

# Robust statistical framework for radar change detection applications - Part 1

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#### When remote sensing turns into big data

Remote sensing provides various images of the Earth's surface

Huge increase in the number of available acquisitions:

- Sentinel-1: 12 days repeat cycle, since 2014
- TerraSAR-X: 11 days repeat cycle, since 2007
- UAVSAR, ... thousands of flight paths planned



#### Problem

There is a need for algorithms to process this amount of data automatically!

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#### A focus on change detection problems

#### **Various problems**

- Target/pattern detection
- Segmentation, classification, clustering, ...
- Change Detection
- Change estimation (e.g., interferometry)

single snapshot single snapshot, time-series time-series time-series

#### **Change detection**

From a time-series, detect locations where changes occurred over time, e.g.:

- Man-made changes: appearance/disappearance of vehicles/buildings
- Natural disasters: floodings, fires, ...
- Small variations of terrain: glacier displacement, land subsidence



#### Change detection (CD) problem



#### **Pixel-level methods**

Decide if a change occurred locally (patches) between the observations

Many other approaches in the overview [Hussain et al., 2013]

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#### Change detection application examples

Example 1/2: activity monitoring

Figure 1: Terrasar-X images of the Burning-man festival between two dates

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#### Change detection application examples

#### Example 2/2: disaster assessment



Figure 1: Destruction map of Dorian Hurricane using change detection over Sentinel-1 data

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#### A general framework for pixel-level methods



Two steps:

- Data extraction: transform the data to highlight changes we aim to detect
- Decision function: compute measure of dissimilarity between data/features

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#### Data: a focus on synthetic aperture radar data

#### Satellite/airborne remote sensing systems

- RGB optical imaging
- Multispectral/Hyperspectral imaging
- Active sensing: radar, synthetic aperture radar

#### Extensions

Tools from this presentation can be transposed, but require to check assumptions

- Optical images: positive data, non-zero mean, ...
- High dimension issues in hyperspectral imaging



2-Step CD

1-Step CD

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Conclusion

#### Synthetic aperture radar (SAR)



#### Advantages:

- All weather and illumination conditions (active technology)
- Very high-resolution (sub-meter) imaging
- Cover large areas



Comparison of optical and image

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#### **Feature selection**

- Leverage **diversity** to improve the detection
- Requires to process **multivariate** pixels



#### Data extraction (2/3): raw data and polarimetry

Polarimetry  $\mathbf{x} = [x_{HH}, x_{HV}, x_{VV}]^T \in \mathbb{C}^3$ 

- Pauli decomposition
- Krogager decomposition
- Cameron Decomposition
- H- $\alpha$  decomposition
- An so on...



SF Bay, Pauli basis (HH - VV,  $\sqrt{2}HV$ , HH + VV)

Overview available at https://earth.esa.int/documents/653194/656796/Polarimetric\_Decompositions.pdf

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#### Data extraction (3/3): spectro-angular features [Mian et al., 2019]



Wavelet decompositions can retrieve dispersive/anisotropic behavior of the scatterers

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#### **Multivariate SAR Images Time Series**



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#### Some issues encountered with SAR images time series (1/2)

#### **Co-registration**

- Change detection requires accurate co-registration
- Can be challenging depending on the system (satellite vs plane)



#### **Clutter noise**

- Weak Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR)
- Multiplicative noise, Gaussian assumption often not valid

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#### Some issues encountered with SAR images time series (2/2)

#### Lack of ground truth and labeled data

Obtaining reliable ground truth is extremely complicated and time-consuming

- Comparing with optical data
- Crossing with geographic databases
- Asking local authorities

#### Our take on this presentation

- Co-registration has been correctly performed
- We will consider **robust models** to handle the noise
- We will focus on the design of **non-supervised** approaches

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• Decision function: compute measure of dissimilarity between data

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \Lambda: & (\mathbb{C}^{p \times n})^T & \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ & & \{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T & \longmapsto \Lambda(\{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T) \end{array}$$

• Detection threshold: decide that a change occurred if

 $\Lambda(\{\{\mathbf{x}_{i}^{t}\}_{i=1}^{n}\}_{t=1}^{T}) > \lambda$ 

- Ideally:
  - good trade-off between probability of detection/probability of false alarm (PD/PFA)
  - $\lambda$  can be set in practice (e.g., CFAR property)

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#### Some classical univariate schemes (p = 1, T = 2)

Log-ratio

#### [Bazi et al., 2006]

$$\Lambda_{\log r}(\{x_i^1\}_{i=1}^n, \{x_i^2\}_{i=1}^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(|x_i^1|/|x_i^2|)$$

Counters the multiplicative nature of the speckle

#### **Coherent change detection (CCD)**

$$\Lambda_{\rm CCD}(\{x_i^1\}_{i=1}^n, \{x_i^2\}_{i=1}^n) = \frac{2|\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i^*|}{\sum_{i=1}^n (|x_i|^2 + |y_i|^2)}$$

Highlight changes in the phase between acquisitions

Multivariate extensions [Novak, 2005, Barber, 2015]

- **Pros**: simple to implement
- Limitations: high PFA, univariate, bi-date

#### Parametric statistical detection (1/4)



- Can handle **multivariate data**
- Can account for **physical modeling** of the data/noise
- Strong theoretical guarantees from statistical literature



#### Parametric statistical detection (2/4)

• Probabilistic model on the observations:

$$\mathbf{x}_{i}^{t} \sim p_{\mathbf{x}_{i}^{t}}(\mathbf{x}_{i}^{t}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}; \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{t}),$$

 $\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\theta}_t : \text{Parameters of interest} \\ \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t : \text{Side parameters} \end{cases}$ 

• Detect a change in  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_t \Leftrightarrow$  binary hypothesis test

$$\begin{cases} H_0: \quad \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 = \ldots = \boldsymbol{\theta}_T = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 & \& \quad \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 \neq \ldots \neq \boldsymbol{\Phi}_T, \\ H_1: \quad \exists (t,t') \in \llbracket 1, T \rrbracket^2, \quad \boldsymbol{\theta}_t \neq \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t'} & \& \quad \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 \neq \ldots \neq \boldsymbol{\Phi}_T \end{cases}$$

#### Problems

- Specify a model and parameters (empirical fit/robustness)
- Find a practical test statistic  $\Lambda$  (decision function)



Parametric statistical detection (3/4)

We expect a **High PD** and **Low PFA** from the detection process  $(\Lambda, \lambda)$ 



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#### Parametric statistical detection (4/4)

#### Constant false alarm rate (CFAR)

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A statistic \Lambda is said to be CFAR if \forall (\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1), \forall \lambda
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 $\mathbb{P}\left(\Lambda(\{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T;\boldsymbol{\theta}_0|\mathbf{H}_0) > \lambda\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\Lambda(\{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T;\boldsymbol{\theta}_1|\mathbf{H}_0) > \lambda\right)$ 

Example of a non CFAR statistic:



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#### Gaussian modeling for statistical CD

#### **Multivariate Gaussian distribution**

 $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbb{C}\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \text{ with } \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{x}\right] = \boldsymbol{\mu} \text{ and } \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^{H}\right] = \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \text{ if it has for p.d.f.}$ 

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\mu},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{\pi^{p}|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-1}} \exp\left\{-(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^{\mathrm{H}}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})\right\}$$

#### **Motivations**:

- Empirical fit to SAR data (central limit theorem)
  - zero mean ( $\mu = 0$ )
  - **correlation** between channels ( $\Sigma \neq \alpha I$ )
- **Practical theoretical results** from statistics and signal processing literature



## Gaussian covariance-based CD (1/2)

- Modeled by  $\mathbf{x}_i^t \sim \mathbb{C}\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_t)$
- ullet Change in time  $\Leftrightarrow$  change in  $oldsymbol{\Sigma}_t$
- Omnibus test ( $oldsymbol{ heta}_t = oldsymbol{\Sigma}_t, \, oldsymbol{\Phi}_t = arnothing)$

$$\begin{cases} H_0: \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 = \ldots = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_T = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0\\ H_1: \quad \forall (t, t') \in [\![1, T]\!]^2, \, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t \neq \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t'} \end{cases}$$

[Conradsen et al., 2003] "A test statistic in the complex Wishart distribution and its application to change detection in polarimetric SAR data," IEEE Trans. on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, vol. 41, no. 1, pp. 4-19, 2003.

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- Problem :  $\Sigma_t$  are **unknown** in practice  $\Rightarrow$  requires **estimates**
- Many options to design  $\Lambda$ !
  - Plug-in detectors (2-step detection)
  - Statistical criteria (1-step detection)

#### • Overviews:

[Ciuonzo et al., 2017] "On Multiple Covariance Equality Testing with Application to SAR Change Detection," IEEE Trans. on Signal Processing, vol. 65, no. 19, pp. 5078-5091, 2017.

[Mian et al., 2020] "An Overview of Covariance-based Change Detection Methodologies in Multivariate SAR Image

Time Series", book chapter, Change Detection and Image Time-Series Analysis, Wisley, to appear.

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#### 2-step change detection



- Covariance matrix estimation (feature extraction)
- Evaluation of a **distance** (feature comparison)



#### Sample covariance matrix (SCM)

Let  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n$  following  $\mathbf{x}\sim\mathbb{C}\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0},\mathbf{\Sigma})$ , the ML estimate of  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  is

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{ ext{SCM}} = rac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^H$$

- Simple to implement
- Wishart distributed  $\longrightarrow$  well established properties
- Not robust to non-Gaussian/outliers (cf. Part 2)

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Distai	nces between	covariance matric	es			
Fi	robenius	$d_{\mathrm{Fro}}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2) = \  \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 \ $	$- {old \Sigma}_2 ig\ _F^2$			
S	pectral Log	$d_{ ext{Log}}(\mathbf{\Sigma}_1,\mathbf{\Sigma}_2) = \ \log($	$(\mathbf{\Sigma}_1) - \log(\mathbf{\Sigma}_1)$	$\  2_2 ) \ _F^2$		
Н	Iotelling-Lawley	$d_{ ext{HTL}}(oldsymbol{\Sigma}_1,oldsymbol{\Sigma}_2) =  ext{Tr} \left\{$	$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2^{-1}\big\}$		[Akbari et al., 20	016]
К	L divergence	$d_{ ext{KL}}(\mathbf{\Sigma}_1,\mathbf{\Sigma}_2) =  ext{Tr}\left\{\mathbf{\Sigma}_1,\mathbf{\Sigma}_2 ight\}$	$\mathbf{\Sigma}_1^{-1}\mathbf{\Sigma}_2 \big\} + \mathbf{lo}$	$\operatorname{g}\left( \mathbf{\Sigma}_1 / \mathbf{\Sigma}_2  ight)$	[Nascimento et	al., 2019]
W	Vasserstein	$d_{\mathrm{W}}(\mathbf{\Sigma}_{1},\mathbf{\Sigma}_{2})=\mathrm{Tr}\left\{\mathbf{\Sigma}_{1}^{{}} ight.$	$\Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 - 2$	$\left( \mathbf{\Sigma}_2^{1/2} \mathbf{\Sigma}_1 \mathbf{\Sigma}_2^{1/2}  ight)^{1/2}$	] [Mian et al., 202	20]
R	ao	$d_{\operatorname{Rao}}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2) = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{n}$	$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \log^2 \lambda_i + \{\lambda_i\}$	$\beta \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p} \log \lambda_i \right)^2$ $\}_{i=1}^{p} = \operatorname{eig}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2)$	[Ratha et al., 20	17]

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#### 2-step change detection

#### **Gaussian plug-in detectors**

$$\Lambda(\{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T) = d(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^1, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^2)$$

#### **Advantages**

- Practical anf flexible
- Estimates: many options
- Distance: various invariances
- Wishart characterization

#### Limitations

- T = 2
- CFAR: case by case study
- 2-step  $\rightarrow$  "suboptimal"?

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#### 1-step change detection

- Model  $\mathbf{x}_i^t \sim \mathbb{C}\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_t)$
- Binary hypothesis test

$$\begin{cases} H_0: \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 = \ldots = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_T = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0 \\ H_1: \quad \forall (t, t') \in [\![1, T]\!]^2, \, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t \neq \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t'} \end{cases}$$

- $\Rightarrow$  Derive  $\Lambda$  following well-established decision statistics
- Many criteria exist, but most of them are equivalent to either GLRT,  $t_1$ , or Wald for the considered problem [Ciuonzo et al., 2017]



#### Generalized likelihood ratio test (GLRT) (1/3)

#### **GLRT**

#### [Kay and Gabriel, 2003]

Given the data  $\{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T$ , model  $p_{\mathbf{x}}$  and test parameters  $\{\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Phi}\}$ , the GLRT is

$$\hat{\Lambda}_{\text{GLRT}} = \frac{\max_{\{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{t}\}_{t=1}^{T}} p_{\mathbf{x}} \left(\{\{\mathbf{x}_{i}^{t}\}_{i=1}^{n}\}_{t=1}^{T} ; \{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{t}\}_{t=1}^{T} \mid \mathbf{H}_{1}\right)}{\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{0}, \{\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{t}\}_{t=1}^{T}} p_{\mathbf{x}} \left(\{\{\mathbf{x}_{i}^{t}\}_{i=1}^{n}\}_{t=1}^{T} ; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{0}, \{\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{t}\}_{t=1}^{T} \mid \mathbf{H}_{0}\right)} \overset{\mathbf{H}_{1}}{\underset{\mathbf{H}_{0}}{\gtrsim}} \lambda.$$



### Generalized likelihood ratio test (GLRT) (2/3)

#### **GLRT for covariance change detection**

Assuming that the data  $\{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T$  follows  $\mathbf{x}_i^t \sim \mathbb{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_t)$ , the GLRT for the test

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{H}_0: \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 = \ldots = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_T = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0 \\ \mathbf{H}_1: \quad \forall (t,t') \in \llbracket 1, T \rrbracket^2, \, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t \neq \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t \end{array}$$

is

$$\hat{\Lambda}_{\rm G} = \frac{\left|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\rm SCM}^{0}\right|^{nT}}{\prod_{t=1}^{T} \left|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\rm SCM}^{t}\right|^{n}},$$

where  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^t$  is the SCM of  $\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^0$  is the SCM of  $\{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T$ 



#### Generalized likelihood ratio test (GLRT) (3/3)

# Univariate case: Incoherent change detection (ICD) [Mian et al., 2017] For p = 1, T = 2, the GLRT reduces to $\Lambda_{ICD}(\{x_i^1\}_{i=1}^n, \{x_i^2\}_{i=1}^n) = \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i^1|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i^2|^2\right)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i^1|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i^2|^2}$

Generalized likelihood ratio test on the variance

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#### Terrell (gradient) statistic (1/2)

#### **Terrell statistic**

#### [Radhakrishna Rao, 1948, Terrell, 2002]

Given the data  $\{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T$ , model  $p_{\mathbf{x}}$  and test parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ , the  $t_1$  is

$$\Lambda_{t_1} = \frac{\partial \log p_{\mathbf{x}} \left( \{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T; \{\boldsymbol{\theta}_t, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t\}_{t=1}^T \mid \mathbf{H}_1 \right)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}^T} \bigg|_{\boldsymbol{\theta} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_0} \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_1 - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_0 \right)$$



#### $t_1$ statistic for covariance change detection

Assuming that the data  $\{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T$  follows  $\mathbf{x}_i^t \sim \mathbb{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_t)$ , the  $t_1$  for the test

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is

$$\hat{\Lambda}_{t_1} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \operatorname{Tr} \left[ \left( \left( \hat{\Sigma}_{SCM}^0 \right)^{-1} \hat{\Sigma}_{SCM}^t \right)^2 \right]$$

where  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^t$  is the SCM of  $\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^0$  is the SCM of  $\{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T$ 

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Wald statistic (1/2)

Wald statistic

#### [Wald, 1943]

Given the data  $\{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T$ , model  $p_{\mathbf{x}}$  and test parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ , the Wald statistic is

$$\Lambda_{\text{Wald}} = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_1 - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^H \left( \left[ \mathbf{I}^{-1}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_1) \right]_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \right)^{-1} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_1 - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \,,$$

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where  $\mathbf{I}(\boldsymbol{ heta})$  is the Fisher information matrix of the estimation problem under the  $\mathrm{H}_1$ 

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Wald statis	stic (2/2)					

#### Wald statistic for covariance change detection

Assuming that the data  $\{\{\mathbf{x}_i^t\}_{i=1}^n\}_{t=1}^T$  follows  $\mathbf{x}_i^t \sim \mathbb{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_t)$ , the Wald statistic for

H<sub>0</sub>: 
$$\Sigma_1 = \ldots = \Sigma_T = \Sigma_0$$
  
H<sub>1</sub>:  $\forall (t, t') \in [\![1, T]\!]^2, \Sigma_t \neq \Sigma_{t'}$ 

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$$\hat{\Lambda}_{\text{Wald}} = n \sum_{t=2}^{T} \text{Tr} \left[ \left( \mathbf{I} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^{1} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^{t})^{-1} \right)^{2} \right] - q \left( n \sum_{t=1}^{T} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^{t})^{-T} \otimes (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^{t})^{-1}, \text{vec} \left( \sum_{t=2}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Upsilon}_{t} \right) \right)$$
  
with  $\boldsymbol{\Upsilon}_{t} = N \left( (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^{t})^{-1} - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^{t})^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^{1} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\text{SCM}}^{t})^{-1} \right)$  and  $q(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \mathbf{x}^{\text{H}} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x}$ 



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#### Some properties of the statistics

#### **CFARness properties**

The GLRT,  $t_1$  and Wald statistics are CFAR w.r.t. the covariance parameter

In simulation:  $\mathbf{x}_{k}^{t} \sim \mathbb{C}\mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}_{n}, (\rho^{|i-j|})_{ii}\right)$ .



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#### Data set description

#### **UAVSAR** (courtesy of NASA/JPLCaltech, https://uavsar.jpl.nasa.gov)

Dataset	Resolution	Scene	p	Т	Size	Coordinates (top-left px)
UAVSAR SanAnd_26524_03 Segment 4 April 23, 2009 - May 15, 2011	Rg: 1.67m Az: 0.6m	Scene 1	3	2	$2360  imes 600 \ {\rm px}$	[Rg, Az] = [2891, 28891]
		Scene 2	3	2	$2300\times600~\mathrm{px}$	[Rg, Az] = [3236,25601]
Snjoaq_14511		Scene 3	3	17	$2300\times600~\mathrm{px}$	[Rg, Az] = [3236,25601]

**Source**: https://github.com/ammarmian

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#### Data set description



Figure 2: UAVSAR Scene 1, ground truth from [Ratha et al., 2017, Nascimento et al., 2019]

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#### Data set description



Figure 3: UAVSAR Scene 2, ground truth from [Ratha et al., 2017, Nascimento et al., 2019]

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#### Data set description



Figure 4: UAVSAR Scene 3, ground truth from [Mian et al., 2020]

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#### **Compared detectors**

- Plug-in detectors using SCMs (T = 2)
  - $\Lambda_{\rm HTL}$  Hotelling-Lawley divergence
  - $\Lambda_{\rm KL}$  KL divergence
  - $\Lambda_{\mathcal{RG}}$  Riemannian distance (Rao distance with  $\alpha = 1, \beta = 0$ )
  - $\Lambda_{\mathcal{WG}}$  Wasserstein distance
- Gaussian statistical criteria (  $T \ge 2$ )
  - $\Lambda_{\rm G}~\text{GLRT}$
  - $\Lambda_{t_1}$  Terrell statistic
  - $\Lambda_{\rm Wald}$  Wald statistic



#### Results scene 1-2 (T = 2)



**Figure 5:** ROC plots using a  $5 \times 5$  local window for the scenes 1 and 2.

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**Figure 6:** ROC plots using a  $5 \times 5$  local window for the scene 3.

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#### Content



- Motivations
- Plan of this tutorial

#### Motivating covariance based approaches

- Change detection problem
- Statistical detection framework
- Covariance for SAR CD.

#### Plug-in Gaussian detectors (2-step CD)

- Principle
- Sample covariance matrix
- Matrix distances

#### Gaussian statistical criteria (1-step CD)

- Generalized likelihood ratio test
- Terrell (gradient) statistic
- Wald statistic
- **Experiments on UAVSAR data**

## **Conclusion of Part 1**

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- Change detection in multivariate image time series
- Statistical framework
  - assumes a distribution
  - Choose parameters of distribution
  - derive test statistics (decision function  $\Lambda$ )
- Gaussian framework with covariance matrix (good local feature to assess for changes with multivariate data)
  - Plug-in detectors (matrix distance) using the SCM
  - Statistical criteria: CFAR property

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