

Measuring and Enhancing the Visual Content of Polarimetric Synthetic Aperture Radar Decompositions

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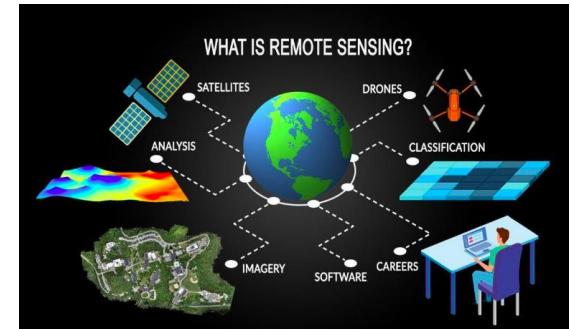
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Introduction

What is the SAR image?

- ▶ Image which obtained by remote sensing;
- ▶ It's the result of the scene in several combinations of transmitting and receiving polarization of the electromagnetic waves;
- ▶ Formed by 2D-array complex of values;



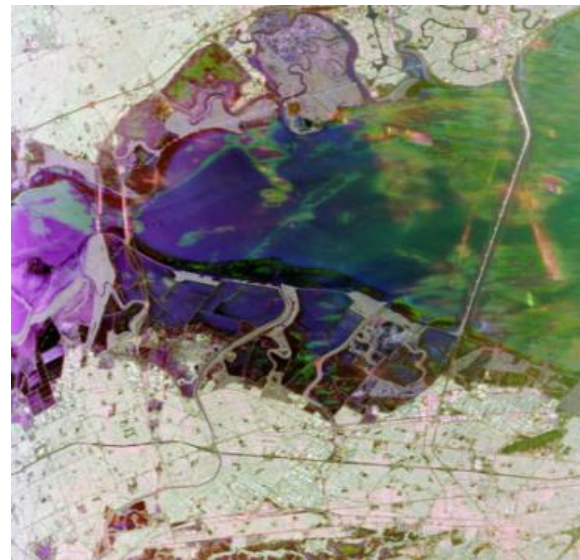
<https://gisgeography.com/remote-sensing-earth-observation-guide/>

Introduction

What is the SAR image?

- ▶ The observation in each pixel of a fully polarimetric image is a 2×2 complex-valued, that can be represented by the scattering matrix

$$S' = \begin{pmatrix} S_{HH} & S_{HV} \\ S_{VH} & S_{VV} \end{pmatrix}$$



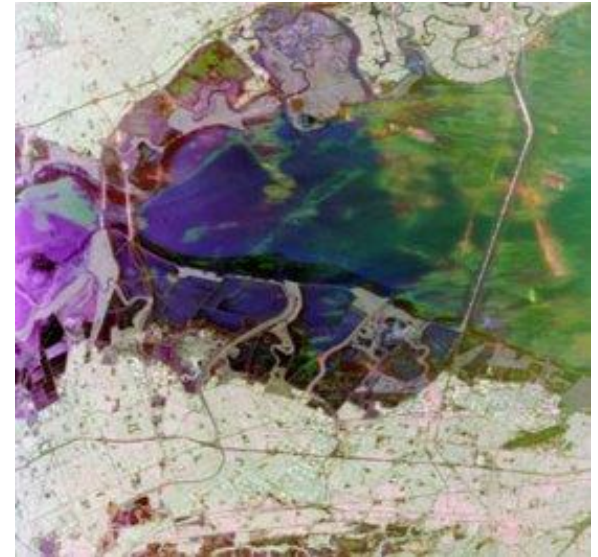
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Introduction

What is the SAR image?

- Under the reciprocity principle, $HV=VH$, so the information in the scattering matrix can be encoded in the scattering vector, as follow

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} S_{HH} \\ S_{HV} \\ S_{VV} \end{pmatrix}$$



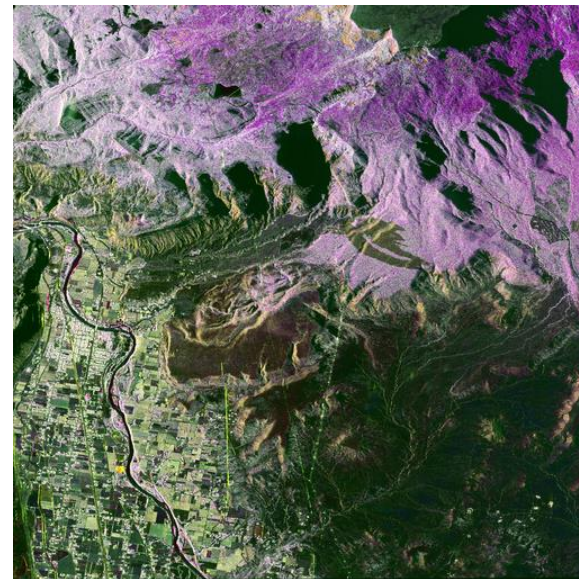
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Decomposition process

- ▶ The decomposition theorems allow us to deal with several visualization types, such as:
 - Pauli decomposition;
 - Krogager decomposition;
 - Hyunem decomposition;

Pauli components

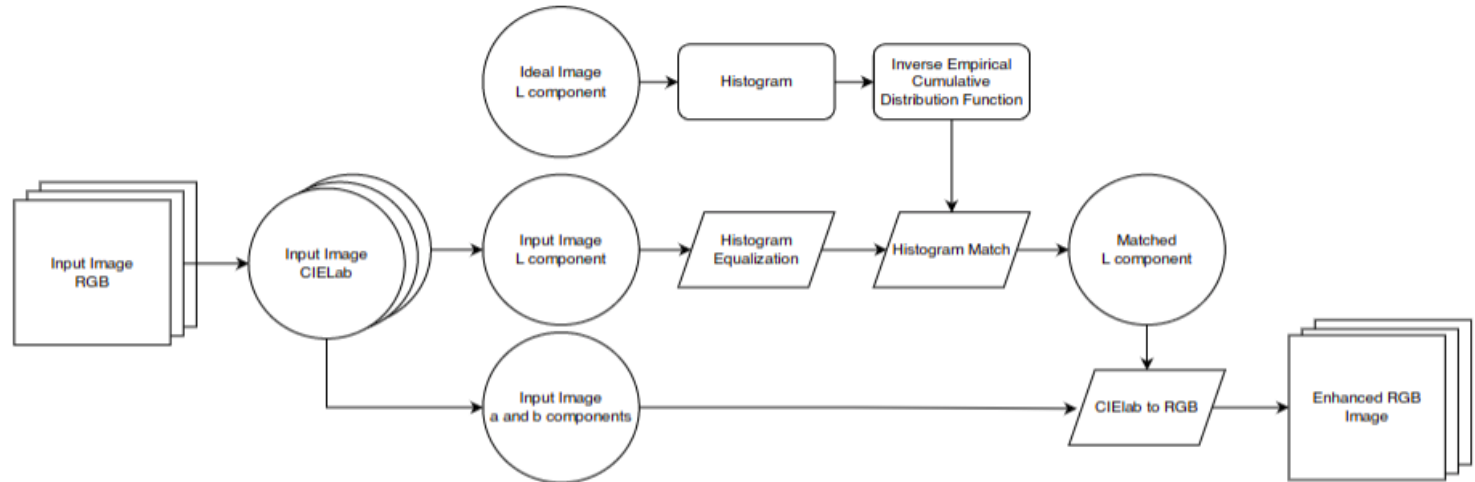
$$a = \frac{S_{hh} + S_{vv}}{\sqrt{2}}, b = \frac{S_{hh} - S_{vv}}{\sqrt{2}}, c = \sqrt{2}S_{hv}$$



Visualization in pauli decomposition

Methodology

Matching histogram



$$F^{-1}(eH_{LO}, H_{LI})$$

Methodology

Metric

Hellinger distance

$$H(p, q) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^k (\sqrt{p_j} - \sqrt{q_j})^2}$$

Results

Original Pauli Decomposition



a)

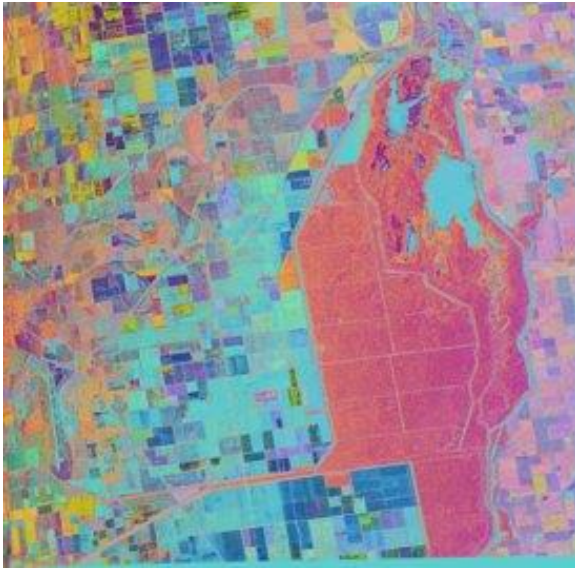
Pauli Decomposition improved
by Equalization method



b) $H(\text{Ideal, Equalized}) = 0.186$

Results

Pauli Decomposition improved
by Decorrelation method



c) $H(\text{Ideal}, \text{Decorlation}) = 0.299$

Pauli Decomposition improved
by Matching histogram method



d) $H(\text{Ideal}, \text{Improved}) = 0.330$

Conclusion

- ▶ The presented technique improves the image, preserving the properties;
- ▶ Improved image by matching histogram is more realistic than others;
- ▶ The three first have crisp and highly saturated colors;
- ▶ The c) produces colors which are not interpretable in terms of a Pauli decomposition;

Future works

- ▶ Object and region classification;