DISTORTION OF THE INTERPRETATION**





#### **SPECKLE REDUCTION** (RADIOMETRIC RESOLUTION)

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**DETAILS PRESERVATION** 

(SPATIAL RESOLUTION)

#### **SPECKLE : MULTIPLICATIVE NOISE MODEL**

« SPECKLE is a scattering phenomenon and not a noise. However, from the image SAR processing point of vue, the speckle can be modeled as multiplicative noise for extended target » (Lee, IGARSS-98)

$$\underline{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{HH} \\ y_{HV} \\ y_{VV} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} n_{HH} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n_{HV} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n_{VV} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{HH} \\ x_{HV} \\ x_{VV} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{HH} n_{HH} \\ x_{HV} n_{HV} \\ x_{VV} n_{VV} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\overset{\bullet}{\models} \qquad \overset{\bullet}{\models} \qquad \overset{\bullet}{=} \qquad \overset{\bullet}{\downarrow} \qquad \overset{\bullet}{\downarrow} \qquad \overset{\bullet}{\models} \qquad \overset{\bullet}{\models} \qquad \overset{\bullet}{\downarrow} \qquad \overset{\bullet}{\models} \qquad \overset{\bullet}{\downarrow} \qquad \overset{\bullet}{\models} \qquad \overset{\bullet}{\downarrow} \qquad$$

#### LINEAR SPECKLE FILTERS Intensity / Amplitude – Single / Multi Look – Single Pol Channel

Median Filter MAP Filter (Kuan) Gradient Filter Nagao Filter (Nagao) Sigma Filter (Lee) Frost Filter (Frost) Geometrical Filter (Crimmins) Morphological Filter (Safa, Flouzat)

Local Statistics Filter (Lee 80) Refined Lee Filter (Lee 81)

J.S. Lee, et al. "Speckle Filtering of SAR images: A Review," Remote Sensing Reviews, Vol. 8, pp. 313-340, 1994.

J.S. Lee,"Speckle analysis and smoothing of SAR images," Computer Graphics and Image Processing, Vol. 17, 1981.

J.S. Lee,"Digital image enhancement and noise filtering by use of local statistics," IEEE PAMI, Vol. 2 No. 2, 1980.

J.S. Lee,"Refined filtering of image noise using local statistics," CVGIP, vol.15, 380-389, 1981.

Original 4-look amplitude



#### **5x5 Median**

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#### Lee Refined (7x7)

**5x5 Boxcar** 



# POLSAR SPECKLE FILTERING

### > Preserving polarimetric properties

- Filter all elements equally like multi-look Processing
- Select pixels with the same scattering property
- Introduce no cross-talk
  - Filter each element separately but equally
- Reduce speckle while preserving image quality

J.S. Lee, M.R. Grunes and G. De Grandi, "Polarimetric SAR Speckle Filtering and Its Impact on Terrain Classification" *IEEE TGRS*, September 1999



# POLSAR SPECKLE FILTERING

#### **POLARIMETRIC VECTORIAL SPECKLE FILTER**

$$\langle [T] \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \underline{k}_{i} \underline{k}_{i}^{*T} \longrightarrow [\hat{T}] = E([T]) - k[E([T]) - [T]] \longrightarrow [\hat{T}]$$

$$SPAN IMAGE$$

$$S_{s} = \langle T_{II} \rangle + \langle T_{22} \rangle + \langle T_{33} \rangle$$

$$k = \frac{var(S)}{var(S_{s})} = \frac{CV_{s_{s}}^{2} - \sigma_{v}^{2}}{CV_{s_{s}}^{2}[1 + \sigma_{v}^{2}]}$$

$$J.S. LEE$$

$$Homogeneous Areas$$

$$var(S) \approx 0 \Rightarrow k = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{S} = E(S_{s})$$

$$Highly Inhomogeneous Areas$$

$$var(S) \mapsto var(S_{s}) \Rightarrow k = 1 \Rightarrow \hat{S} = S_{s}$$

#### **REFINED FILTER**

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#### **SAN FRANCISCO BAY JPL - AIRSAR L-band 1988**

**BoxCar Filter** 

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### **SAN FRANCISCO BAY JPL - AIRSAR L-band 1988**

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J.S. Lee, D.L. Schuler, T.L. Ainsworth, M.R. Grunes, E Pottier, L. Ferro-Famil, "Scattering Model Based Speckle Filetring of Polarimetric SAR Data" IEEE – TGRS, vol 1, January 2006



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### POLSAR SPECKLE FILTERING

### POLARIMETRIC SPECKLE FILTERING IS NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE SUBJECTIVE, IMAGE DEPENDENT

#### **Quantitative Criteria (J.S. Lee - IGARSS 98)**

>Speckle Reduction (E.N.L)

Edge Sharpness Preservation

Line and Point Target Contrast Preservation

Retention of Mean Values in Homogeneous Regions

Retention of Texture Information

Retention of Polarimetric Information (co, cross-correlations)

Computational Efficiency

Implementation Complexity

$$\left[\hat{T}\right] = E\left(\left[T\right]\right) - k\left[E\left(\left[T\right]\right) - \left[T\right]\right]$$

THE POLARIMETRIC SPECKLE LEE FILTER IS TODAY A GOOD COMPROMISE



J.S. Lee, M.R. Grunes and G. De Grandi, "Polarimetric SAR Speckle Filtering and Its Impact on Terrain Classification" *IEEE TGRS*, vol. 37, N°5, September 1999

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### **MULTIPLICATIVE-ADDITIVE NOISE MODEL**

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C. López-Martínez and X. Fàbregas, "Polarimetric SAR Speckle Noise Model," IEEE TGRS, vol. 41, no. 10, pp. 2232 – 2242, Oct. 2003

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### SPECKLE FILTERING



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# COHERENT

## **TARGET DECOMPOSITION**

(1990)





$$\begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix} = e^{j\phi} \left\{ k_s \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + e^{j\phi_R} \left( k_D \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{k_H}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \pm j \\ \pm j & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{ROTATION AROUND THE} \\ \text{RADAR LINE OF SIGHT} \quad [U] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \\ -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} S(\theta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U \end{bmatrix} \\ = e^{j\phi} \begin{cases} k_S \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + e^{j\phi_R} \begin{pmatrix} k_D \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\theta) & \sin(2\theta) \\ \sin(2\theta) & -\cos(2\theta) \end{bmatrix} \cdots \\ \cdots + \frac{k_H e^{\pm j2\theta}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \pm j \\ \pm j & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

# COHERENT DECOMPOSITION

$$\begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix} = e^{i\phi} \begin{bmatrix} k_s + e^{i\phi_R} \left\{ k_p \cos(2\theta) + \frac{\hat{k}_n}{2} \right\} & e^{i\phi_R} \left\{ k_p \sin(2\theta) \pm j\frac{\hat{k}_n}{2} \right\} \\ e^{i\phi_R} \left\{ k_p \sin(2\theta) \pm j\frac{\hat{k}_n}{2} \right\} & k_s - e^{i\phi_R} \left\{ k_p \cos(2\theta) + \frac{\hat{k}_n}{2} \right\} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \text{VEC}: \ \hat{k}_n = k_H e^{\pm j2\theta}$$

$$\boxed{\underline{k} = \sqrt{2}e^{i\phi} \left[ k_s - e^{i\phi_R} \left\{ k_p \cos(2\theta) + \frac{\hat{k}_n}{2} \right\} - e^{i\phi_R} \left\{ k_p \sin(2\theta) \pm j\frac{\hat{k}_n}{2} \right\} \right]^T}$$

$$\boxed{\underline{k} = \sqrt{2}k_s e^{i\phi} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{bmatrix}} + \hat{k}_n e^{i(\phi+\phi_R)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\\pm j \end{bmatrix}} + \sqrt{2}k_p e^{i(\phi+\phi_R)} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\\cos(2\theta)\\\sin(2\theta) \end{bmatrix}}$$

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### **COHERENT DECOMPOSITION**

SINGLE SCATTERING CONTRIBUTION  

$$k_s = \sqrt{A_o} \qquad [S_s] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



#### **HELICAL SCATTERING CONTRIBUTION**

 $[S_{H}] = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \pm j \\ \pm j & -1 \end{vmatrix}$ 

$$k_{H} = \sqrt{B_{o} + |F|} - \sqrt{B_{o} - |F|}$$

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 $(\boldsymbol{k}_{\boldsymbol{D}})_{dB}$ 

 $(\boldsymbol{k}_{\boldsymbol{H}})_{dB}$ 

-15dB -30dB 0dB

# COHERENT DECOMPOSITION



 $B_0 + B$   $B_0 - B$  $2A_0$ 

 $k_{S}$ 





EIGENVECTORS OF [U<sub>3R</sub>(φ)] (ROLL INVARIANCE)

► NO ORTHOGONALITY OF THE TARGETS COMPONENTS

COHERENT DECOMPOSITION and SPECKLE FILTERING ?









#### **DISTRIBUTED TARGET**

$$\langle [T] \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{i=N} [T_i]$$

### **DISTRIBUTED TARGET EQUATIONS**

$$2\langle A_{0} \rangle (\langle B_{0} \rangle + \langle B \rangle) \geq \langle C \rangle^{2} + \langle D \rangle^{2}$$

$$2\langle A_{0} \rangle (\langle B_{0} \rangle - \langle B \rangle) \geq \langle G \rangle^{2} + \langle H \rangle^{2}$$

$$\langle B_{0} \rangle^{2} \geq \langle B \rangle^{2} + \langle E \rangle^{2} + \langle F \rangle^{2}$$

$$2\langle A_{0} \rangle \langle E \rangle \geq \langle C \rangle \langle H \rangle - \langle D \rangle \langle G \rangle$$

$$2\langle A_{0} \rangle \langle F \rangle \geq \langle C \rangle \langle G \rangle + \langle D \rangle \langle H \rangle$$



### **DECOMPOSITION - TARGET DICHOTOMY**







$$\langle [T] \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \langle 2A_0 \rangle & \langle C \rangle - j \langle D \rangle & \langle H \rangle + j \langle G \rangle \\ \langle C \rangle + j \langle D \rangle & \langle B_0 \rangle + \langle B \rangle & \langle E \rangle + j \langle F \rangle \\ \langle H \rangle - j \langle G \rangle & \langle E \rangle - j \langle F \rangle & \langle B_0 \rangle - \langle B \rangle \end{bmatrix} = [T_0] + [T_N]$$

PURE TARGET

$$\begin{bmatrix} \langle 2A_0 \rangle & \langle C \rangle - j \langle D \rangle & \langle H \rangle + j \langle G \rangle \\ \langle C \rangle - j \langle D \rangle & B_{0T} + B_T & E_T + jF_T \\ \langle H \rangle - j \langle G \rangle & E_T - jF_T & B_{0T} - B_T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_{N} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B_{0N} + B_{N} & E_{N} + jF_{N} \\ 0 & E_{N} - jF_{N} & B_{0N} - B_{N} \end{bmatrix}$$

**N-TARGET** 







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## J.R. HUYNEN DECOMPOSITION



### **BARNES DECOMPOSITION**

### **3 SINGLE TARGET VECTORS**

$$\underline{k}_{01} = \frac{\langle [T] \rangle \underline{q}_{1}}{\sqrt{\underline{q}_{1}^{T^{*}} \langle [T] \rangle \underline{q}_{1}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\langle 2A_{0} \rangle}} \begin{bmatrix} \langle 2A_{0} \rangle \\ \langle C \rangle + j \langle D \rangle \\ \langle H \rangle - j \langle G \rangle \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{HUYNEN} \\ \text{DECOMPOSITION} \\ \text{(SYMMETRIC WORLD)} \end{array}$$

$$\underline{k}_{02} = \frac{\langle [T] \rangle \underline{q}_{2}}{\sqrt{\underline{q}_{2}^{T^{*}} \langle [T] \rangle \underline{q}_{2}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(\langle B_{0} \rangle - \langle F \rangle)}} \begin{bmatrix} \langle C \rangle - \langle G \rangle + j \langle H \rangle - j \langle D \rangle \\ \langle B_{0} \rangle + \langle B \rangle - \langle F \rangle + j \langle E \rangle \\ \langle E \rangle + j \langle B_{0} \rangle - j \langle B \rangle - j \langle F \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\underline{k}_{03} = \frac{\langle [T] \rangle \underline{q}_{3}}{\sqrt{\underline{q}_{3}^{T^{*}} \langle [T] \rangle \underline{q}_{3}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(\langle B_{0} \rangle + \langle F \rangle)}} \begin{bmatrix} \langle H \rangle + \langle D \rangle + j \langle C \rangle + j \langle G \rangle \\ \langle E \rangle + j \langle B_{0} \rangle + j \langle B \rangle + j \langle F \rangle \\ \langle B_{0} \rangle - \langle B \rangle + \langle F \rangle + j \langle E \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

(HELICITY - NON SYMMETRIC COMPONENTS = EXOTIC WORLD)

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### **BARNES DECOMPOSITION**



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HUYNEN DECOMPOSITION

### **TARGET DICHOTOMY : PURE TARGET + N TARGET**

#### **ROLL INVARIANCE OF THE FORM OF THE N-TARGET**

**NO UNICITY : 3 DIFFERENT DECOMPOSITIONS** 

### MAN-MADE TARGET DECOMPOSITION IDENTIFICATION - ANALYSIS





# **EIGENVECTOR BASED**

# DECOMPOSITION



# SHANE R. CLOUDE

(1985-1992)



**WILLIAM A. HOLM** (1988)







### PROPRIETY

### **EIGENVALUE PROBLEM IS AUTOMATICALLY**

### **BASIS INVARIANT**





PHYSICALLY INTERPRETATION AS STATISTICAL INDEPENDENCE BETWEEN A SET OF VECTORS



GENERAL DECOMPOSITION INTO INDEPENDENT SCATTERING PROCESSES



# EIGENVECTOR-BASED DECOMPOSITION

#### **COHERENCY MATRIX**

$$\langle [T] \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \langle 2A_0 \rangle & \langle C \rangle - j \langle D \rangle & \langle H \rangle + j \langle G \rangle \\ \langle C \rangle + j \langle D \rangle & \langle B_0 \rangle + \langle B \rangle & \langle E \rangle + j \langle F \rangle \\ \langle H \rangle - j \langle G \rangle & \langle E \rangle - j \langle F \rangle & \langle B_0 \rangle - \langle B \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L} \\ \mathbf{J} \\ \mathbf$$

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### SHANE R. CLOUDE



(1985-1992)

#### DECOMPOSITION

#### IDENTIFICATION OF THE DOMINANT SCATTERING MECHANISM

#### **VIA THE**

#### **EXTRACTION OF THE LARGEST EIGENVALUE**

$$\langle [T] \rangle = [U_3 [\Sigma] U_3]^{-1} \implies [T_1] = \lambda_1 \underline{u}_1 \underline{u}_1^{T*} = \underline{k}_1 \underline{k}_1^{T*}$$







-15dB

-30dB

0dB

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## S.R. CLOUDE DECOMPOSITION



 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

 $\sqrt{\lambda_1} |u_{11}| = \sqrt{\lambda_1} |u_{12}| = \sqrt{\lambda_1} |u_{13}|$ 

#### W.A HOLM DECOMPOSITION

### WILLIAM A. HOLM

(1988)

#### DECOMPOSITION

#### **ALTERNATIVE PHYSICAL INTERPRETATION**

**OF THE EIGENVALUES SPECTRUM** 









$$\sqrt{\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{2}} |u_{11}| \qquad \sqrt{\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{2}} |u_{12}| \qquad \sqrt{\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{2}} |u_{13}|$$

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### W.A HOLM DECOMPOSITION



 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

 $\sqrt{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} |\boldsymbol{u}_{11}| \qquad \sqrt{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} |\boldsymbol{u}_{12}|$ 







# TARGET DECOMPOSITION FOR TARGETS WITH REFLECTION SYMMETRY

**MEDIUM WITH REFLECTION SYMMETRY** 



$$\left\langle \left[T\right]\right\rangle = \left[T_{P}\right] + \left[T_{Q}\right] = \begin{bmatrix} \left|\alpha\right|^{2} & \alpha\beta^{*} & 0\\ \beta\alpha^{*} & \left|\beta\right|^{2} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \left|\gamma\right|^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **MEDIUM WITH ROTATION SYMMETRY**

(H.C. Van de HULST - 1981)



EIGENVECTORS OF 
$$\begin{bmatrix} U_{3P}^{R} \end{bmatrix}$$
  
 $\begin{bmatrix} U_{3P}^{R} \end{bmatrix} \underline{q} = \lambda \underline{q}$   
 $\underline{q}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \underline{q}_{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ j \end{bmatrix} \underline{q}_{3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ j \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

 $\langle [T_R] \rangle = \alpha \underline{q}_1 \underline{q}_1^{T*} + \beta \underline{q}_2 \underline{q}_2^{T*} + \gamma \underline{q}_3 \underline{q}_3^{T*}$ 

 $=\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta + \gamma & -j(\beta - \gamma) \\ 0 & j(\beta - \gamma) & \beta + \gamma \end{bmatrix}$ 

 $\langle [T(\theta)] \rangle = [R_3(\theta)] \langle [T] \rangle [R_3(\theta)]^{-1}$ 

With:  

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_3(\theta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(2\theta) & \sin(2\theta) \\ 0 & -\sin(2\theta) & \cos(2\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

**MEDIUM WITH AZIMUTHAL SYMMETRY** 

(S.H. NGHIEM et al. - 1992)





#### **COHERENCY MATRIX**

#### **General Case**

$$\langle [T] \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 & T_2 & T_3 \\ T_2^* & T_4 & T_5 \\ T_3^* & T_5^* & T_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **Rotation Symmetry**

$$\langle [T] \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T_4 & T_5 \\ 0 & T_5^* & T_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **Reflection Symmetry**

$$\langle [T] \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 & T_2 & 0 \\ T_2^* & T_4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & T_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Azimuthal Symmetry** 

$$\langle [T] \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} T_I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T_4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & T_4 \end{bmatrix}$$



# TARGET DECOMPOSITION FOR TARGETS WITH REFLECTION SYMMETRY

#### MODEL BASED DECOMPOSITION A. FREEMAN – S. DURDEN (1992)







#### **3 COMPONENTS SCATTERING MECHANISM MODEL**



SINGLE SCATTERING (ROUGH SURFACE)



#### **MECHANISM**

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{H} & 0 \\ 0 & R_{V} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{k}_{s} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{H} + R_{V} \\ R_{H} - R_{V} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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#### **COHERENCY MATRIX**

$$\begin{bmatrix} |\beta+1|^2 & (\beta+1)(\beta-1)^* & 0\\ (\beta+1)^*(\beta-1) & |\beta-1|^2 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} f_s = |R_v|^2$$

**MECHANISM** 



$$S_{D} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{GH} R_{TH} & 0 \\ 0 & -R_{GV} R_{TV} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow \underline{k}_{D} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{GH} R_{TH} - R_{GV} R_{TV} \\ R_{GH} R_{TH} + R_{GV} R_{TV} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**COHERENCY MATRIX** 

$$\begin{bmatrix} |\alpha - 1|^2 & (\alpha - 1)(\alpha + 1)^* & 0\\ (\alpha - 1)^*(\alpha + 1) & |\alpha + 1|^2 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} f_D = \begin{bmatrix} R_{GV} R_{TV} \\ \alpha = \frac{R_{GH} R_{TH}}{R_{GV} R_{TV}} \end{bmatrix}$$



### MODEL BASED DECOMPOSITION COS **3 COMPONENTS SCATTERING MECHANIS** MODEL $\langle [T] \rangle = [T_{s}] + [T_{p}] + [T_{v}]$ SINGLE DOUBLE VOLUME SCATTERING SCATTERING SCATTERING $T_{11} = f_{S} |\beta + I|^{2} + f_{D} |\alpha - I|^{2} + \frac{4 f_{V}}{2}$ $T_{12} = f_{S}(\beta + 1)(\beta - 1)^{*} + f_{D}(\alpha - 1)(\alpha + 1)^{*}$ $T_{22} = f_{S} |\beta - I|^{2} + f_{D} |\alpha + I|^{2} + \frac{2f_{V}}{3}$ $T_{33} = \frac{2f_V}{2}$ **5 UNKNOWN REAL COEFFICIENTS**

**4 OBSERVED EQUATIONS** 

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$$if \Re\left(\langle S_{XX}S_{YY}^*\rangle - \frac{f_V}{3}\right) \ge 0 \implies \alpha = +1$$

$$if \Re\left(\langle S_{XX}S_{YY}^*\rangle - \frac{f_V}{3}\right) \le 0 \implies \beta = +1$$

$$\bigvee$$

$$\left\{f_s, |\beta|, f_D, |\alpha|, f_V\right\}$$

$$span = \langle T_{11} \rangle + \langle T_{22} \rangle + \langle T_{33} \rangle = f_s \left(1 + \beta^2\right) + f_D \left(1 + |\alpha|^2\right) + \frac{2}{3} f_V$$

$$\bigvee$$

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 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 



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#### **2 COMPONENTS SCATTERING MECHANISM MODEL**



Freeman A., "Fitting a Two-Component Scattering Model to Polarimetric SAR Data from Forests", IEEE Trans. Geosci. Remote Sensing, vol. 45, no. 8, pp. 2583–2592, Aug. 2007.

#### 2007

# TARGET DECOMPOSITION FOR TARGETS WITHOUT REFLECTION SYMMETRY

#### MODEL BASED - 4 COMPONENTS DECOMPOSITION Y. YAMAGUCHI et al. (2005 - 2013)





#### **MEDIUM WITHOUT ANY REFLECTION SYMMETRY**

#### **4 COMPONENTS SCATTERING MECHANISM MODEL**



Yamaguchi Y., Moriyama T., Ishido M. and Yamada H., "*Four-Component Scattering Model for Polarimetric SAR Image Decomposition*", IEEE Trans. Geos. Remote Sens., vol. 43, no. 8, August 2005.

Yamaguchi Y., Yajima Y. and Yamada H., "A Four-Component Decomposition of POLSAR Images Based on the Coherency Matrix", IEEE Geos. Rem. Sens. Letters, vol. 3, no. 3, July 2006.

2005 - 2006



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#### **ODD DBL VOL**

Freeman decomposition

Yamaguchi decomposition



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G. Singh, Y. Yamaguchi, S.E. Park, Y. Cui, H. Kobayashi, « Hybrid Freeman/Eigenvalue Decomposition Method With Extended Volume Scattering Model » IEEE GRS Letters, vol. 10, no. 1, Jan. 2013







 $\langle [T(\theta)] \rangle = [R(\theta)] \langle [T] \rangle [R(\theta)]^{\dagger}$ 

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 $2A_0$   $B_0+B$   $B_0-B$ 

**ODD DBL VOL** 







HV from oriented dihedral components





 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

**ODD DBL** VOL







 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

**ODD DBL VOL** 









 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

**ODD DBL VOL** 




#### **ODD DBL** VOL





# TARGET DECOMPOSITION FOR TARGETS WITH REFLECTION SYMMETRY

### EIGENVECTOR / MODEL BASED DECOMPOSITION JACOB J. VAN ZYL (1992 - 2008)



van Zyl J. J., "Application of Cloude's target decomposition theorem to polarimetric imaging radar data," *Radar Polarimetry*, San Diego, CA, SPIE, vol. 1748, pp. 184–212, July 1992.



#### MEDIUM WITH REFLECTION SYMMETRY

$$\langle [C] \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \langle |S_{HH}|^2 \rangle & 0 & \langle S_{HH}S_{VV}^* \rangle \\ 0 & \langle 2|S_{HV}|^2 \rangle & 0 \\ \langle S_{VV}S_{HH}^* \rangle & 0 & \langle |S_{VV}|^2 \rangle \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \rho \\ 0 & \eta & 0 \\ \rho^* & 0 & \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

With:

$$\alpha = \langle S_{HH} S_{HH}^* \rangle \qquad \rho = \langle S_{HH} S_{VV}^* \rangle / \langle S_{HH} S_{HH}^* \rangle$$
  
$$\eta = 2 \langle S_{HV} S_{HV}^* \rangle / \langle S_{HH} S_{HH}^* \rangle \qquad \mu = \langle S_{VV} S_{VV}^* \rangle / \langle S_{HH} S_{HH}^* \rangle$$

#### **EIGENVALUES / EIGENVECTORS DECOMPOSITION**

$$\lambda_{I} = rac{lpha}{2} \left\{ l + \mu + \sqrt{\left(l - \mu\right)^{2} + 4|
ho|^{2}} \right\}$$

$$\lambda_{2} = \frac{lpha}{2} \left\{ l + \mu - \sqrt{(l - \mu)^{2} + 4|
ho|^{2}} \right\}$$

$$\lambda_3 = \alpha \eta$$

#### **EIGENVALUES / EIGENVECTORS DECOMPOSITION**



#### **MEDIUM WITH REFLECTION SYMMETRY**

$$\langle [C] \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{i=3} \lambda_i \underline{u}_i \cdot \underline{u}_i^{*T} = \Lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} |\alpha|^2 & 0 & \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha^* & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \Lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} |\beta|^2 & 0 & \beta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \beta^* & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \Lambda_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

With:  

$$\Lambda_{I} = \lambda_{I} \left[ \frac{\left(\mu - \mathbf{1} + \sqrt{\Delta}\right)^{2}}{\left(\mu - \mathbf{1} + \sqrt{\Delta}\right)^{2} + \mathbf{4}|\rho|^{2}} \right] \quad \alpha = \frac{2\rho}{\mu - \mathbf{1} + \sqrt{\Delta}}$$

$$\Lambda_2 = \lambda_2 \left[ \frac{\left(\mu - 1 - \sqrt{\Delta}\right)^2}{\left(\mu - 1 - \sqrt{\Delta}\right)^2 + 4\left|\rho\right|^2} \right] \quad \beta = \frac{2\rho}{\mu - 1 - \sqrt{\Delta}}$$

$$\Lambda_3 = \lambda_3$$

#### **MEDIUM WITH REFLECTION SYMMETRY**



#### **3 COMPONENTS SCATTERING MECHANISM MODEL**



 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

**ODD DBL VOL** 





#### **ODD DBL VOL**

**Freeman decomposition** 

Van Zyl decomposition



# TARGET DECOMPOSITION FOR TARGETS WITH / WITHOUT REFLECTION SYMMETRY

REQUIEREMENTS FOR MODEL BASED POLARIMETRIC DECOMPOSITIONS J.J. VAN ZYL – M. ARII – Y. KIM (2010)



J. J. Van Zyl, M. Arii, Y. Kim, "Model-Based Decomposition of Polarimetric SAR Covariance Matrices Constrained for Nonnegative Eigenvalues" IEEE TGRS, vol. 49, n<sup>9</sup>, Sept. 2011.





### 3 COMPONENTS SCATTERING MECHANISM MODEL $\langle [C] \rangle = [C_s] + [C_D] + [C_V]$

The algorithm uses the cross-polarized term to calculate the volume scattering contribution, and subtract that from the observed matrix.

$$[C_{remainder}] = \langle [C] \rangle - a[C_V]$$

Subtract the volume contribution from a covariance matrix for terrain with reflection symmetry

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{remainder} \end{bmatrix} = \langle [C] \rangle - a[C_V] = \begin{bmatrix} \xi & 0 & \rho \\ 0 & \eta & 0 \\ \rho^* & 0 & \zeta \end{bmatrix} - a\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are:

$$\lambda_{1} = \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ \xi + \zeta - 6a + \sqrt{(\xi + \zeta - 6a)^{2} - 4(\xi - 3a)(\zeta - 3a) + 4|\rho - a|^{2}} \Big\}$$
$$\lambda_{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ \xi + \zeta - 6a - \sqrt{(\xi + \zeta - 6a)^{2} - 4(\xi - 3a)(\zeta - 3a) + 4|\rho - a|^{2}} \Big\}$$
$$\lambda_{3} = \eta - 2a$$

• Find those values of *a* that will ensure that all three eigenvalues are positive or zero. The solution is

$$a_{\max} = \min \left\{ \frac{\eta/2}{\frac{1}{16}} \left\{ 3(\xi + \zeta) - \rho - \rho^* - \sqrt{\left[3(\xi + \zeta) - \rho - \rho^*\right]^2 - 32(\xi \zeta - |\rho|^2)} \right\} \right\}$$

• Values of *a* larger than this, will leave either the second or third eigenvalue negative, resulting in a non-physical solution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{remainder} \end{bmatrix} = \langle [C] \rangle - a_{max} [C_V] = [C_S] + [C_D]$$



 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

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#### **ADAPTATIVE MODEL-BASED DECOMPOSITION**

$$[C'_{\text{remainder}}] = \langle [C] \rangle - f_v \langle [C_{\text{vol}}(\theta_0, \sigma)] \rangle$$

$$\langle [C_{\text{vol}}(\theta_0, \sigma)] \rangle = [C_\alpha] + p(\sigma)[C_\beta] + q(\sigma)[C_\gamma].$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \qquad p(\sigma) = 2.0806\sigma^{6} - 6.3350\sigma^{5} + 6.3864\sigma^{4} \\ -0.4431\sigma^{3} - 3.9638\sigma^{2} - 0.0008\sigma + 2.000 \\ q(\sigma) = 9.0166\sigma^{6} - 18.7790\sigma^{5} + 4.9590\sigma^{4} \\ +14.5629\sigma^{3} - 10.8034\sigma^{2} + 0.1902\sigma + 1.000. \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{\beta}(2\theta_{0}) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} -2\cos 2\theta_{0} & \sqrt{2}\sin 2\theta_{0} & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}\sin 2\theta_{0} & 0 & \sqrt{2}\sin 2\theta_{0} \\ 0 & \sqrt{2}\sin 2\theta_{0} & 2\cos 2\theta_{0} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{\gamma}(4\theta_{0}) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 4\theta_{0} & -\sqrt{2}\sin 4\theta_{0} & -\cos 4\theta_{0} \\ -\sqrt{2}\sin 4\theta_{0} & -2\cos 4\theta_{0} & \sqrt{2}\sin 4\theta_{0} \\ -\cos 4\theta_{0} & \sqrt{2}\sin 4\theta_{0} & \cos 4\theta_{0} \end{bmatrix}.$$

M. Arii, J. J. Van Zyl, Y. Kim, "Adaptative *Model-Based Decomposition of Polarimetric SAR Covariance Matrices*" IEEE TGRS, vol. 49, n<sup>o</sup>, Sept. 2011.



 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

**ODD DBL** VOL





#### **ODD DBL** VOL







### THE H/A/ $\alpha$ POLARIMETRIC TARGET DECOMPOSITION THEOREM



#### S.R. CLOUDE - E. POTTIER (1995 - 1996)



TARGET VECTOR 
$$\underline{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} S_{XX} + S_{YY} & S_{XX} - S_{YY} & 2S_{XY} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

**LOCAL ESTIMATE OF**  
**THE COHERENCY MATRIX** 
$$\langle [T] \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \underline{k}_i \cdot \underline{k}_i^{*T} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} [T_i]$$

#### **EIGENVECTORS / EIGENVALUES ANALYSIS**

$$\langle [T] \rangle = [U_3] [\Sigma] [U_3]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{bmatrix}^{*T}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{ORTHOGONAL} \\ \text{EIGENVECTORS} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{REAL EIGENVALUES} \\ \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \lambda_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} P_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{\sum\limits_{k=1}^{3} \lambda_k} \end{array}$$

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#### **PARAMETERISATION OF THE SU(3) UNITARY MATRIX**



**PROBABILITIES** 

$$P_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{\sum\limits_{k=1}^{3} \lambda_k}$$

**AVERAGED PARAMETERS** 

$$\underline{\alpha} = P_1 \alpha_1 + P_2 \alpha_2 + P_3 \alpha_3 \qquad \underline{\beta} = P_1 \beta_1 + P_2 \beta_2 + P_3 \beta_3$$
$$\underline{\gamma} = P_1 \gamma_1 + P_2 \gamma_2 + P_3 \gamma_3 \qquad \underline{\delta} = P_1 \delta_1 + P_2 \delta_2 + P_3 \delta_3$$
$$\underline{\delta} = P_1 \delta_1 + P_2 \delta_2 + P_3 \delta_3$$

UNITARY TARGET VECTOR ( $\underline{u}_{0}$ ) OF THE MEAN DOMINANT MECHANISM

$$\underline{u}_{0} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\underline{\alpha}) & \sin(\underline{\alpha})\cos(\underline{\beta}) e^{j\underline{\delta}} & \sin(\underline{\alpha})\sin(\underline{\beta}) e^{j\underline{\gamma}} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

#### **MEAN SCATTERING MECHANISM**







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H/A/ α DECOMPOSITION

#### **ROLL INVARIANCE PROPERTY**

#### SAME PHYSICAL PHENOMENOUS WHATEVER THE ANTENNA ORIENTATION ANGLE AROUND THE RADAR LINE OF SIGHT

ORIENTED ( $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ ) COHERENCY MATRIX

SU(3) UNITARY ROTATION MATRIX ( $oldsymbol{ heta}$ )

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$$\langle [T(\theta)] \rangle = [U_R(\theta)] \langle [T] \rangle [U_R(\theta)]^{-1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_R(\theta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ 0 & -\sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{vmatrix}$$

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**EIGENVECTORS / EIGENVALUES ANALYSIS**  $\langle [T(\theta)] \rangle = [U_3(\theta)] [\Sigma] [U_3(\theta)]^{-1}$ 

EIGENVALUES  $\lambda_1$   $\lambda_2$   $\lambda_3$  : ROLL INVARIANT

**PROBABILITIES**  $P_1$   $P_2$   $P_3$  : ROLL INVARIANT



**EIGENVECTORS UNITARY MATRIX** 

 $[\boldsymbol{U}_{3}(\boldsymbol{\theta})] = [\boldsymbol{U}_{R}(\boldsymbol{\theta})][\boldsymbol{U}_{3}]$ 

PARAMETERIZATION OF THE UNITARY MATRIX



 $\underline{\alpha} = P_1 \alpha_1 + P_2 \alpha_2 + P_3 \alpha_3 \quad : \text{ROLL INVARIANT}$ 

**PHYSICAL INTERPRETATION** 

#### H/A/ α DECOMPOSITION

**ANISOTROPIC PARTICLES CLOUD** 



#### $\underline{\alpha}$ PHYSICAL INTERPRETATION



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 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

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**HSL Representation** 

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 $2A_0$   $B_0 + B$   $B_0 - B$   $\lambda$  Intensity, (1-H) Saturation,  $\alpha$  Intensity



#### **DIFFICULT MECHANISM DISCRIMINATION WHEN :** H > 0.7





- COMPLEMENTARY TO ENTROPY
- DISCRIMINATION WHEN H > 0.7





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### $H/A/\alpha$ DECOMPOSITION

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# H/A/ $\alpha$ DECOMPOSITION

### **Basic scattering mechanism identification**

#### **Selection of polarimetric contributions**





Scattering mechanism identification

Volume Diffusion (random scattering) H > 0.9 $\Rightarrow \quad \alpha_1 \gtrless \frac{\pi}{4} \rightarrow \mathsf{SR}, \mathsf{DR}$ 1 scattering mechanism  $\begin{cases} \mathbf{M} = p_1 \mathbf{v}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^{\dagger} + p_2 \mathbf{v}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^{\dagger} \\ \text{Huynen generators} \rightarrow SR, DR \end{cases}$ ⇒

2 scattering mechanisms

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### $H/A/\alpha$ DECOMPOSITION





 $B_0 - B$  $B_0 + B$  $2A_0$ 

Basic scattering mechanism identification

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#### S.E.R.D and D.E.R.D PARAMETERS (Single- and Double-bounce Eigenvalue Relative Difference)

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**Reflection Symmetry** 

$$\langle [T] \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} T_{I} & T_{2} & 0 \\ T_{2}^{*} & T_{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & T_{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_{1_{NOS}} = \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ \langle |S_{HH}|^{2} \rangle + \langle |S_{VV}|^{2} \rangle + \sqrt{\left( \langle |S_{HH}|^{2} \rangle - \left\langle |S_{VV}|^{2} \rangle \right)^{2} + 4 \left\langle |S_{HH}S_{VV}^{*}|^{2} \rangle \right\}$$

$$\lambda_{2_{NOS}} = \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ \langle |S_{HH}|^{2} \rangle + \langle |S_{VV}|^{2} \rangle - \sqrt{\left( \langle |S_{HH}|^{2} \rangle - \left\langle |S_{VV}|^{2} \rangle \right)^{2} + 4 \left\langle |S_{HH}S_{VV}^{*}|^{2} \rangle \right\}$$

$$\lambda_{3_{NOS}} = 2 \left\langle |S_{HV}|^{2} \right\rangle$$
Non-Ordered in Size Eigenvalues (NOS)

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$$if \ \alpha_{1} \leq \frac{\pi}{4} or \ \alpha_{2} \geq \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_{S} = \lambda_{1_{NOS}} \\ \lambda_{D} = \lambda_{2_{NOS}} \end{cases}$$
$$if \ \alpha_{1} \geq \frac{\pi}{4} or \ \alpha_{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_{S} = \lambda_{2_{NOS}} \\ \lambda_{D} = \lambda_{1_{NOS}} \end{cases}$$

$$SERD = \frac{\lambda_{S} - \lambda_{3_{NOS}}}{\lambda_{S} + \lambda_{3_{NOS}}} \qquad DERD = \frac{\lambda_{D} - \lambda_{3_{NOS}}}{\lambda_{D} + \lambda_{3_{NOS}}}$$





SHANNON ENTROPY (J. Morio – P. Refrégier)

**3D Circular Gaussian Process** 



SHANNON ENTROPY (J. Morio – P. Refrégier)



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**POLARIZATION ASYMMETRY – POLARIZATION FRACTION** 

T. Ainsworth  $T_{3} = U_{3} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{3} \end{bmatrix} U_{3}^{-1}$   $= U_{3} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1} - \lambda_{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{2} - \lambda_{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_{3}^{-1} + U_{3} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{3} \end{bmatrix} U_{3}^{-1}$ Power that remains completely unpolarized  $PF = 1 - \frac{3\lambda_3}{Span} = 1 - \frac{3\lambda_3}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3} \qquad 0 \le PF \le 1$ **POLARIZATION FRACTION** 

#### **POLARIZATION ASYMMETRY – POLARIZATION FRACTION**

T. Ains

sworth  

$$\mathbf{T}_{3} = \mathbf{U}_{3} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \lambda_{2} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \lambda_{3} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_{3}^{-1}$$

$$= \mathbf{U}_{3} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1} - \lambda_{3} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \lambda_{2} - \lambda_{3} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_{3}^{-1} + \mathbf{U}_{3} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{3} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \lambda_{3} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \lambda_{3} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_{3}^{-1}$$
Power that remains completely unpolarized
$$PA = \frac{(\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{3}) - (\lambda_{2} - \lambda_{3})}{(\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{3}) + (\lambda_{2} - \lambda_{3})} = \frac{\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{2}}{Span - 3\lambda_{3}} \qquad \mathbf{0} \le PA \le 1$$
POLARIZATION ASYMMETRY







J. Van Zyl









TARGET RANDOMNESS

$$p_{R} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{2}^{2} + \lambda_{3}^{2}}{\lambda_{1}^{2} + \lambda_{2}^{2} + \lambda_{3}^{2}}} \qquad 0 \le p_{R} \le 1$$







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#### ALTERNATIVE ENTROPY AND ALPHA PARAMETERS DERIVATION

**Normalized Coherency Matrix** 

 $\langle -1 \rangle$ 

$$\mathbf{N}_{3} = \left\langle \underline{\mathbf{k}}^{T*} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{k}} \right\rangle^{-1} \left\langle \underline{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{k}}^{T*} \right\rangle = \frac{\mathbf{I}_{3}}{\mathbf{Tr}(\mathbf{T}_{3})}$$

$$\mathbf{V}$$

$$H \approx 2.52 + 0.78 \log_{3}(|\mathbf{N}_{3} + 0.16\mathbf{I}_{\mathrm{D3}}|) \quad \text{entropy}$$

With:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{N}_{3} + \mathbf{0.16I}_{D3}| &= \left( \langle N_{11} \rangle + \mathbf{0.16} \right) (\langle N_{22} \rangle + \mathbf{0.16}) (\langle N_{33} \rangle + \mathbf{0.16}) \\ &- \left( \langle N_{11} \rangle + \mathbf{0.16} \right) \langle N_{23} \rangle |^{2} - \left( \langle N_{22} \rangle + \mathbf{0.16} \right) \langle N_{13} \rangle |^{2} \\ &- \left( \langle N_{33} \rangle + \mathbf{0.16} \right) \langle N_{12} \rangle |^{2} + \left\langle N_{12}^{*} \right\rangle \langle N_{13} \rangle \langle N_{23}^{*} \rangle \\ &+ \left\langle N_{12} \right\rangle \langle N_{13}^{*} \rangle \langle N_{23} \rangle \end{aligned}$$



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#### ALTERNATIVE ENTROPY AND ALPHA PARAMETERS DERIVATION

**Normalized Coherency Matrix** 

$$\mathbf{N}_{3} = \left\langle \underline{\mathbf{k}}^{T^{*}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{k}} \right\rangle^{-1} \left\langle \underline{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{k}}^{T^{*}} \right\rangle = \frac{\mathbf{T}_{3}}{\mathbf{Tr}(\mathbf{T}_{3})}$$

$$\overline{\alpha}_{Low H} = \cos^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\langle N_{11} \rangle} \right) \qquad \overline{\alpha}_{High H} = \left( 1 - \langle N_{11} \rangle \right) \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{alpha}$$







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# **TARGET SCATTERING VECTOR**

# **MODEL DECOMPOSITION**

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 $\psi$ : Target Orientation  $\tau_m$ : Target Helicity

 $\alpha_{s}$ ,  $\phi_{\alpha_{s}}$ : Symmetric scattering type vector parameters

### **T.S.V.M DECOMPOSITION**

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### T.S.V.M DECOMPOSITION

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**SEGMENTATION / CLASSIFICATION** 



### POLARIMETRIC REMOTE SENSING CESa



### PoISAR TERRAIN and LAND-USE CLASSIFICATION

POLARIMETRIC REMOTE SENSING

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### **Target Vector**

$$\underline{X} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{HH} & \sqrt{2}S_{HV} & S_{VV} \end{bmatrix}^T \qquad P(\underline{X}) = \frac{1}{\pi^3 |[C]|} e^{-\underline{X}^{*T} [C]^{-1} \underline{X}}$$

$$\underline{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} S_{HH} + S_{VV} & S_{HH} - S_{VV} & 2S_{HV} \end{bmatrix}^T \qquad P(\underline{k}) = \frac{1}{\pi^3 | [T] |} e^{-\underline{k}^{*T} [T]^{-1} \underline{k}}$$

$$\langle [T] \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \underline{k}_{i} \cdot \underline{k}_{i}^{*T} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} [T_{i}]$$

$$P(\langle [T] \rangle / [T_{m}]) = \frac{L^{Lp} |\langle [T] \rangle|^{L-p} e^{-LTr([T_{m}]^{-1} \langle [T] \rangle)}}{\pi^{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}} \Gamma(L) ... \Gamma(L-p+1) [T_{m}]^{L}}$$
COMPLEX WISHART DISTRIBUTION
$$L: \text{ Number of Look} \quad p: \text{ Polarimetric Dimension}$$

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**BAYES MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE**  $\langle [T] \rangle \in [T_m] \quad if \quad P([T_m]/\langle [T] \rangle) \geq P([T_j]/\langle [T] \rangle) \quad \forall \ j \neq m$ 

Applying Bayes rule 
$$P([T_m]/\langle [T] \rangle) = \frac{P(\langle [T] \rangle / [T_m])}{P(\langle [T] \rangle)} P([T_m])$$

#### **It follows**

 $\langle [T] \rangle \in [T_m] \quad if \quad P(\langle [T] \rangle / [T_m]) P([T_m]) \ge P(\langle [T] \rangle / [T_j]) P([T_j]) \quad \forall j \neq m$ 

[*T<sub>m</sub>*] : Cluster Center of the class *m* 





**BAYES MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE** 

$$\langle [T] \rangle \in [T_m] \quad if \quad d_m(\langle [T] \rangle) < d_j(\langle [T] \rangle) \quad \forall j \neq m$$

with

$$d_m(\langle [T] \rangle) = LTr([T_m]^{-1}\langle [T] \rangle) + L\ln([T_m]) - \ln(P([T_m])) + K$$

[*T*<sub>m</sub>] : Cluster Center of the class *m* 





### **ROBUSTENESS OF WISHART CLASSIFIER**

$$d_m(\langle [T] \rangle) = LTr([T_m]^{-1}\langle [T] \rangle) + L\ln([T_m]) - \ln(P([T_m])) + K$$

#### **INDEPENDENT OF # OF LOOKS**

**INDEPENDENT OF POLARIZATION BASIS** 

[T] or [C] IDENTICAL CLASSIFICATION RESULTS

INDEPENDENT OF WEIGHTING  

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} S_{hh} \\ \sqrt{2}S_{hv} \\ S_{vv} \end{bmatrix} \qquad u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} S_{hh} \\ S_{hv} \\ S_{vv} \end{bmatrix}$$

For Dual-Pol (p=2), PolSAR (p=3), Pol-InSAR (p=6)

J.S. Lee, E. Pottier, Polarimetric Radar Imaging: From Basics to Applications, Taylor & Francis/CRC, 2009





#### Courtesy of Dr J.S Lee



 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

JPL AIRSAR P-L-C Band Flevoland Data



**Training Sets / Reference map** 



#### **Courtesy of Dr J.S Lee**



 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

JPL AIRSAR L-Band Flevoland Data



L-band (81.63%)



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### SUPERVISED CLASSIFIER

#### Courtesy of Dr J.S Lee



L-band Fully Pol. (81.63%)



L-band HH and VV Intensities (56.35%)



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L-band complex HH and VV (80.91%)



Reference map for comparison


## SUPERVISED CLASSIFIER

#### **Courtesy of Dr J.S Lee**

	Fully	Complex	Intensity	Complex	Intensity	Complex	Intensity
	Polarimetric	HH, HV	HH, HV	HH, VV	HH, VV	VV, HV	VV, HV
Stem Bean	95.32	51.16	63.27	90.64	61.73	35.97	31.29
Forest	81.07	66.73	68.39	75.75	33.83	60.05	60.91
Potatoes	82.89	67.53	66.36	81.52	49.35	54.40	59.15
Lucerne	97.91	39.29	38.23	99.26	65.15	67.49	65.30
Wheat	64.80	49.77	44.27	68.02	53.72	49.43	41.65
Bare Soil	99.36	90.04	82.86	98.42	93.15	90.93	63.74
Beet	89.26	68.80	66.36	86.22	81.98	75.94	74.77
Rape Seed	89.05	55.01	53.23	87.18	49.85	82.31	77.12
Peas	86.47	50.77	39.25	84.59	65.21	81.82	79.59
Grass	91.05	66.44	65.06	90.13	71.08	75.36	75.19
Water	100	90.39	87.33	100	99.86	96.30	70.53
TOTAL	81.63	59.16	55.38	80.91	56.35	64.72	60.12

### **L-Band Crop Classification Results**

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### $H/\alpha$ CLASSIFICATION

### SEGMENTATION OF THE H / $\alpha$ SPACE



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## H/<u>α</u> CLASSIFICATION



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## H/α CLASSIFICATION

H -  $\underline{\alpha}$  classification



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## H/ $\alpha$ /span CLASSIFICATION

### POLSAR DATA DISTRIBUTION IN THE H / $\underline{\alpha}$ PLANE



Cao Fang, Hong Wen A New Classification Method Based on Cloude-Pottier Eigenvalue / Eigenvector Decomposition, IGARSS 05, Seoul, Korea

## H/ $\alpha$ /span CLASSIFICATION

### POLSAR DATA DISTRIBUTION IN THE H / $\underline{\alpha}$ PLANE



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## H/<u>α</u>/span CLASSIFICATION

 $H - \underline{\alpha}$  ( $\underline{\lambda}$ ) classification



 $B_0 + B$   $B_0 - B$  $2A_0$ 

## $H/\alpha$ CLASSIFICATION

#### H- $\underline{\alpha}$ classification



H /  $\underline{\alpha}$  Classification Space Sub-divised into 9 basic zones

Location of the boundaries is arbitrary and generically

Degree of arbitrariness on the setting of these boundaries

Segmentation is offered merely to illustrate the unsupervised classification strategy and to emphasize the geometrical segmentation of physical scattering processes



## H / $\underline{\alpha}$ - WISHART CLASSIFIER

**1994** *LEE et al.* PROPOSED A SUPERVISED ALGORITHM BASED ON THE COMPLEX WISHART DISTRIBUTION FOR THE COMPLEX COVARIANCE / COHERENCY MATRIX.



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- **1998** *LEE et al.* DEVELOPED A COMBINED UNSUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION METHOD THAT USES THE H / <u>a</u> PLANE WHICH INITIALLY CLASSIFIES THE POLSAR IMAGE. THIS SEGMENTED IMAGE IS THEN USED AS TRAINING SETS FOR THE INITIALIZATION OF THE SUPERVISED WISHART CLASSIFIER.
- 1999 INTRODUCTION OF THE ANISOTROPY (*E. POTTIER J.S.LEE*) IMPROVEMENT OF THE CAPABILITY TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN DIFFERENT CLASSES WHOS CENTERS END IN THE SAME ENTROPY (H) AND ALPHA (*Q*) ZONE.



# H / $\alpha$ - WISHART CLASSIFIER

### **k** - mean CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE



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## H / $\underline{\alpha}$ - WISHART CLASSIFIER

#### **SAN FRANCISCO BAY JPL - AIRSAR L-band 1988**

4th ITERATION



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#### **Cluster centers shifting after each iteration**



## H / $\underline{\alpha}$ - WISHART CLASSIFIER

#### 4th ITERATION

During the classification,the cluster centers can move out their zones or several clusters may end in the same zone

Identification of the terrain type may cause some confusion due to the color scheme

The combined Wishart classifier is extended and complemented with the introduction of the Anisotropy (A)



# H / A / $\underline{\alpha}$ - WISHART CLASSIFIER esa

### POLSAR DATA DISTRIBUTION IN THE H / A / $\underline{\alpha}$ SPACE



## **H** / A / $\alpha$ - WISHART CLASSIFIER CESA

### 2 Successive k - mean Classification procedures



## H / A / $\alpha$ - WISHART CLASSIFIER CSa

#### **SAN FRANCISCO BAY JPL - AIRSAR L-band 1988**

4th ITERATION



## H / A / $\alpha$ - WISHART CLASSIFIER CESA

#### **SAN FRANCISCO BAY JPL - AIRSAR L-band 1988**











 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 





#### **NEZER FOREST JPL - AIRSAR L-band**



 $B_0 + B$  $2A_0$  $B_0 - B$ 







#### **ICE AREA JPL - AIRSAR L-band**



 $B_0 + B$   $B_0 - B$  $2A_0$ 





#### **DEATH VALLEY JPL - AIRSAR L-band**



 $B_0 + B$  $B_0 - B$  $2A_0$ 





#### **ALLING - ESAR L-band**



 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

#### H/A/ $\alpha$ and WISHART CLASSIFIER





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#### **TRAUNSTEIN - ESAR L-band**

H / A /  $\underline{\alpha}$  and WISHART CLASSIFIER



 $B_0 - B$  $B_0 + B$ DLR

<u>C1</u>	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	<u>C8</u>
C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	C14	C15	C16



#### **OBERPFAFFENHOFEN - ESAR L-band**



 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

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#### H / A / $\underline{\alpha}$ and WISHART CLASSIFIER





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#### **OBERPFAFFENHOFEN - ESAR L-band**



#### H / A / $\underline{\alpha}$ and WISHART CLASSIFIER



### C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8 C9 C10 C11 C12 C13 C14 C15 C16



### Unsupervised Classification Preserving Scattering Mechanisms

J.S. Lee, M.R. Grunes, E. Pottier and L. Ferro-Famil, "Segmentation of polarimetric SAR images that preserves scattering mechanisms" Proceedings of EUSAR2002





#### Courtesy of Dr J.S Lee



A. Freeman and S.L. Durden, "A Three-Component Scattering Model for Polarimetric SAR Data" IEEE TGRS, vol. 36, no. 3, May 1998



### **PROCEDURE – FLOW CHART**



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## FREEMAN - WISHART CLASSIFIER CESa

### **Wishart Iteration – After Class Merge**

### **Classification Maps**



### Note: Stability insures good convergence



# FREEMAN - WISHART CLASSIFIER CSa

Courtesy of Dr J.S Lee



4<sup>th</sup> Iteration (15 classes)

|HH-VV|, |HV|, |HH+VV|

## FREEMAN - WISHART CLASSIFIER Casa

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## FREEMAN - WISHART CLASSIFIER CSa

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 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

### **Australian Pasture**



4<sup>th</sup> Iteration (15 classes)



**C-Band Volume Dominated** 

## FREEMAN - WISHART CLASSIFIER Casa

Courtesy of Dr J.S Lee



 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

### **Australian Pasture**



4<sup>th</sup> Iteration (15 classes)



**L-Band Volume Dominated** 

## POL-InSAR



## **POL-InSAR**



ESAR Contemporary DO 228 P, L, S-Band (Quad) C, X-Band (Sngl)





**P-Band** 



Experimental Synthetic Aperture Radar System



**X-Band** 



L-Band













## |HH+VV||HV||HH-VV|T11=2A0T33=B0-BT22=B0+B

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$$POL-InSAR$$

$$POL-InSAR$$

$$DUAL CHANNELS POLINSAR UNSUPERVISED SEGMENTATION$$

$$\langle [T_{6}] \rangle = \langle \underline{k} \cdot \underline{k}^{T*} \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \langle \underline{k}_{1} \cdot \underline{k}_{1}^{T*} \rangle & \langle \underline{k}_{1} \cdot \underline{k}_{2}^{T*} \rangle \\ \langle \underline{k}_{2} \cdot \underline{k}_{1}^{T*} \rangle & \langle \underline{k}_{2} \cdot \underline{k}_{2}^{T*} \rangle \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle [T_{1}] \rangle & \langle [\Omega_{12}] \rangle \\ \langle [\Omega_{12}]^{T*} \rangle & \langle [T_{2}] \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$
POLARIMETRIC INTERFEROMETRIC COHERENCY MATRIX (6x6)
$$\langle [T_{6}] \rangle \quad FOLLOWS A WISHART DISTRIBUTION$$

$$P(\langle [T_{6}] \rangle / [\Sigma_{m}]) = \frac{|\langle [T_{6}] \rangle|^{L-p} exp(-tr([\Sigma_{m}]^{-1}\langle [T_{6}] \rangle))}{K(L,p)[\Sigma_{m}]^{L}} = W_{c}(L, [\Sigma_{m}])$$
L: Number of Look
p: Polarimetric Dimension
With:  $K(L, p) = \frac{\pi^{\frac{p(p-l)}{2}}}{L^{Lp}} \Gamma(L)...\Gamma(L-p+1)$ 
[Jm]: Cluster Center of the class m



DLR E-SAR L Band Pol-In SAR (1.5m x 3m) – Baseline 15m

#### **POL-SAR INFORMATION**

### **IN-SAR INFORMATION** $Arg(\gamma)$



DLR E-SAR L Band Pol-In SAR (1.5m x 3m) – Baseline 5m

#### **POL-SAR INFORMATION**

IN-SAR INFORMATION  $\gamma$ 

**COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** 





### **HETEROGENEOUS AREA**

### DIFFERENT POLARIMETRIC SCATTERING MECHANISMS



## **HOMOGENEOUS AREA**

### CONSTANT INTERFEROMETRIC COHERENCE









### **HOMOGENEOUS AREA**

### SAME POLARIMETRIC SCATTERING MECHANISMS



### **HETEROGENEOUS AREA**

### DIFFERENT INTERFEROMETRIC COHERENCE

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Wishart H-A- $\underline{\alpha}$  segmentation



## **POL-InSAR**





**INSAR Image** 





**VOL POLINSAR Segmentation** 



**POLSAR Segmentation** 



**POLINSAR Segmentation** 



Oriented buildings segmented from vegetated areas

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## **POL-InSAR**



POLSAR Image

**POLSAR Segmentation** 



**INSAR Image** 





VOL POLINSAR Segmentation





**POLINSAR Segmentation** 



Low density forested areas segmented from dense forest

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**ALLING - ESAR L-band** 



 $B_0 + B$   $B_0 - B$  $2A_0$ 







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 $2A_0 \qquad B_0 + B \qquad B_0 - B$ 

#### H / A / $\alpha$ and WISHART CLASSIFIER





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## IN-SAR INFORMATION $\gamma$

### **POL-SAR INFORMATION**

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## **Oriented Targets segmented from Vegetated Areas**

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# **POLARIMETRIC TARGET SIGNATURES: An Example**



### A Man-Made Structure - An Example



**|HH-VV|**, **|HV|**, **|HH+VV|** 

#### **EMISAR C-Band Polarimetric SAR Image of StoreBelt Bridge**

J.S. Lee, E. Krogager, T.L. Ainsworth, and W.-M. Boerner, "Polarimetric analysis of radar signature of a manmade structure," *IEEE Remote Sensing Letters*, vol. 3 no. 4, 555-559, October 2006.



# POLARIMETRIC DECOMPOSITION

#### Flight Direction





| HV |



| **VV** |





High-resolution POLSAR signature of a suspension bridge under construction The deck was not installed.



**Aerial Photo** 

Krogager SDH Decomposition

• Blue= Sphere Green = Helix Red = Diplane.





#### High-resolution POLSAR signature of a suspension bridge under construction The deck was not installed.



Dominant scattering mechanisms are extracted by applying target decomposition: Blue= Surface Green = Dipole Red = Double Bounce.

# POLARIMETRIC DECOMPOSITION

Multi – Bounce Scattering mechanisms





High-resolution POLSAR signature of a suspension bridge after completion. The deck is installed.



|HH-VV|, |HV|, |HH+VV|

# POLARIMETRIC DECOMPOSITION







**|HH-VV|, |HV|, |HH+VV|** 



Navigation Map of Storebelt, Denmark



POLARIMETRIC DECOMPOSITION H Entropy

 $\alpha$  Angle





#### $\alpha$ Angle



#### Roundtrip distances:

A: Triple bounces,  $2(L + d\cos\theta)$ 

**B:** 5 (or 7) bounces,  $2(L + d \cos \theta) + 2d$ 

C: 7 (or 9) bounces,  $2(L+d\cos\theta)+4d$ 

**D: 9 (or 11) bounces,**  $2(L + d \cos \theta) + 6d$ 

(...) indicates additional two bounces from the bottom of the deck.

## **RESONANT CAVITY**

Dominant scattering mechanisms are extracted by applying target decomposition:

Blue= Surface Green = Dipole Red = Double Bounce





# POLARIZATION ORIENTATION ANGLE ESTIMATION AND APPLICATIONS

## POLARIZATION ORIENTATION ANGLE ESTIMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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## **Polarization Orientation Shifts**

## **Orientation angles = rotation about the line of sight**



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## **Polarization Orientation Shifts**

### Orientation angle shifts induced by azimuthal slopes Orientation information imbedded in Pol-SAR data





## **Orientation Estimation**

P.O.A ESTIMATION

### **Scattering Matrix**

$$S^{(new)} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \\ -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_{HH} & S_{HV} \\ S_{VH} & S_{VV} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

Coherency Matrix  

$$T^{(new)} = UTU^{T}$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ 0 & -\sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

## **Orientation Rotation**

**Circular Polarizations (only phase is affected)** 

### **Circular Covariance Matrix**

$$\widetilde{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \left\langle \left| S_{LL} \right|^{2} \right\rangle & \sqrt{2} \left\langle \left( S_{LL} S_{LL_{\perp}}^{*} \right) e^{-i2\theta} \right\rangle & \left\langle \left( S_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}} S_{LL}^{*} \right) e^{-i4\theta} \right\rangle \\ \sqrt{2} \left\langle \left( S_{LL_{\perp}} S_{LL}^{*} \right) e^{i2\theta} \right\rangle & 2 \left\langle \left| S_{LL_{\perp}} \right|^{2} \right\rangle & \sqrt{2} \left\langle \left( S_{LL_{\perp}} S_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}}^{*} \right) e^{-i2\theta} \right\rangle \\ \left\langle \left( S_{LL} S_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}}^{*} \right) e^{i4\theta} \right\rangle & \sqrt{2} \left\langle \left( S_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}} S_{LL_{\perp}}^{*} \right) e^{i2\theta} \right\rangle & \left\langle \left| S_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}} \right|^{2} \right\rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

## **Estimation Methods**

### **Circular Polarization Estimators**

 $\widetilde{S}_{LL} = S_{LL} e^{-i2\theta}$ 

$$\implies \left\langle \widetilde{S}_{LL} \widetilde{S}_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}}^{*} \right\rangle = \left\langle (S_{LL} S_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}}^{*}) e^{-i4\theta} \right\rangle \approx \left\langle (S_{LL} S_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}}^{*}) \right\rangle e^{-i4\theta}$$

$$\left\langle \tilde{S}_{LL} \tilde{S}^*_{LL_{\perp}} \right\rangle = \left\langle (S_{LL} S^*_{LL_{\perp}}) e^{-i2\theta} \right\rangle \approx \left\langle (S_{LL} S^*_{LL_{\perp}}) \right\rangle e^{-i2\theta}$$

## Which estimator is the good one ?

## **The Circular Co-Pol Algorithm**

For Multi-look or single-look complex data

Circular co-pol method (Lee et al. 1999)

$$\left\langle \widetilde{S}_{LL}\widetilde{S}^*_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}} \right\rangle \approx \left\langle (S_{LL}S^*_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}}) \right\rangle e^{-i4\theta}$$

For a reflection symmetrical medium,  $\langle S_{RR}S_{LL}^* \rangle$  should be real.

$$< S_{IL} S^*_{L_{\perp} L_{\perp}} >= (-<|S_{HH} - S_{VV}|^2 > +4 <|S_{HV}|^2 >)/4$$

From.

$$<\tilde{S}_{LL}\tilde{S}^{*}_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}}>=\frac{1}{4}\{<-|\tilde{S}_{HH}-\tilde{S}_{VV}|^{2}+4|\tilde{S}_{HV}|^{2}>-i4\operatorname{Re}(<(\tilde{S}_{HH}-\tilde{S}_{VV})\tilde{S}^{*}_{HV}>)\}$$

$$-4\theta = Arg(\langle \widetilde{S}_{LL}\widetilde{S}^*_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}} \rangle) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-4\operatorname{Re}(\langle (\widetilde{S}_{HH} - \widetilde{S}_{W})\widetilde{S}^*_{HV} \rangle)}{-\langle |\widetilde{S}_{HH} - \widetilde{S}_{W}|^2 \rangle + 4\langle |\widetilde{S}_{HV}|^2 \rangle}\right)$$

## **The Circular Co-Pol Algorithm**

From :

$$-4\theta = Arg(\langle \tilde{S}_{LL}\tilde{S}_{L_{\perp}L_{\perp}}^{*} \rangle) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-4\operatorname{Re}(\langle (\tilde{S}_{HH} - \tilde{S}_{VV})\tilde{S}_{HV}^{*} \rangle)}{-\langle |\tilde{S}_{HH} - \tilde{S}_{VV}|^{2} \rangle + 4\langle |\tilde{S}_{HV}|^{2} \rangle}\right)$$

A bias of  $\pm \pi$  is introduced, since

$$\{-<|\tilde{S}_{HH} - \tilde{S}_{VV}|^2 > +4 < |\tilde{S}_{HV}|^2 > \} < 0$$

The algorithm is

$$\theta = \begin{cases} \eta, & if \quad \eta \le \pi/4 \\ \eta - \pi/2, & if \quad \eta > \pi/4 \end{cases}$$
$$\eta = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-4 \operatorname{Re}(\langle (\tilde{S}_{HH} - \tilde{S}_{VV}) \tilde{S}_{HV}^* \rangle)}{-\langle |\tilde{S}_{HH} - \tilde{S}_{VV}|^2 \rangle + 4 < |\tilde{S}_{HV}|^2 \rangle} \right) + \pi \right]$$

Measurement range: -  $\pi/4 \le \theta \le \pi/4$ 


# P.O.A ESTIMATION



### Terrain Vegetation and Topography Representative of Camp Roberts, CA







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# P.O.A ESTIMATION

### **The effect of POA Compensation**

The Polarization Orientation (PO) angle effect :

- Azimuth slopes and buildings induce PO angle shift
- Model based decompositions based on uncompensated data may mis-interpret scattering mechanisms
  - High relief terrain = Forest (volume scattering)
  - Buildings = Forest



# P.O.A COMPENSATION

### **The effect on Coherency Matrix**



Orientation angle map  $(-45^{\circ} \le \theta \le 45^{\circ})$ 





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### **P.O.A COMPENSATION**



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# SOIL MOISTURE ESTIMATION An Example



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 $\theta \in [25^\circ \dots 55^\circ]$ 

 $res = (1.5m \times 3m)$ 





### LAND – AGRICULTURE APPLICATIONS





ALLING Site DLR – ESAR L-band





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### LAND – AGRICULTURE APPLICATIONS

- Soil Moisture & Biomass Estimation using Polarimetric Scattering Theory
- Oh
- Shi
- Dubois
- Francesco Mattia
- X-Bragg (I. Hajnsek 2000)
- E.R.D (Eigenvalue Relative Difference) (S. Allain 2003)
- S.E.R.D and D.E.R.D (S. Allain 2005)



### SOIL MOISTURE CHARACTERIZATION



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### SOIL MOISTURE CHARACTERIZATION



**Observations** 

 $\alpha_{1\ \mbox{\scriptsize IEM}}$  increases with soil moisture Quasi roughness independent  $\alpha_1$  angle sensitive to soil moisture





but different amplitude level !!!

 $\alpha_{1\_IEM\_Corrected} = \alpha_{1\_IEM}$ 

 $\alpha_{1\_data}$ 

 $\alpha_{1\_IEM}$ 

### **SOIL MOISTURE CHARACTERIZATION**



### **SOIL MOISTURE CHARACTERIZATION**





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### SOIL MOISTURE CHARACTERIZATION



#### Good agreement between ground truth and estimated moisture



### SOIL MOISTURE CHARACTERIZATION





### SOIL MOISTURE CHARACTERIZATION



- 1 : Seedbed winter cereals
- 2 : Seedbed winter cereals (80%,15 cm)
- 3 : Harrowed
- 4 : Harrowed
- 5 : Pasture, grassland (95%,10 cm)
- 6 : Seedbed winter cereals (30%,4 cm)
- 7 : Seedbed
- 8 : Seedbed winter cereals (30%)
- 9 : Harrowed
- 10 : Pasture, grassland









L. Ferro-Famil, A. Reigber, E. Pottier, W.M. Boerner"Scene Characterization Using Subaperture Polarimetric SAR Data" IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, Vol 41, n° 10, October 2003.







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### **Visualization of polarimetric variations**





### **Variations of Polarimetric Indicators**

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**Resonant surface backscattering** 



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### Non-stationary media discrimination



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