



Statistiques et approches par patches

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- **Modèles statistiques pour l'imagerie SAR**
- **Approches par patches**
- **Applications à l'imagerie SAR**





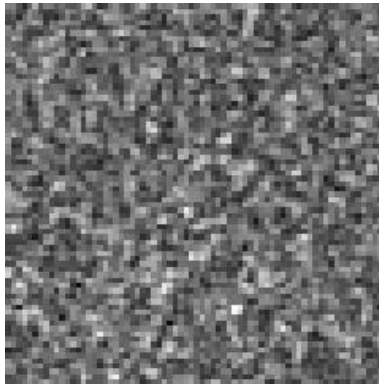
Introduction to SAR imagery



- **Principle: emission of electro-magnetic waves and recording of the backscattered signal**

- **Specificities:**

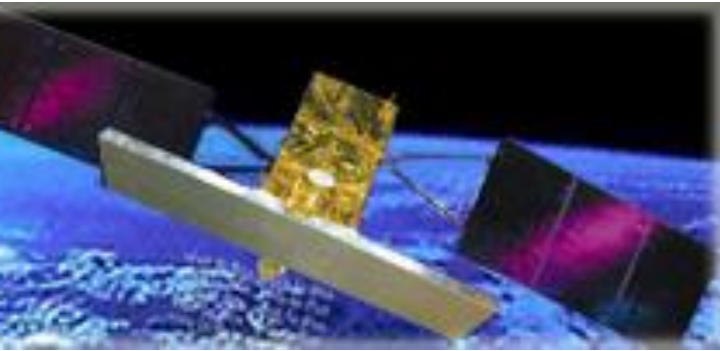
- All-time system
- Distance sampling: geometrical distortions
- Coherent imagery: speckle noise
- Interferometry (DTM, ground mvt monitoring,...)
- Polarimetry



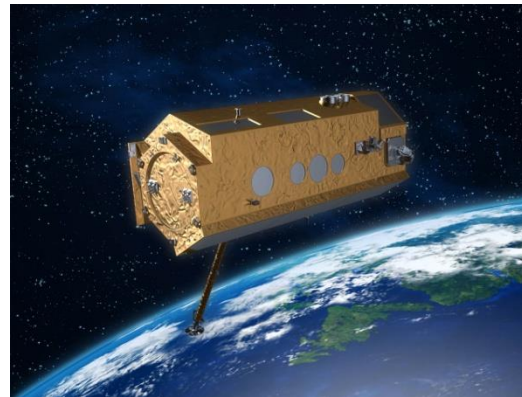


Introduction to SAR imagery

■ New generation of SAR sensors



CSK



TerraSAR-X



Sentinel 1



RadarSAT-2

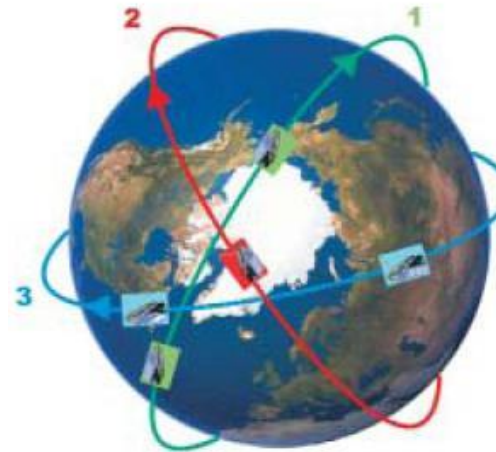


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Introduction to SAR imagery

■ Improved resolutions

- Spatial resolution
- Temporal resolution
- Angular resolution
- Polarization



Anzahl der Satelliten: 5, identisch

Bahnebenen: 3

Mittlere Höhe: ca. 500 km, optimiert für höhere Auflösung

Bahninklination: ca. Polar, alle

Anzahl der Satelliten in den Bahnebenen:

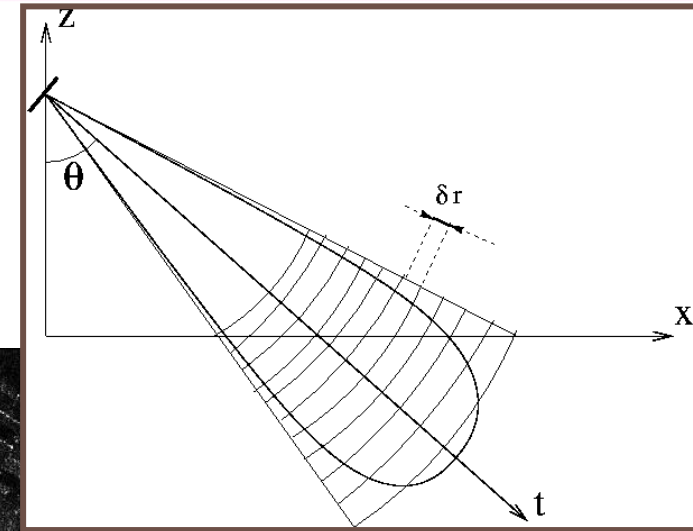
Orbit 1: 2 Satelliten

Orbit 2: 1 Satellit

Orbit 3: 2 Satelliten

Winkel zwischen den Bahnebenen und Phasenwinkel der Satelliten optimiert für eine kürzest mögliche Systemantwortzeit

Introduction to SAR imagery



Distance sampling:
geometric distortions



■ Difficulties

- Noise is different
- Signal is different
 - Geometric distortions
 - Sensitivity to corners

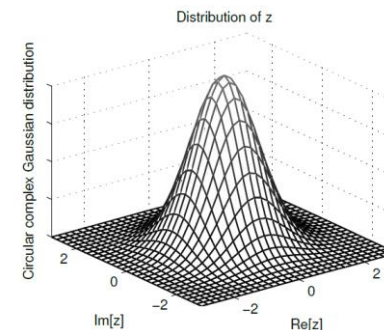
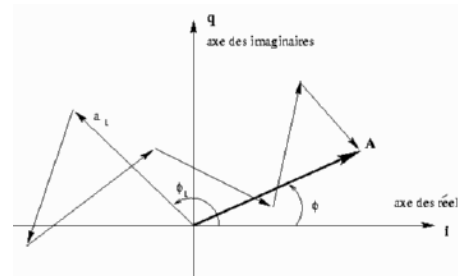
SAR data and statistics

■ Data: complex electro-magnetic field $z = Ae^{j\varphi}$
(amplitude $A = |z|$, intensity $I = A^2$)

■ Speckle: coherent imagery, interferences

- Goodman model (rough surfaces)

$$p(z|\sigma^2) \triangleq p(\text{Re}[z], \text{Im}[z]|\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{|z|^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

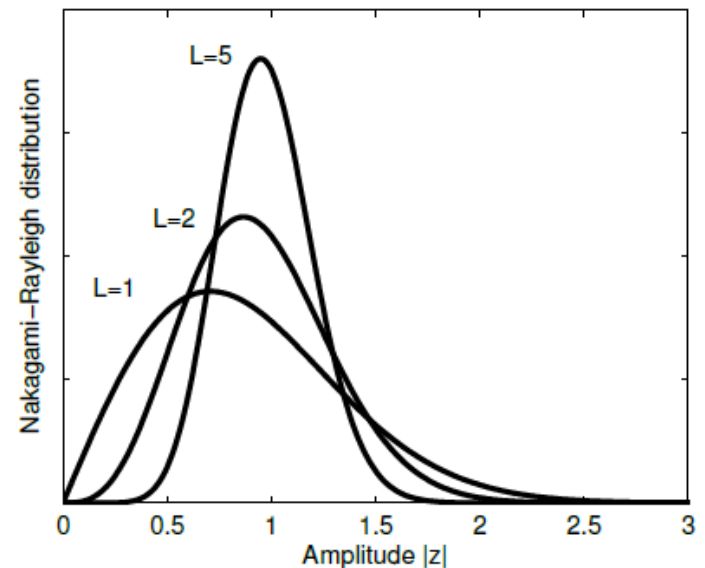
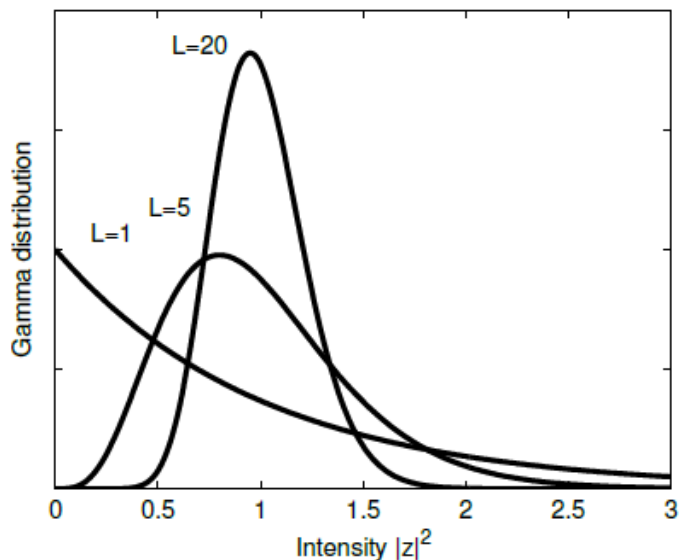


$$\sigma^2 = R$$

SAR data and statistics

■ One channel, Goodman model:

- Multi-look images: $I = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L |z_i|^2$
- Intensity distribution: Gamma
- Amplitude distributions: Rayleigh-Nakagami





Le multi-vue temporel

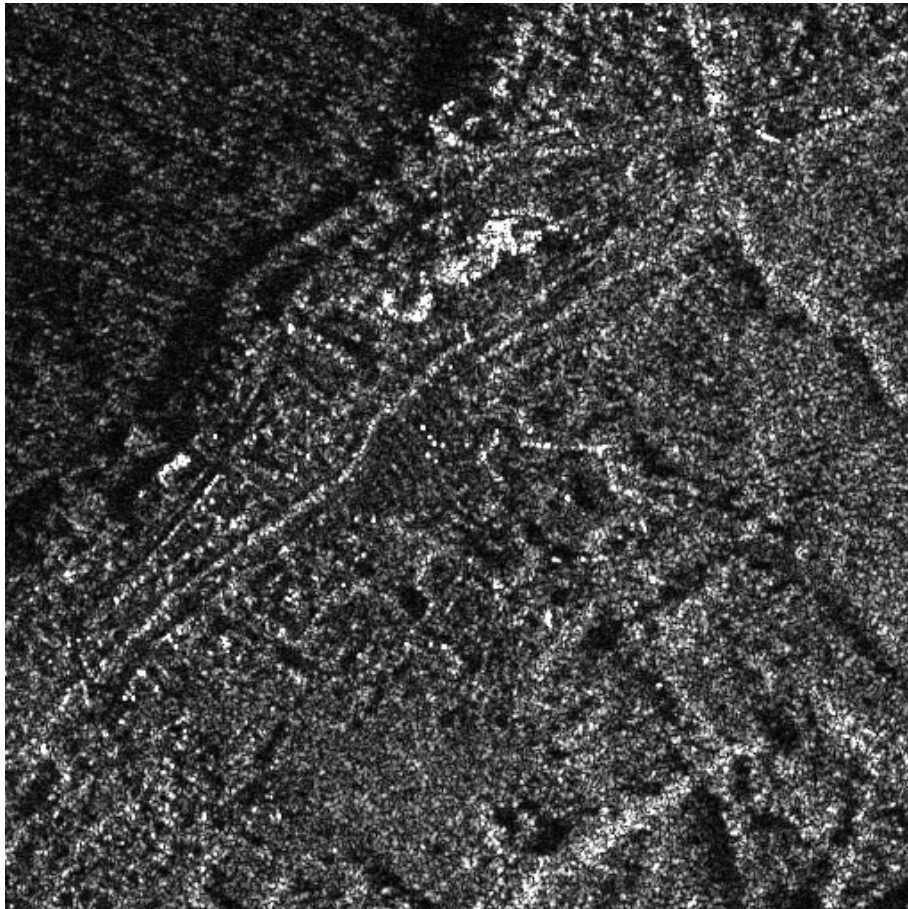
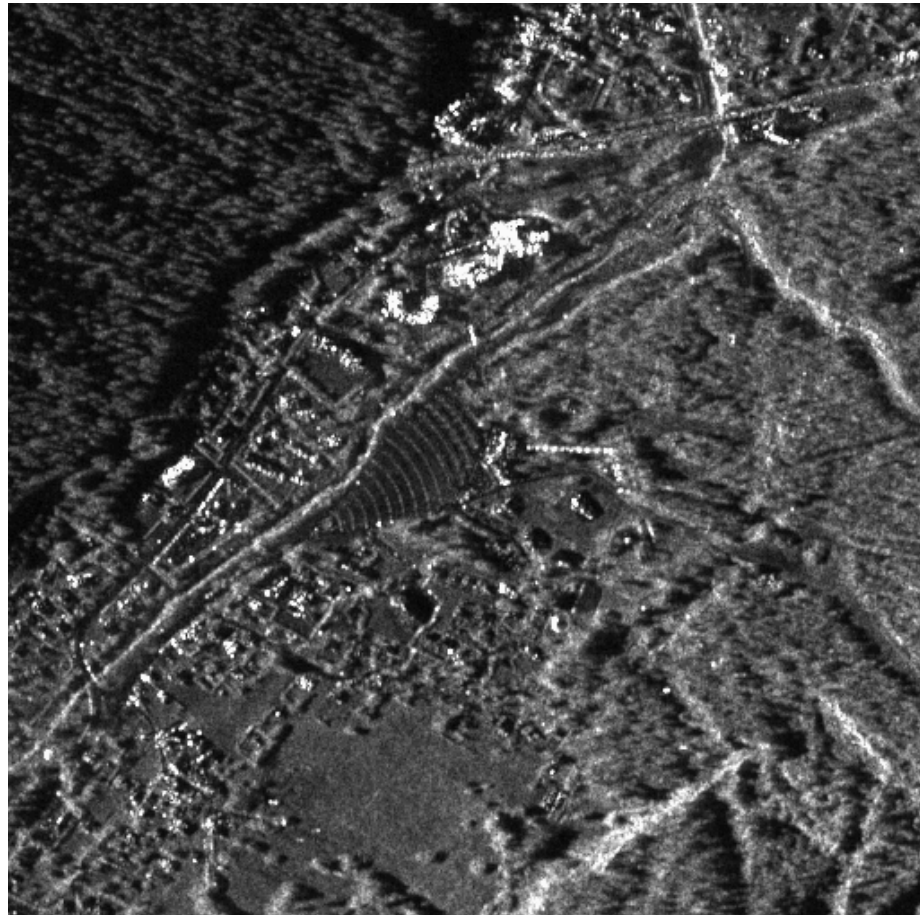
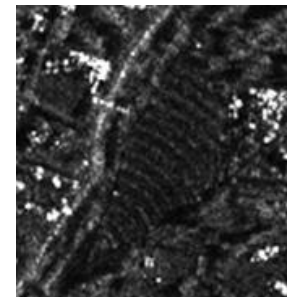
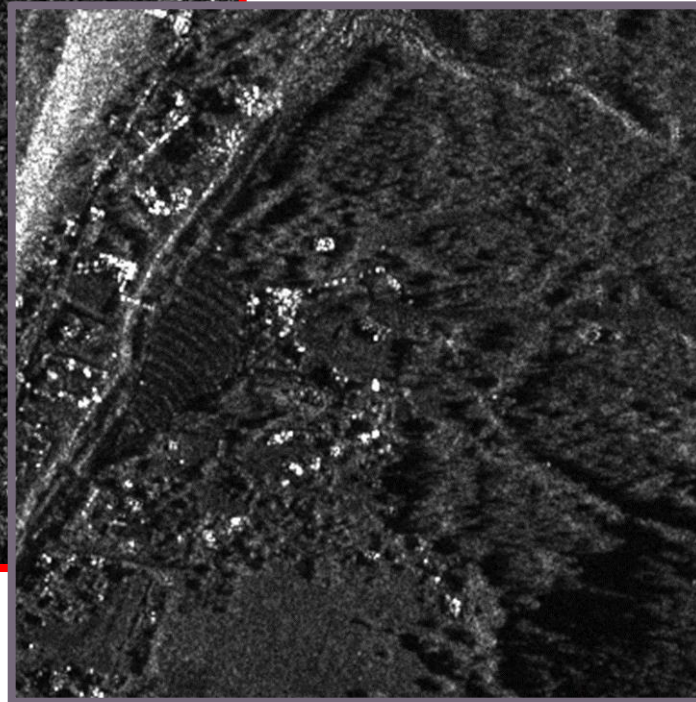
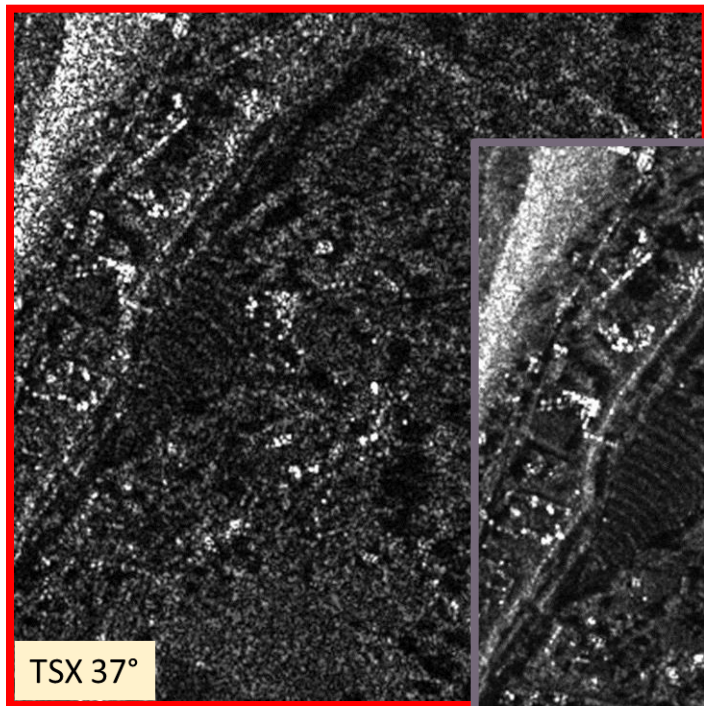


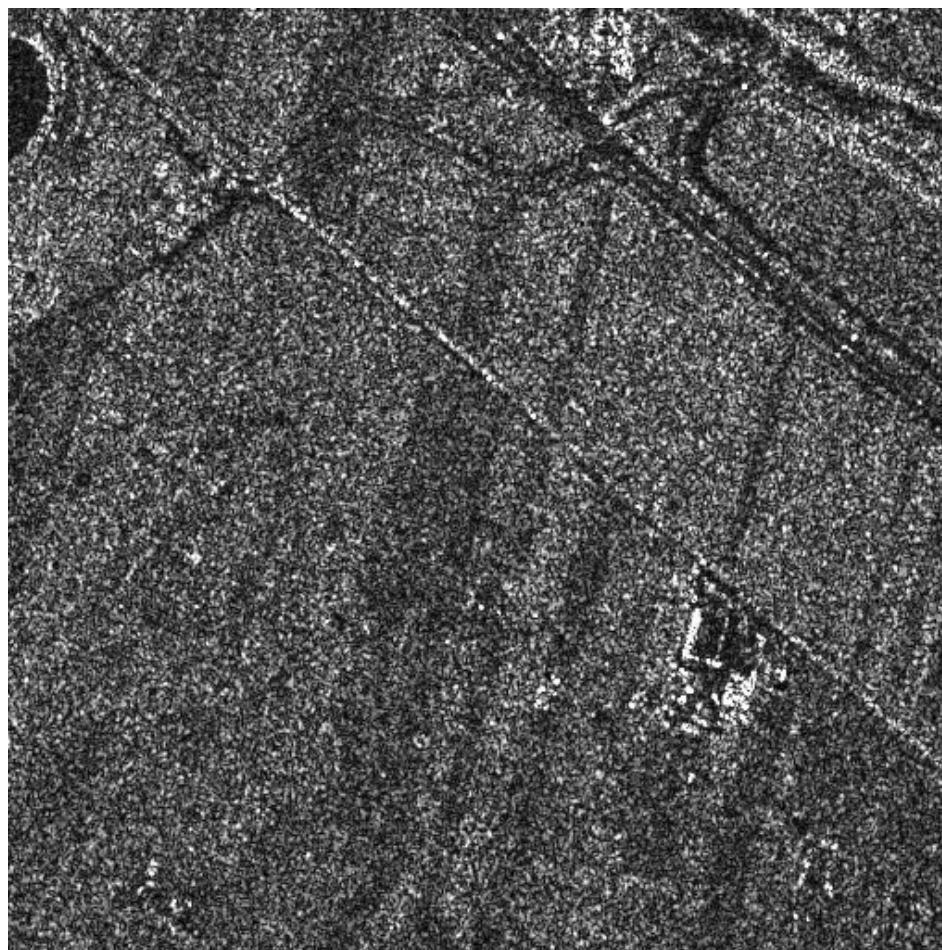
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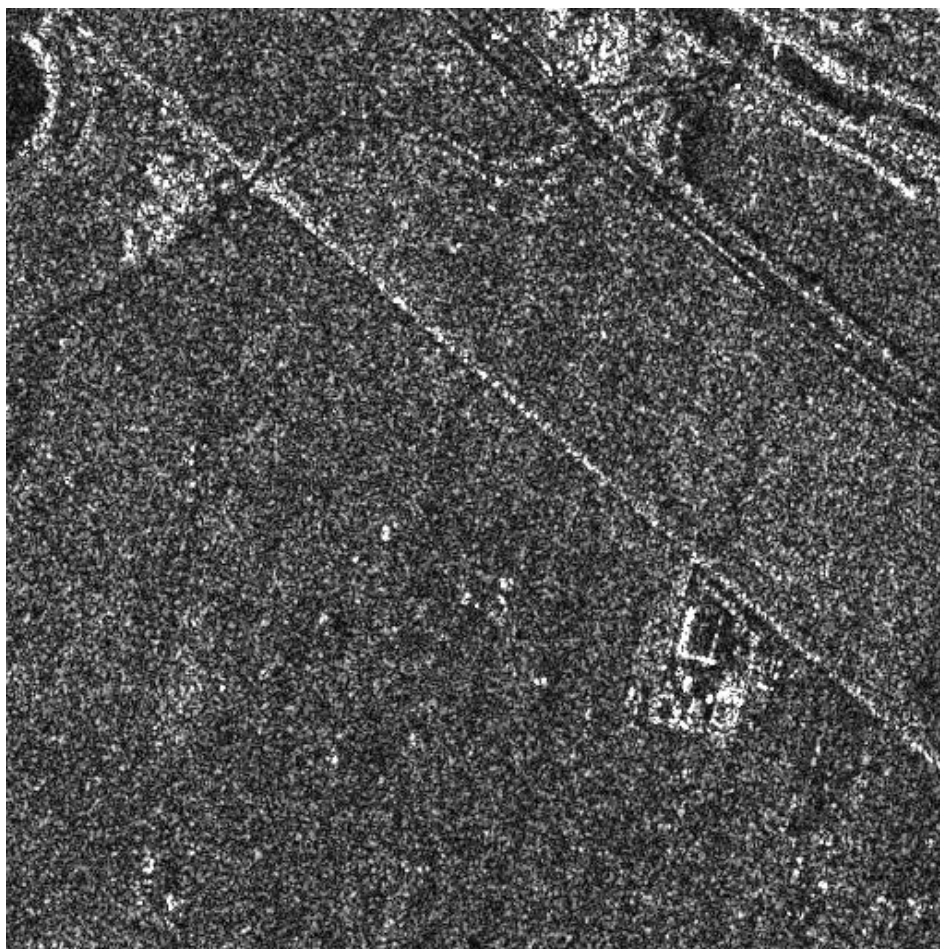


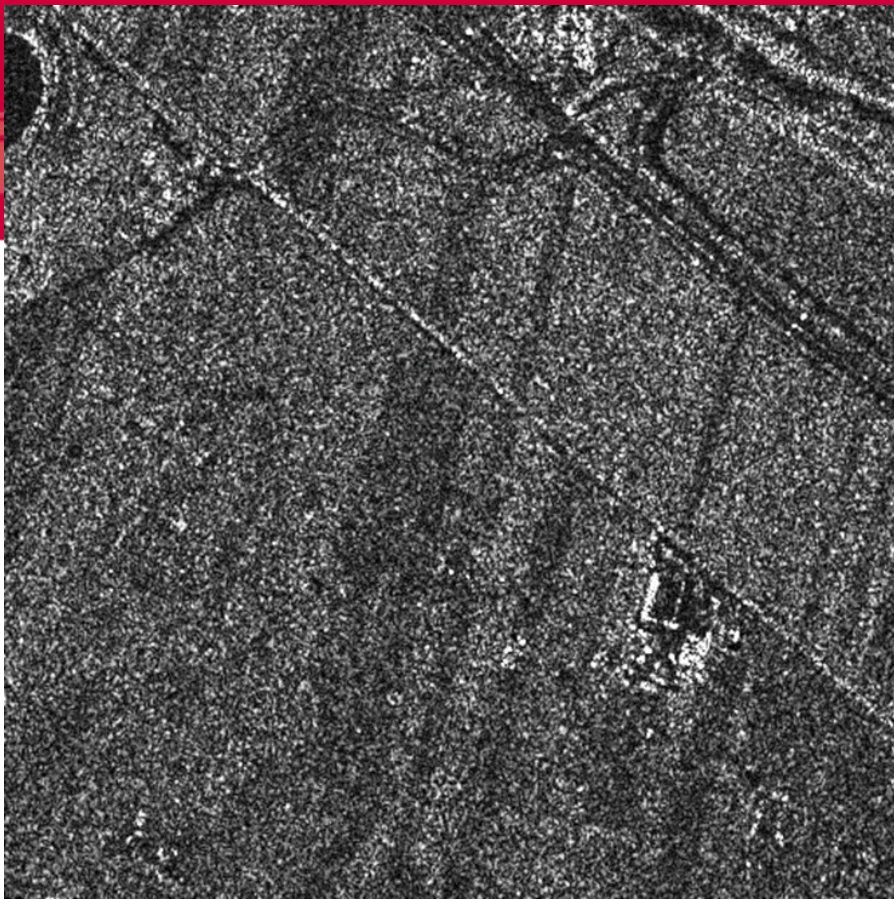
Filtrage multitemporel

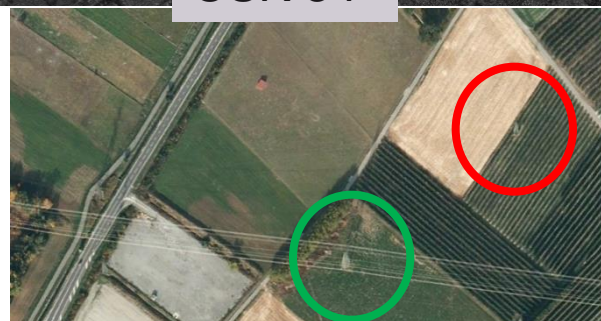
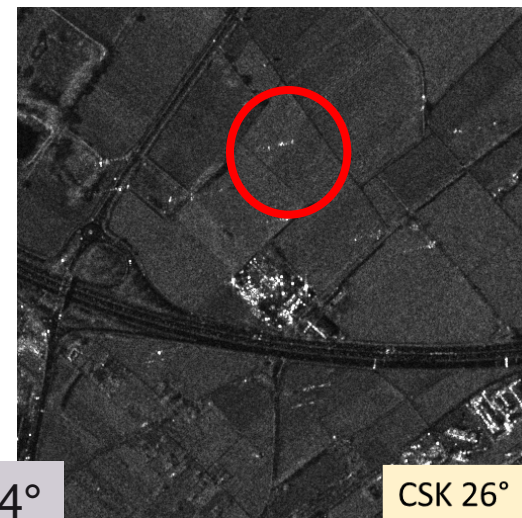
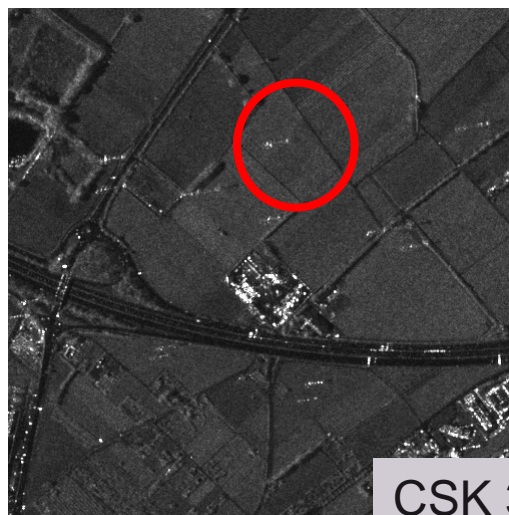
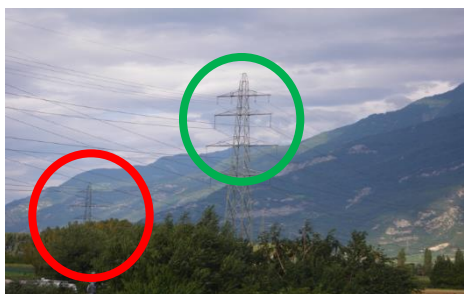
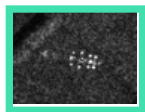
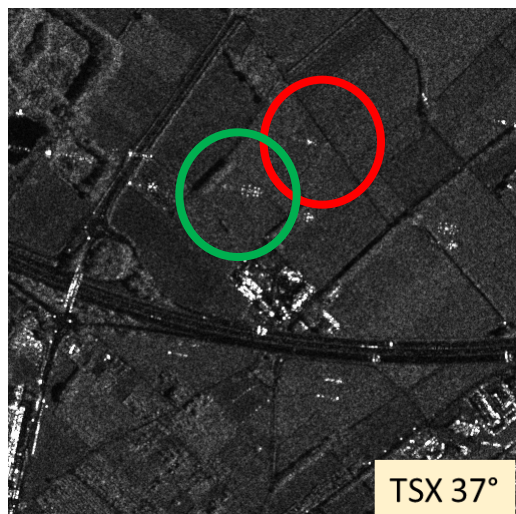
Multi-vues temporel : les super-images



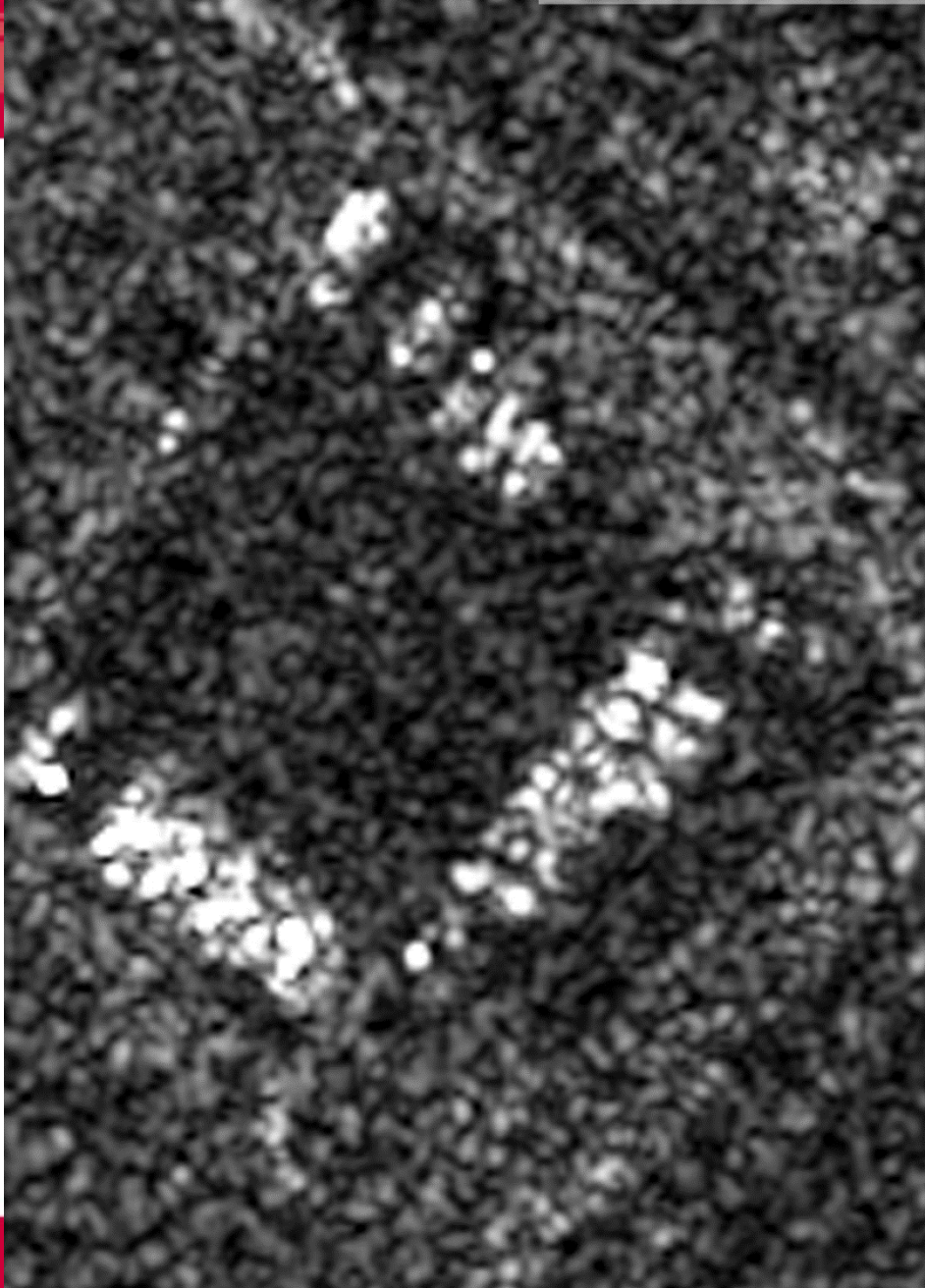




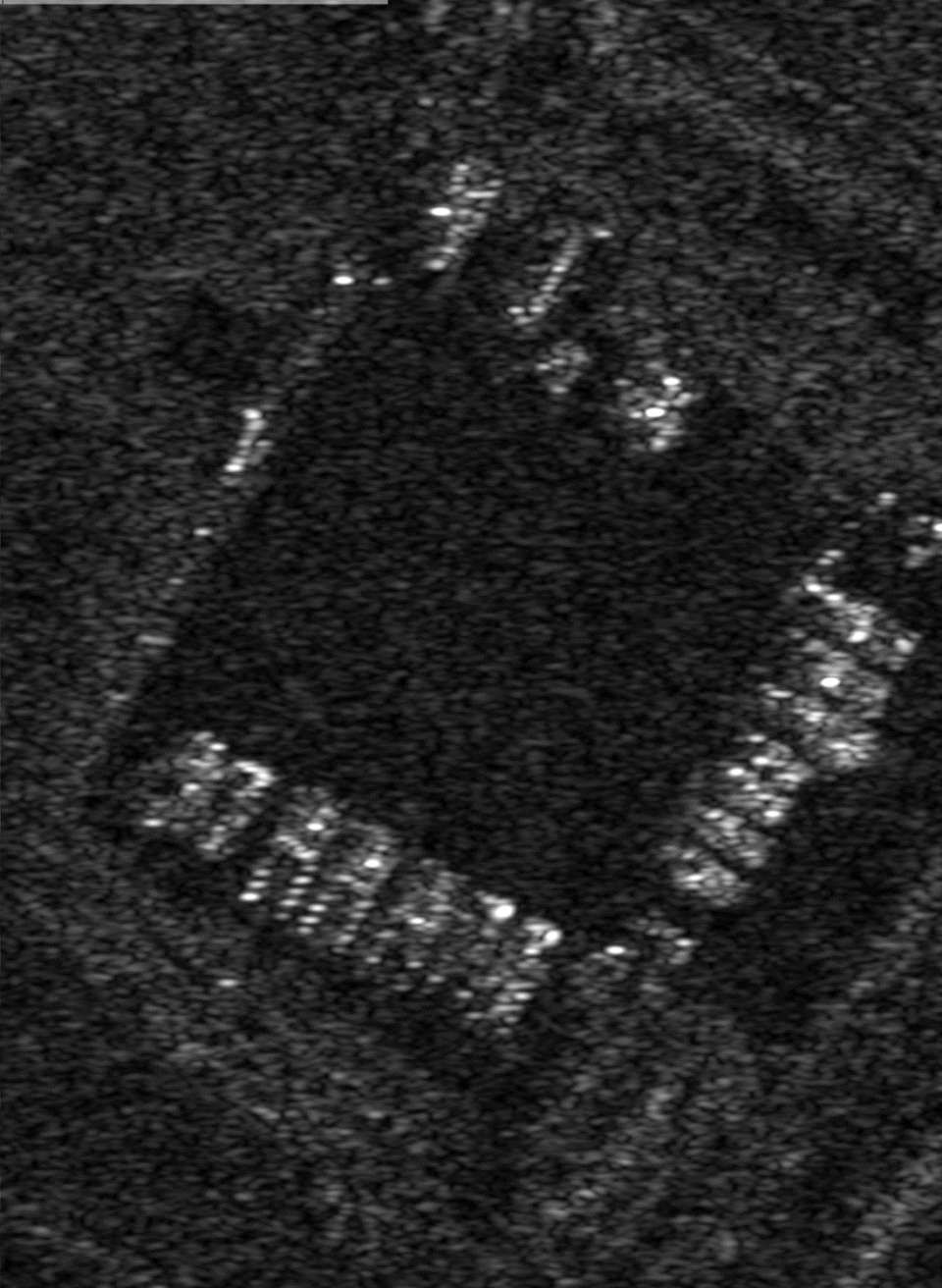




X-Band Data
1m Resolution



TerraSAR-X Staring SpotLight
25cm Resolution





SAR data and statistics

■ K channels, Goodman model:

- Vectorial data: $\mathbf{k} = (z_1, \dots, z_K)$
- Circular complex Gaussian distribution:

$$p(\mathbf{k}|\Sigma) = \frac{1}{\pi^K |\Sigma|} \exp \left(-\mathbf{k}^\dagger \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{k} \right)$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \cdots & \sigma_1 \sigma_k \rho_{1,k} & \cdots & \sigma_1 \sigma_K \rho_{1,K} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \sigma_k \sigma_1 \rho_{1,k}^* & \cdots & \sigma_k^2 & \cdots & \sigma_k \sigma_K \rho_{k,K} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_K \sigma_1 \rho_{1,K}^* & \cdots & \sigma_K \sigma_k \rho_{k,K}^* & \cdots & \sigma_K^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_k^2 = \mathbb{E}[|z_k|^2] \quad \rho_{k,l} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[z_k z_l^*]}{\sqrt{\mathbb{E}[|z_k|^2] \mathbb{E}[|z_l|^2]}}$$

SAR data and statistics

■ Multi-look data, Goodman model: Wishart distribution

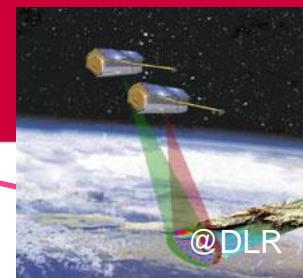
$$C = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L k_i k_i^\dagger$$

$$p(C|\Sigma, L) = \frac{L^{LK} |C|^{L-K}}{\Gamma_K(L) |\Sigma|^L} \exp(-L \operatorname{tr}(\Sigma^{-1} C))$$

$$I_k = A_k^2 = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L |z_{i,k}|^2$$
$$\underbrace{d_{k,l}}_{\text{coherence}} e^{j \underbrace{\phi_{k,l}}_{\text{phase}}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^L z_{i,k} z_{i,l}^*}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^L |z_{i,k}|^2 \sum_{i=1}^L |z_{i,l}|^2}}$$



SAR data and statistics



$$K=1 \quad z = Ae^{j\varphi}$$

Amplitude data
(classification, object
recognition,...)



$$K=2 \quad \mathbf{k} = (z, z')^t$$

different incidence angles

Interferometric data:
geometric information
(elevation, movement)

$$\Sigma = \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & De^{j\beta} \\ De^{-j\beta} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$K=3 \quad \mathbf{k} = (z_{hh}, z_{vv}, \sqrt{2}z_{hv})^t$$

different polarizations

Polarimetric data
Backscattering mechanisms
(classification, object recognition,...)



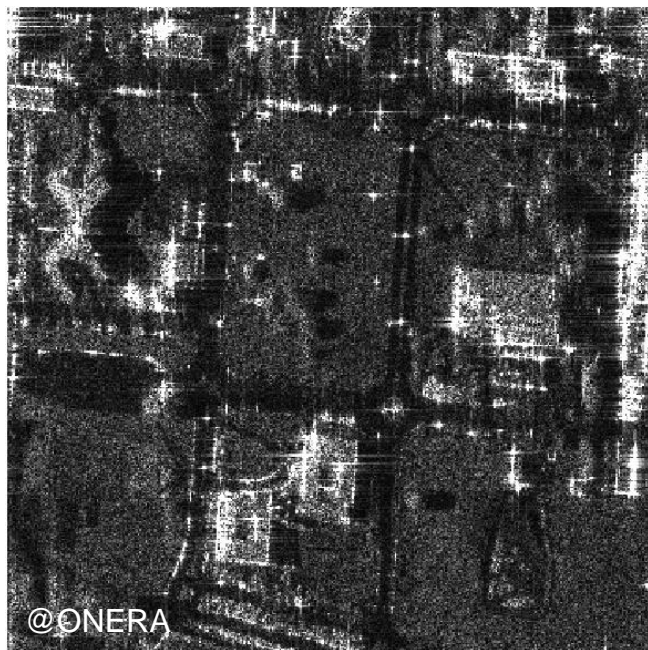


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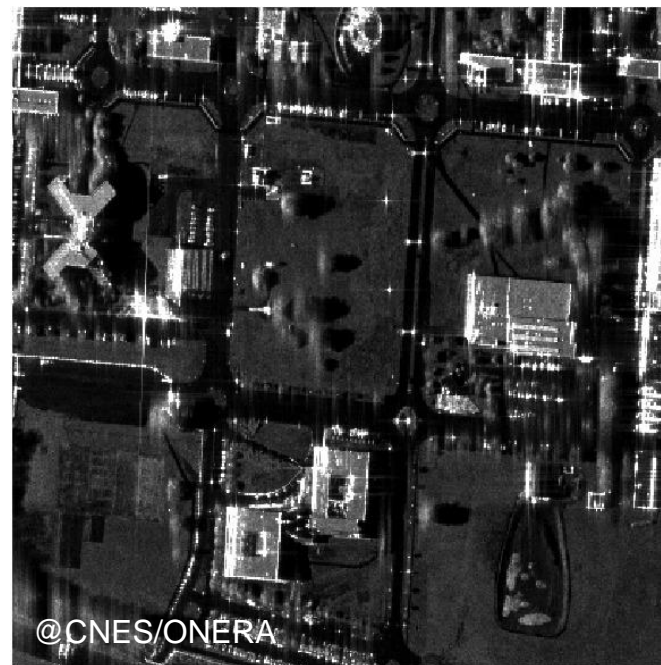


Problème d'estimation

Aim: estimate the original signal from noisy observations



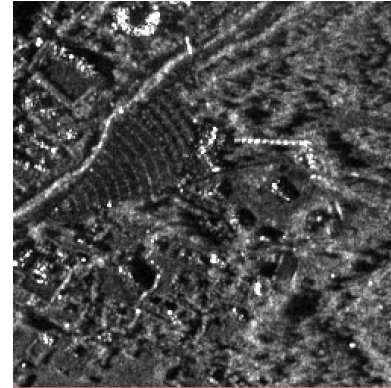
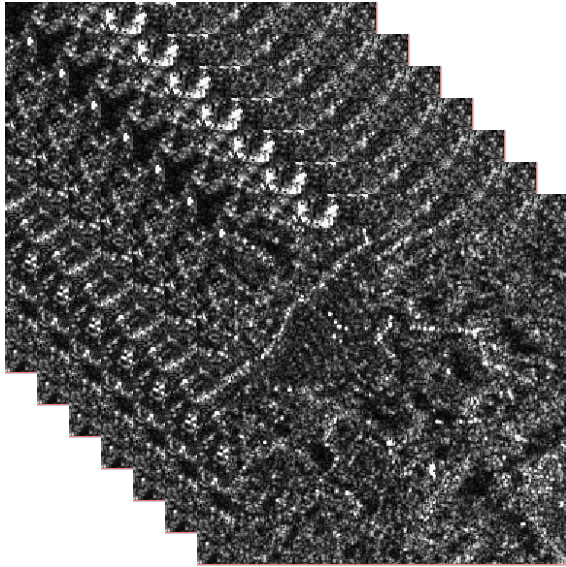
« Noisy » measured signal



Ideal signal

Context: high resolution, urban areas

Denoising and « averaging »



- Averaging of many noisy values: estimation of the « true » reflectivity
- ...only if the selected values are coming from the same underlying noise-free value...

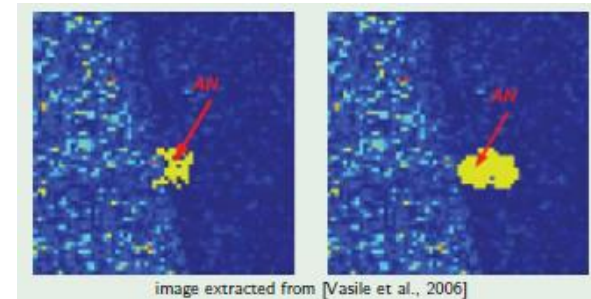
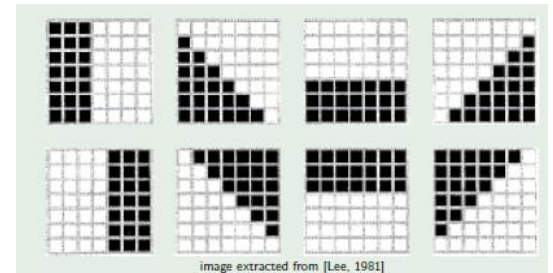
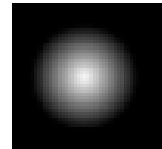


How can we select them on the image?

Selection based filtering

■ Local selection :

- Selection of the closest pixels (mean filter)
- Selection and weighting by distance of the closest pixels: gaussian filter
- Selection of the most homogeneous sub-window (splitting in 4 directions)
- Selection with a region growing algorithm (adaptive neighborhood)





Selection-based filtering

■ Non-local approaches:

- Relaxing locality and connexity constraints for pixel selection: selection based on similarity

$$\hat{u}_s = \sum_{t \in \Omega} w(s, t) v_t$$

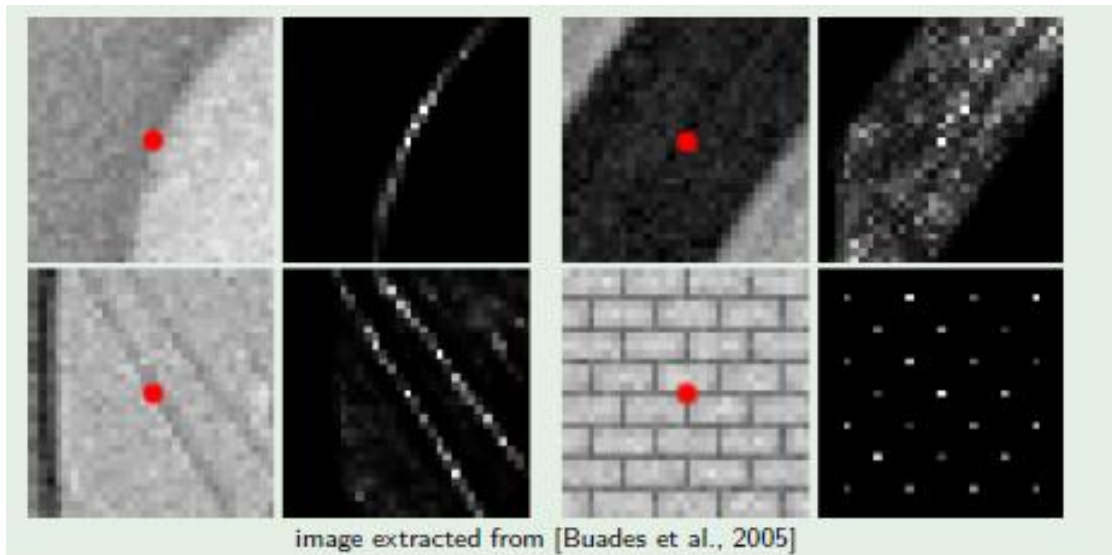
u_s searched noise-free value
 \hat{u}_s estimated noise-free value
 v_s observed noisy value

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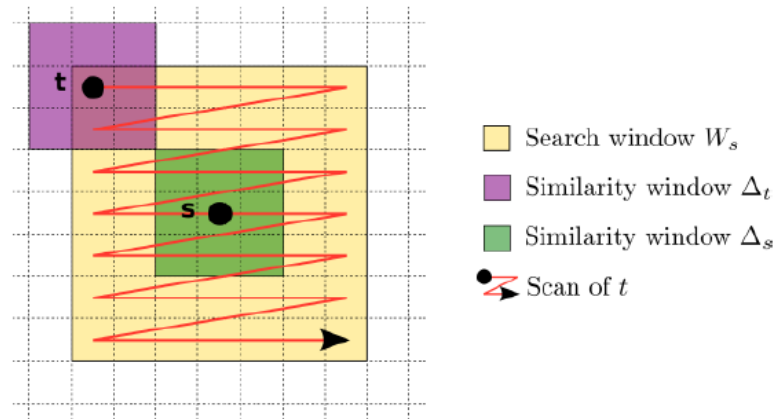
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- Similarity of pixels = similarity of patches [Buades, 05]





Non-local approaches

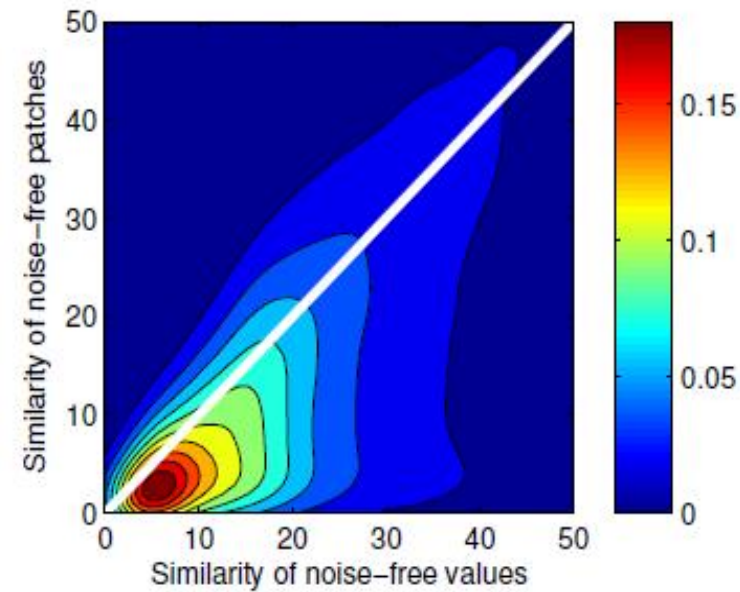
H1 : Hypothesis of redundancy in images



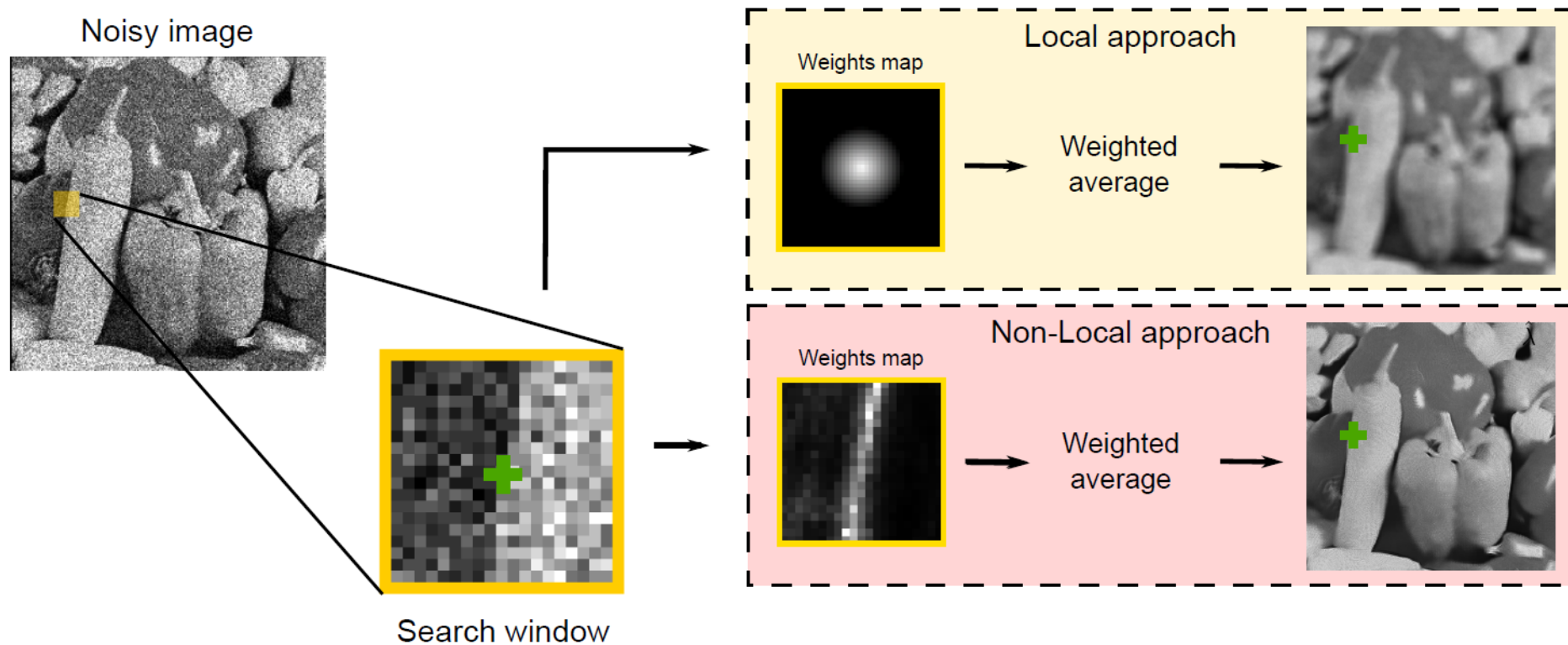


Non-local approaches

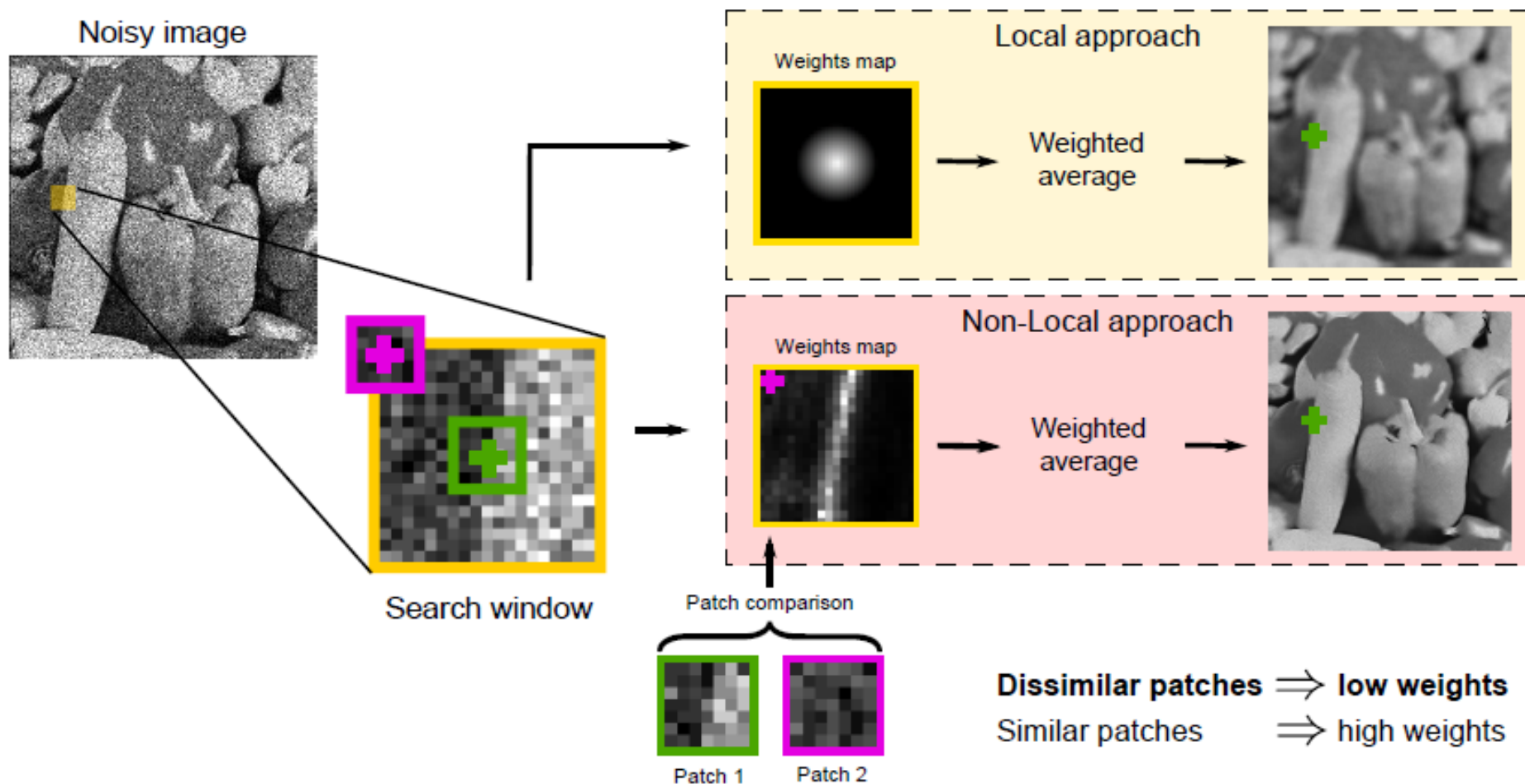
H2 : similarity between patches \rightarrow similarity of central pixels



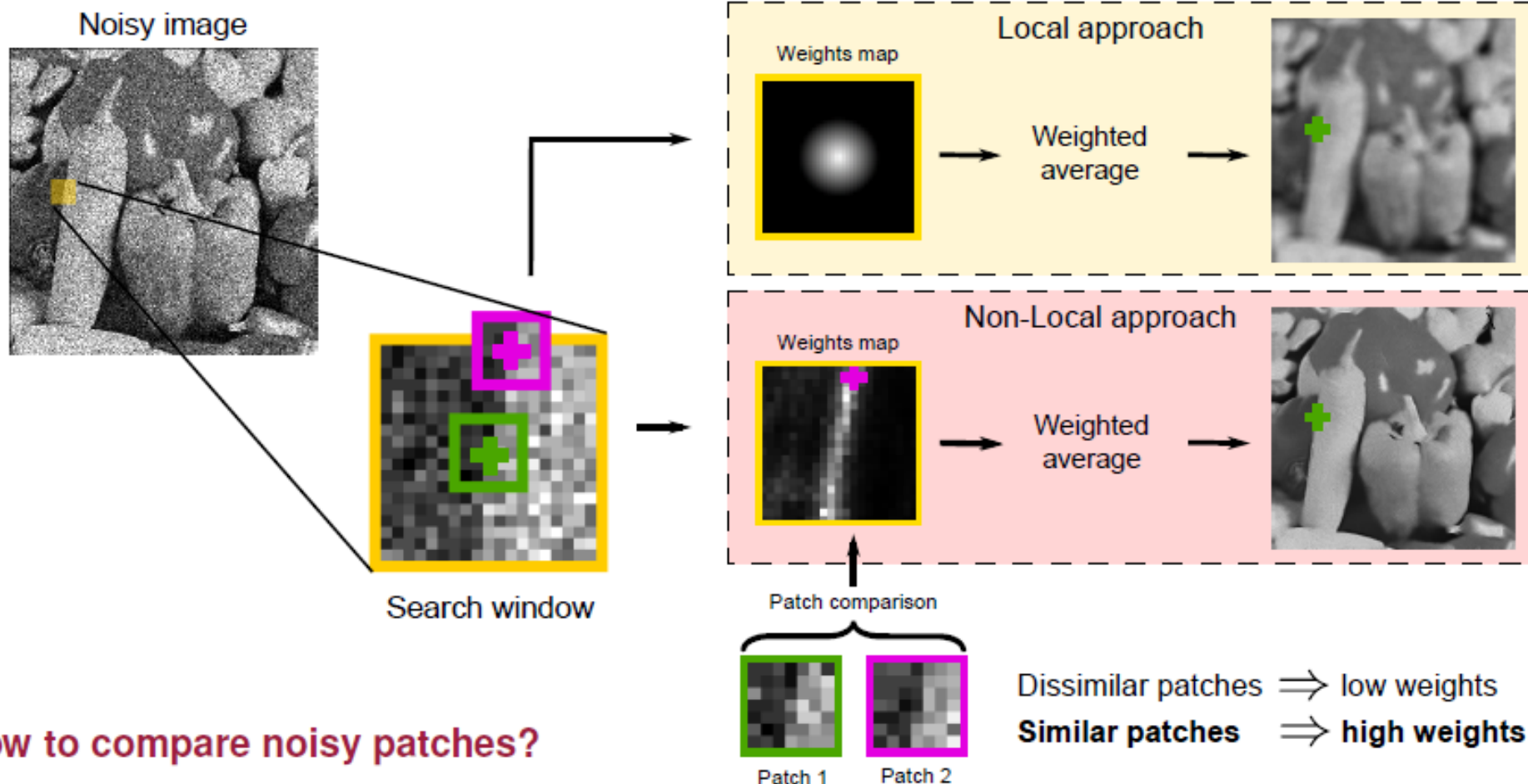
Local / non-local



Non-locality and patches



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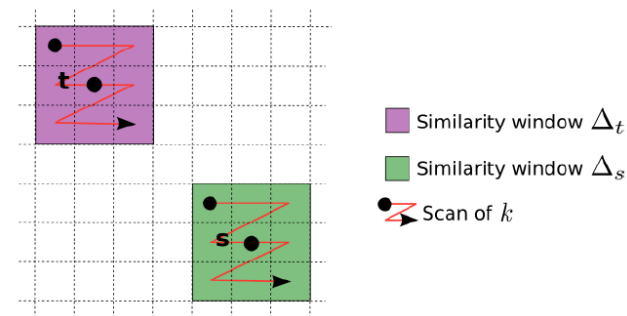


How to compare noisy patches?

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■ Buades et al. (2005)

- Euclidean distance between patches
- Implicit assumption of AWGN



$$\underbrace{\text{noisy patch}}_{v_1} = \underbrace{\text{clean patch}}_{u_1} + \underbrace{\text{noise}}_{n_1}$$

$$\underbrace{\text{noisy patch}}_{v_2} = \underbrace{\text{clean patch}}_{u_2} + \underbrace{\text{noise}}_{n_2}$$

when $u_1 = u_2$:

$$\left(\text{patch}_1 - \text{patch}_2 \right)^2 = \text{noise} \quad \text{is low} \Rightarrow \text{decide "similar"}$$

when $u_1 \neq u_2$:

$$\left(\text{patch}_1 - \text{patch}_2 \right)^2 = \text{difference} \quad \text{is high} \Rightarrow \text{decide "dissimilar"}$$

How to compare noisy patches ?

■ Example of signal dependant-noise:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{black} \\ \text{noisy} \end{bmatrix}}_{v_1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{black} \\ \text{gray} \end{bmatrix}}_{u_1} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{gray} \\ \text{noisy} \end{bmatrix}}_{n_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{noisy} \\ \text{noisy} \end{bmatrix}}_{v_2} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{black} \\ \text{black} \end{bmatrix}}_{u_2} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{gray} \\ \text{noisy} \end{bmatrix}}_{n_2}$$

- Limits of the euclidean distance:

$$\text{when } u_1 = u_2 : \left(\begin{bmatrix} \text{black} \\ \text{noisy} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \text{black} \\ \text{noisy} \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \text{black} \\ \text{noisy} \end{bmatrix}$$

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How to compare noisy patches ?



Noisy image
(gaussian noise)



Denoised (« oracle »
Driven by noise-free
Image content)



Denoised
(driven by noisy
Image content)



How to compare noisy patches ?



Noisy image
(Poisson noise
Signal dependent noise)



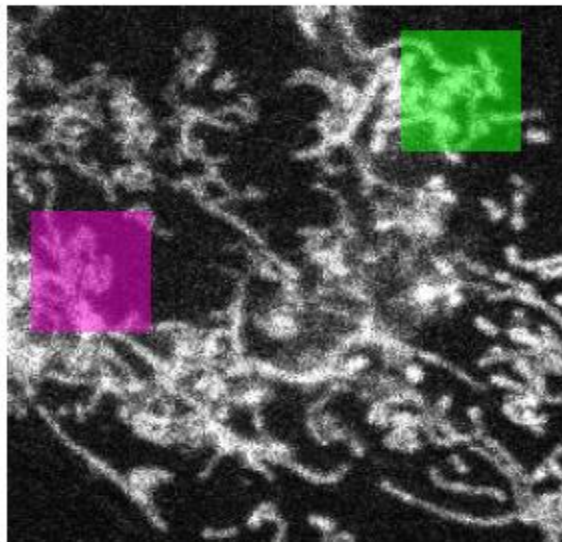
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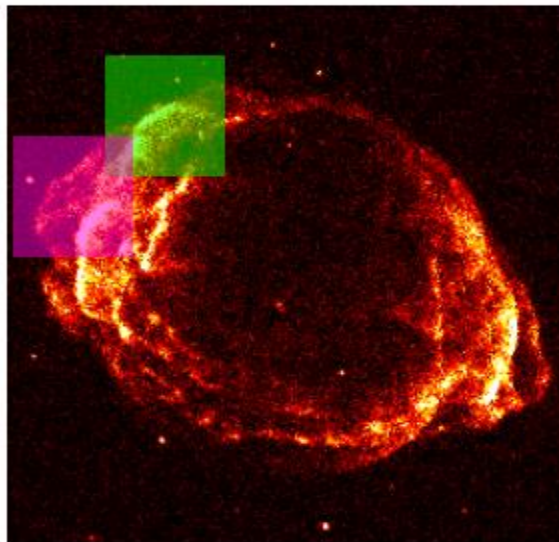
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Noise distribution has to be taken into account

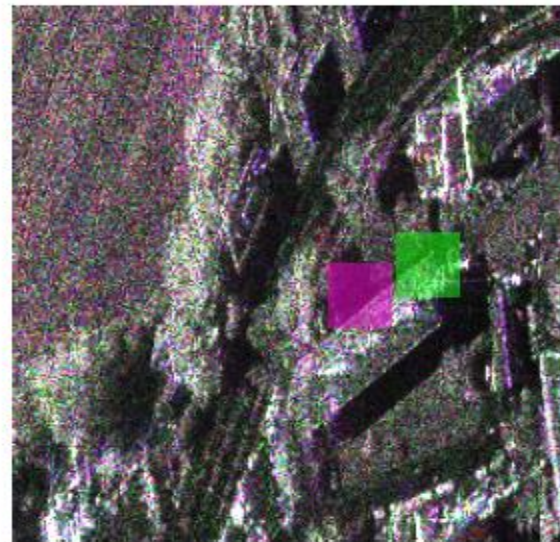
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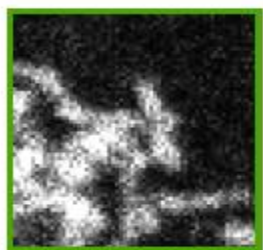
(a) Microscopy



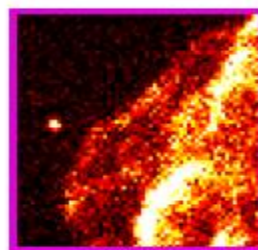
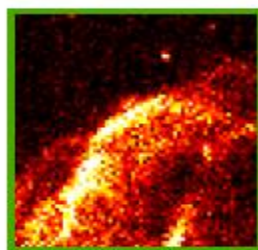
(b) Astronomy



(c) SAR polarimetry



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How to take into account the noise model?

Talk overview

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A probabilistic framework

- **Principle: adaptation of the NL-means to any kind of (known) noise distribution**

- **Estimation step:**

Weighted average is replaced by weighted maximum likelihood estimation

$$\hat{u}(x) = \arg \max_t \sum_{x'} w(x, x') \log p(v(x')|t)$$

- **Detection of similar patches:**

Weight definition is defined in a detection framework by *hypothesis testing*



Similarity definition

- Similarity is defined by an hypothesis test:

$$\mathcal{H}_0 : \mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}_2 \equiv \mathbf{u}_{12} \quad (\text{null hypothesis})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1 : \mathbf{u}_1 \neq \mathbf{u}_2 \quad (\text{alternative hypothesis})$$

- Performance measured by:

$$P_{FA} = \mathbb{P}(\text{decide "dissimilar"} \mid \mathbf{u}_{12}, \mathcal{H}_0) \quad (\text{false-alarm rate})$$

$$P_D = \mathbb{P}(\text{decide "dissimilar"} \mid \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathcal{H}_1) \quad (\text{detection rate})$$

- The likelihood ratio test maximizes PD

$$L(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2) = \frac{p(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \mid \mathbf{u}_{12}, \mathcal{H}_0)}{p(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \mid \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathcal{H}_1)}$$

Similarity definition

- Unknown values are replaced by ML estimates (GLR):

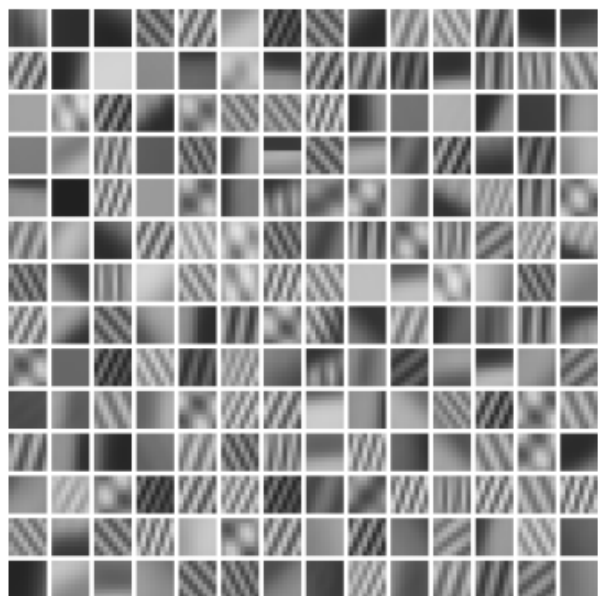
$$\frac{\sup_t p(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \mid \mathbf{u}_{12} = t, \mathcal{H}_0)}{\sup_{t_1, t_2} p(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \mid \mathbf{u}_1 = t_1, \mathbf{u}_2 = t_2, \mathcal{H}_1)}$$

$$\frac{p(\mathbf{v}_1 \mid \mathbf{u}_1 = \hat{t}_{12}) p(\mathbf{v}_2 \mid \mathbf{u}_2 = \hat{t}_{12})}{p(\mathbf{v}_1 \mid \mathbf{u}_1 = \hat{t}_1) p(\mathbf{v}_2 \mid \mathbf{u}_2 = \hat{t}_2)}$$

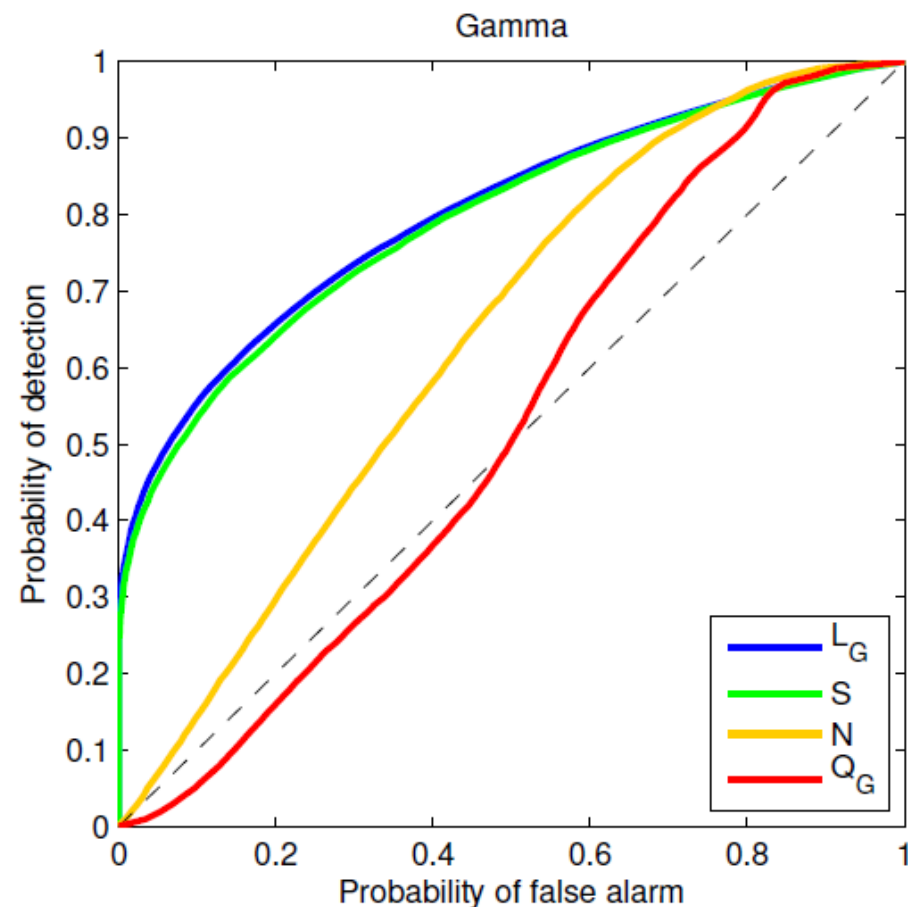
- Study of this criterion

$$\text{GLR} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{when } u_1 = u_2 : & -\log GLR \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{img1} \\ \text{img2} \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \text{img3} \\ \text{img4} \end{array} \right) = \text{img5} \\ \text{when } u_1 \neq u_2 : & -\log GLR \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{img1} \\ \text{img2} \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \text{img3} \\ \text{img4} \end{array} \right) = \text{img5} \end{array} \right.$$

Evaluation of similarity criterion



- Generalized likelihood ratio
- Variance stabilization
- Euclidean distance
- Maximum joint likelihood
- Mutual information kernel
- Bayesian likelihood ratio
- Bayesian joint likelihood



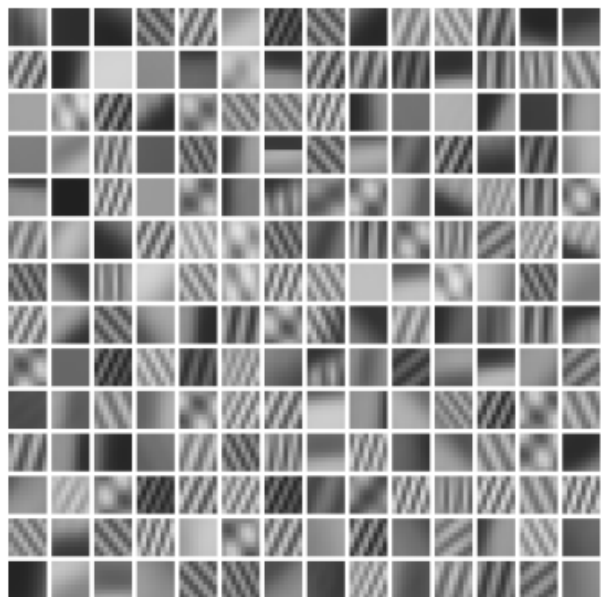
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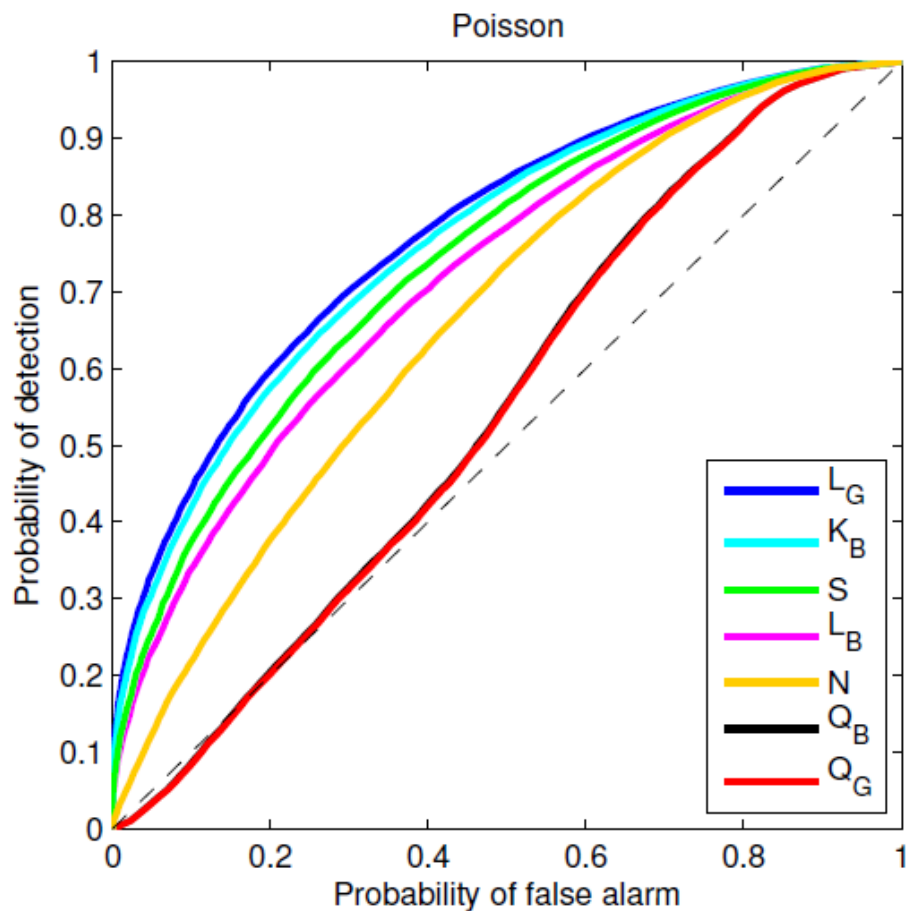
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Limits of similarity criterion

■ Limits of GLR:

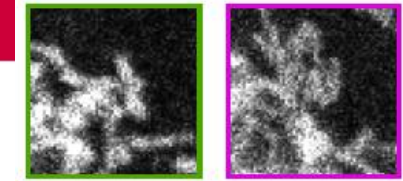
- In case of strong noise, low contrast features are badly discriminated
- Influence of patch size and search window size

■ Solutions

- 1. Use of prefiltering to improve the weight estimation:
iterative version (GLR + Kullback-Leibler weights)
- 2. Use of pre-filtering and a set of parameters and then combine them in a **spatially adaptive aggregation**

(1) Iterative version

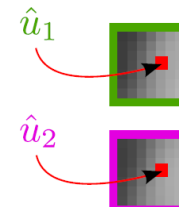
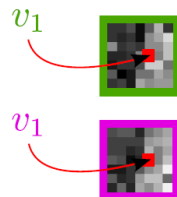
Similarity definition - refinement



$$\frac{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_0 | \text{img}_1, \text{img}_2)}{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_1 | \text{img}_1, \text{img}_2)} = \frac{p(\text{img}_1, \text{img}_2 | \mathcal{H}_0)}{p(\text{img}_1, \text{img}_2 | \mathcal{H}_1)} \times \frac{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_0)}{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_1)}$$

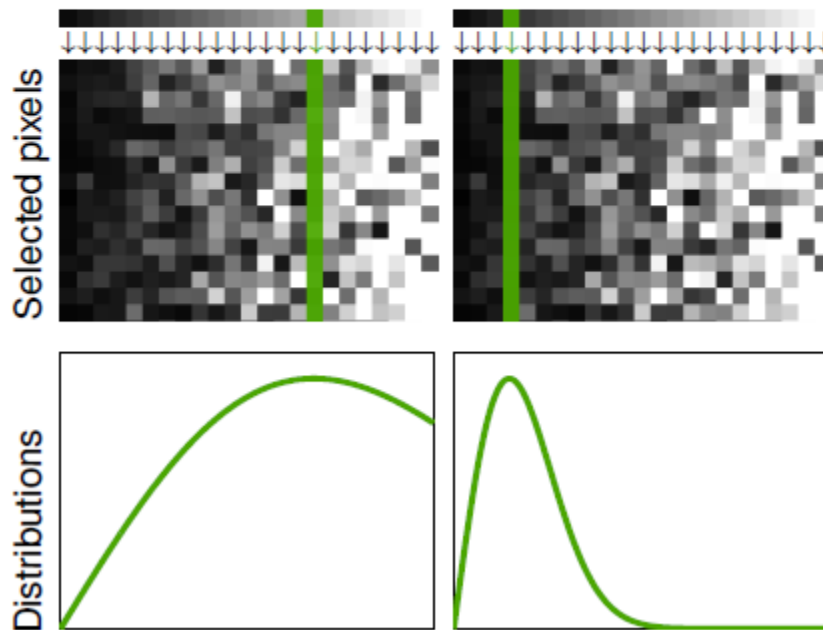
Computed on noisy data
using noise distribution and GLR

Computed on noise-free data
using an iterative scheme
and symmetrical KL divergence

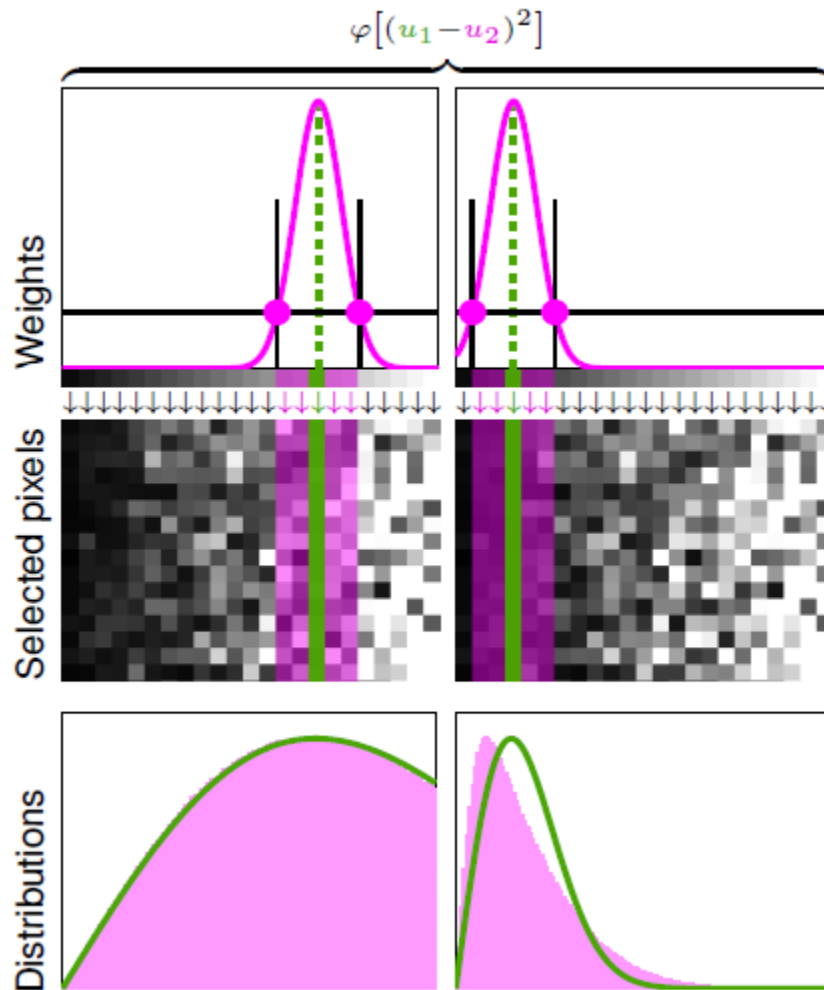


$$\mathcal{D}_{KL}(\hat{u}_1 || \hat{u}_2)$$

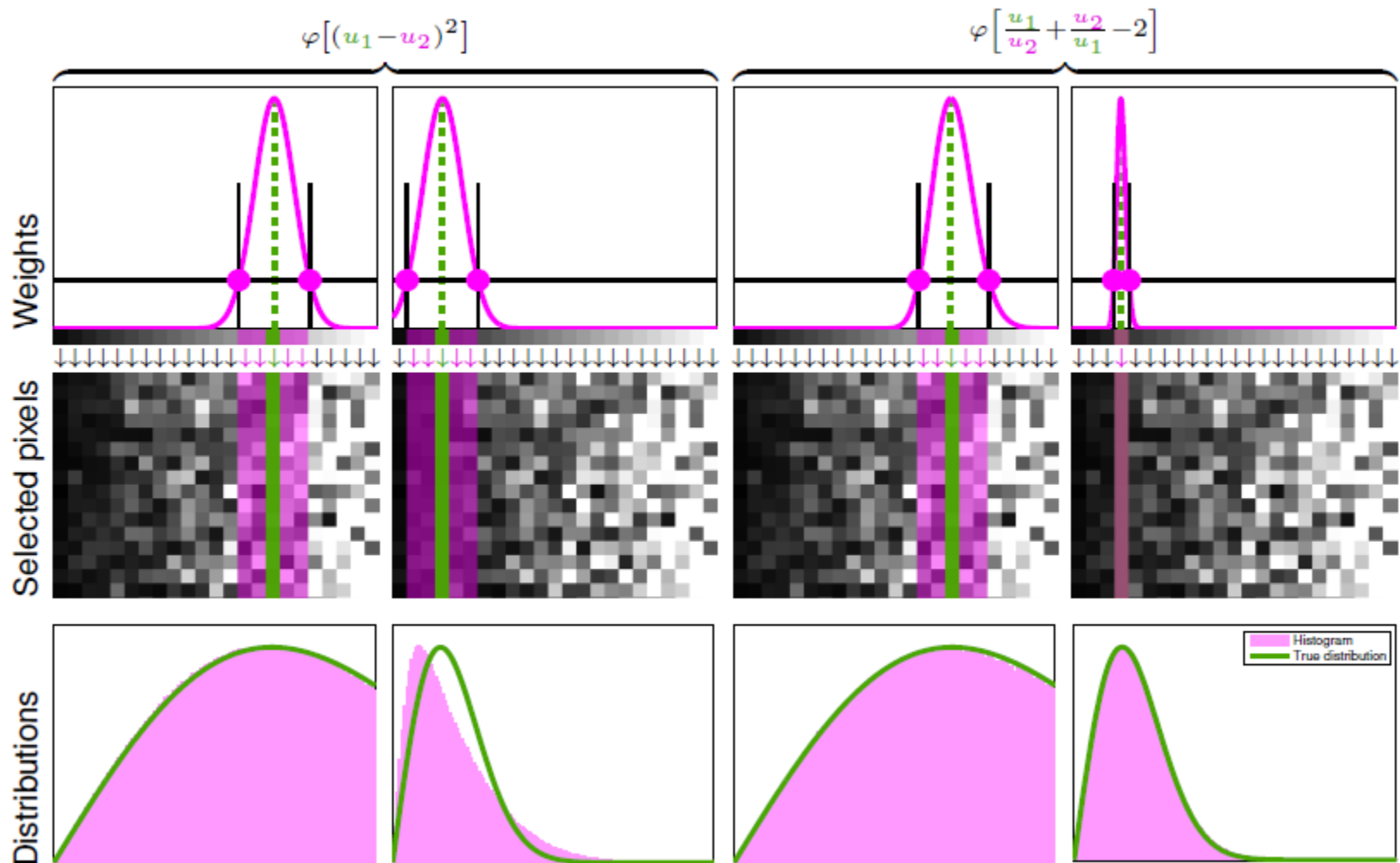
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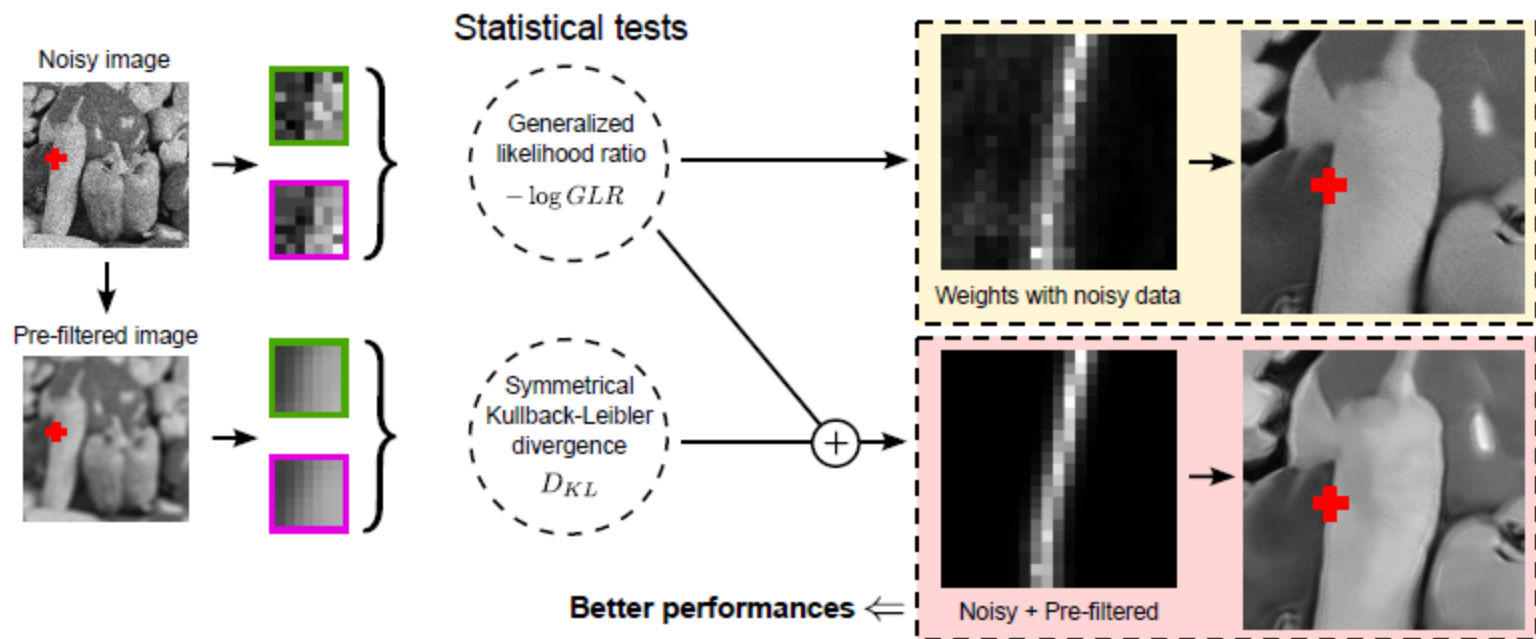
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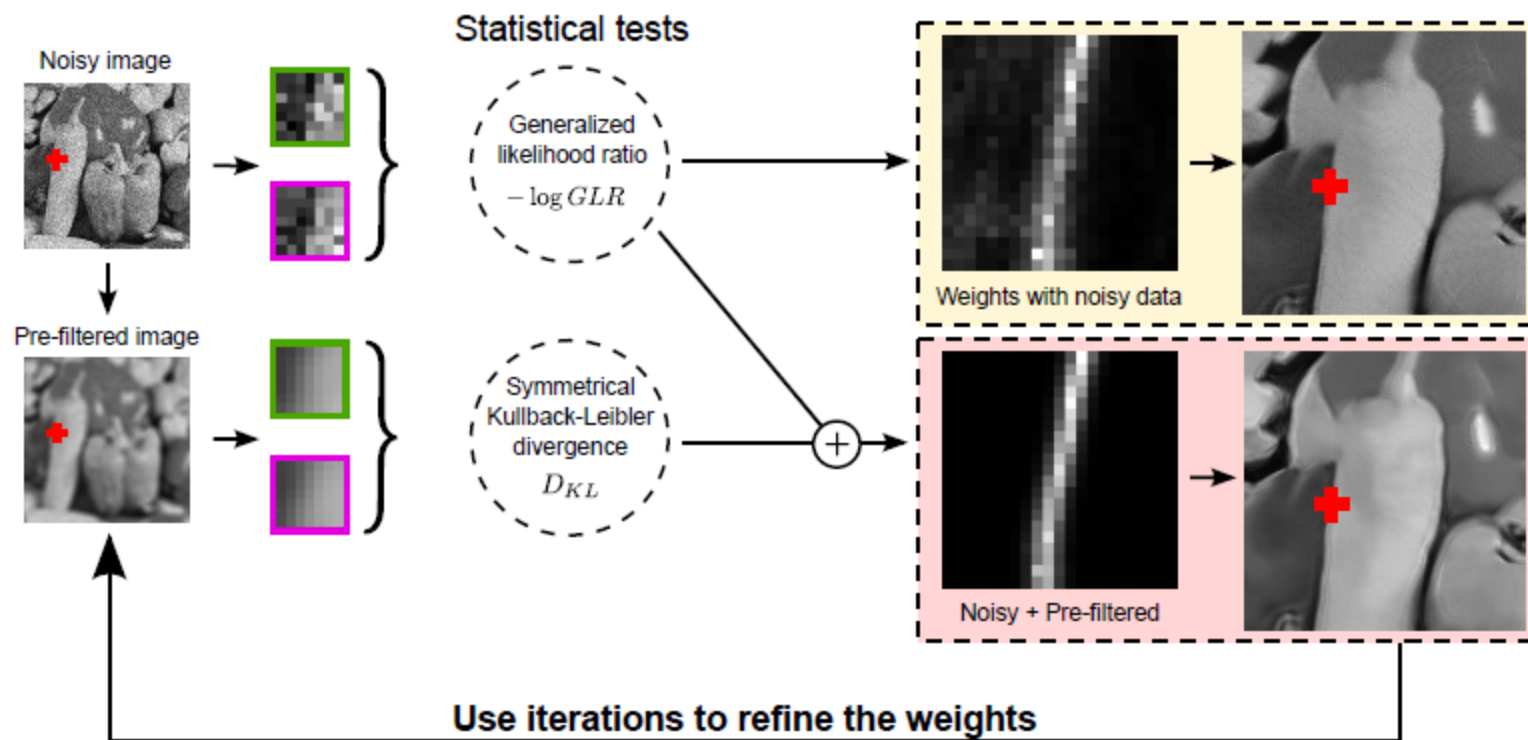
(1) Iterative version - Weight refinement



(1) Iterative version - Global scheme



(1) Iterative version - Global scheme



Limits: number of parameters (W , p , number of iterations)

NL-SAR – general formulation

■ Parameter of interest:

$\Sigma(x)$ an $K \times K$ complex covariance matrix

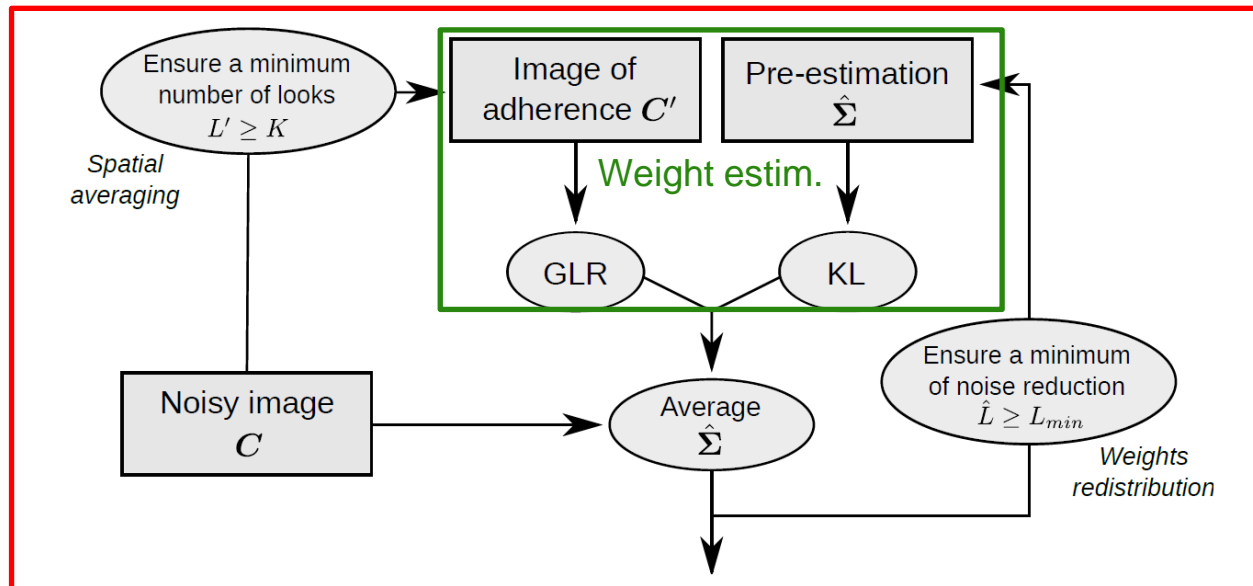
■ Observations:

$C(x)$ an $K \times K$ empirical covariance matrix s.t.:

$$p(C|\Sigma, L) = \frac{L^{LK} |C|^{L-K}}{\Gamma_K(L) |\Sigma|^L} \exp(-L \operatorname{tr}(\Sigma^{-1} C)) \quad (\text{Wishart distribution})$$

■ To denoise:

to search for an estimate $\hat{\Sigma}(x)$ of $\Sigma(x)$





NL-SAR – general formulation

- Similarity between noisy patches:

$$-\log GLR(\mathbf{C}_1, \mathbf{C}_2) = 2L \log \left(\frac{|\mathbf{C}_1 + \mathbf{C}_2|}{\sqrt{|\mathbf{C}_1| |\mathbf{C}_2|}} \right) - 2LK \log 2$$

- Similarity between noise-free patches:

$$\mathcal{D}_{KL}(\hat{\Sigma}_1 \| \hat{\Sigma}_2) = L \text{tr} \left(\hat{\Sigma}_1^{-1} \hat{\Sigma}_2 + \hat{\Sigma}_2^{-1} \hat{\Sigma}_1 \right) - 2LK.$$

Example : amplitude images

- Similarity between noisy patches:

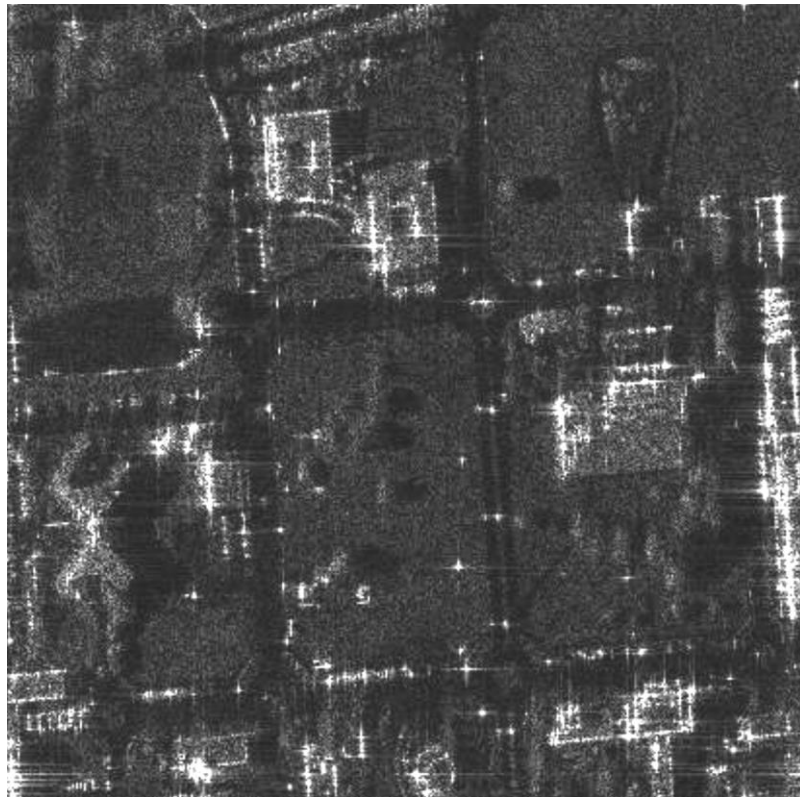
$$-\log GLR(v_1, v_2) = 2 \log \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2} + \frac{v_1}{v_2} \right) - 2 \log 2$$

- Similarity between noise-free patches:

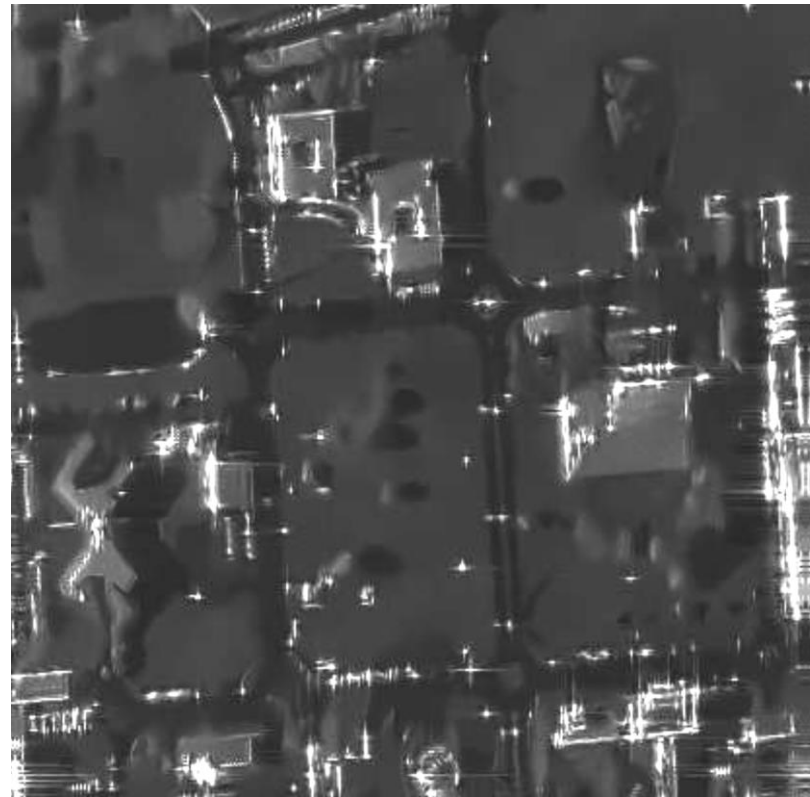
$$\mathcal{D}_{KL}(\hat{u}_1 \| \hat{u}_2) = \frac{\hat{u}_1}{\hat{u}_2} + \frac{\hat{u}_2}{\hat{u}_1} - 2$$



NL-SAR – Results (amplitude)

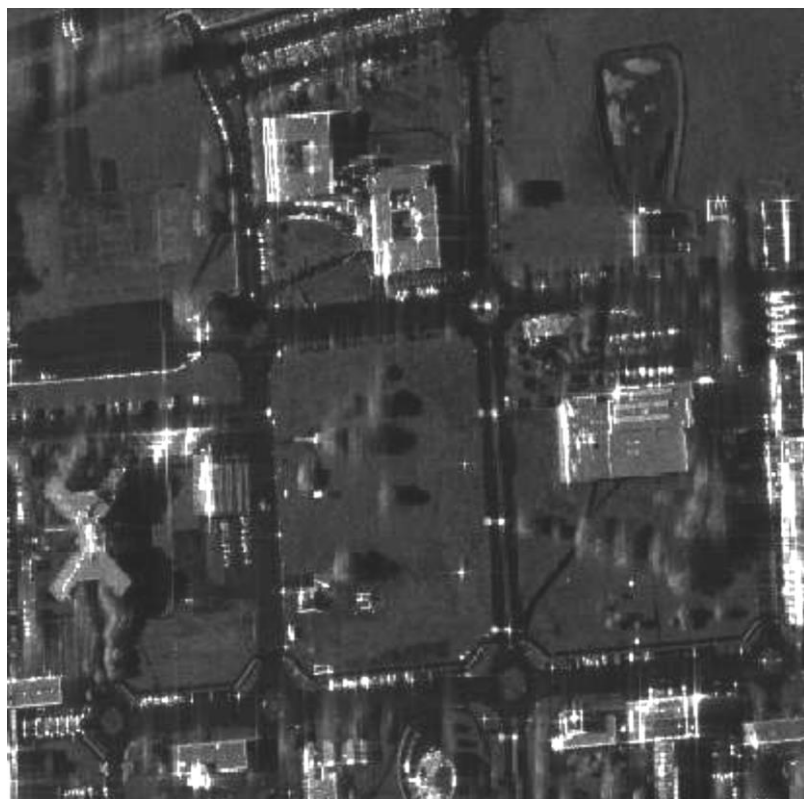


Original 1-look SAR image @ONERA

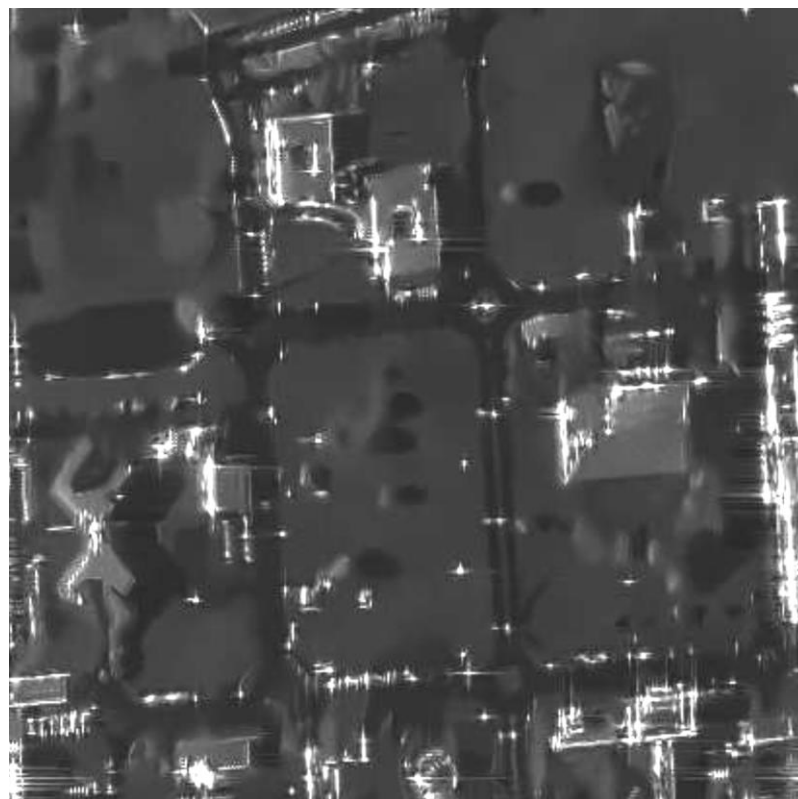


NL-SAR denoising

NL-SAR – Results (amplitude)



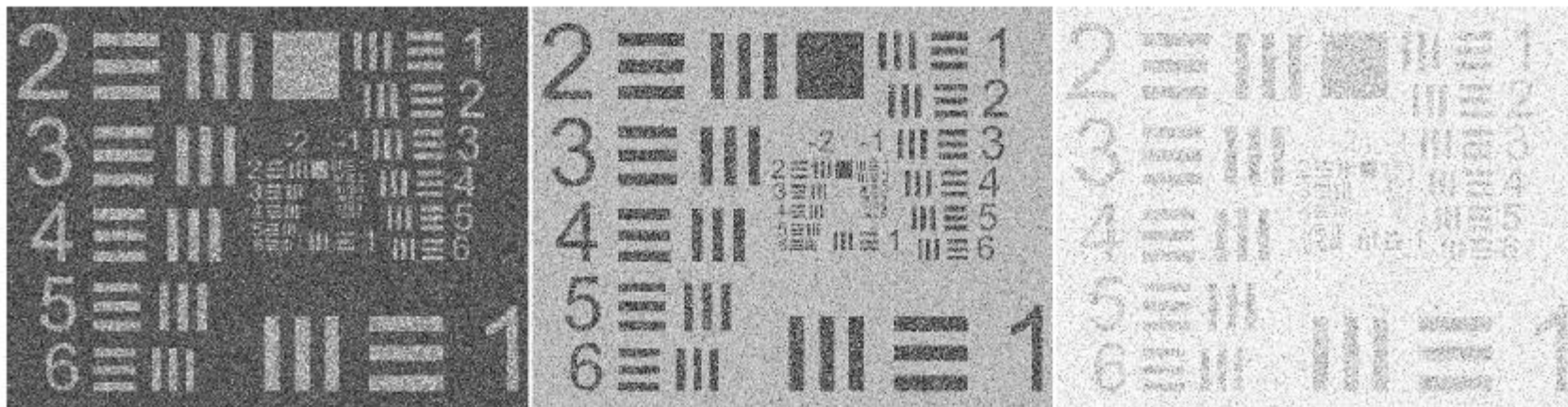
100-looks SAR image @CNES/ONERA



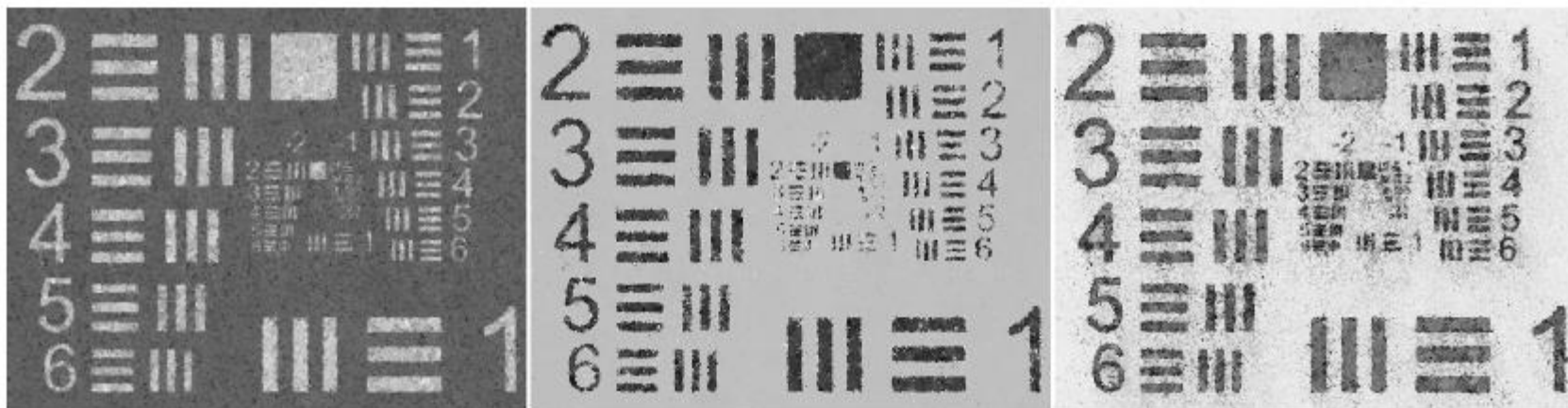
NL-SAR denoising

NL-SAR – Results (interferometry)

Noisy channels

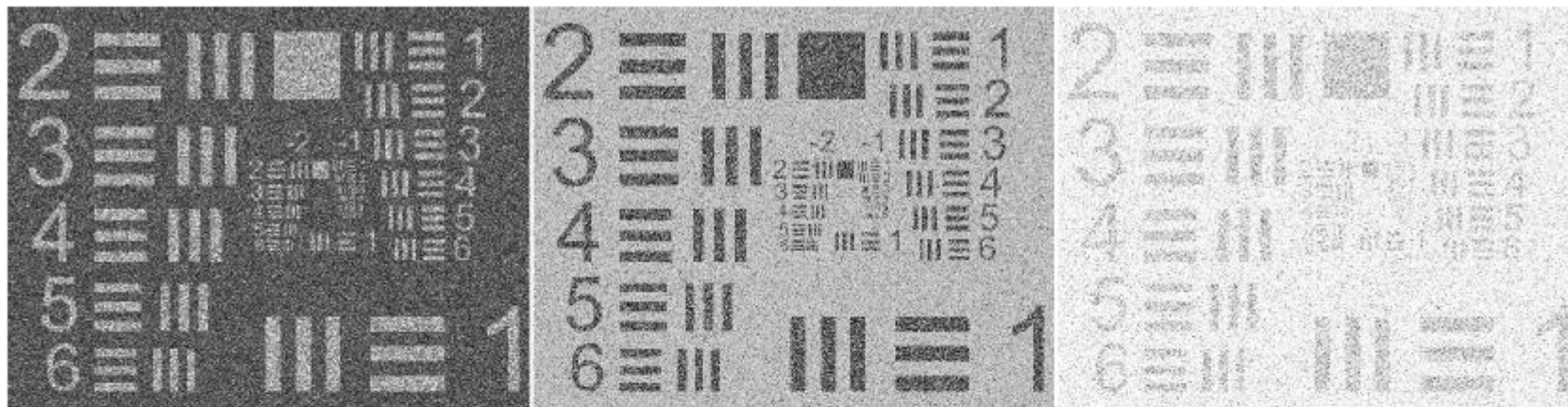


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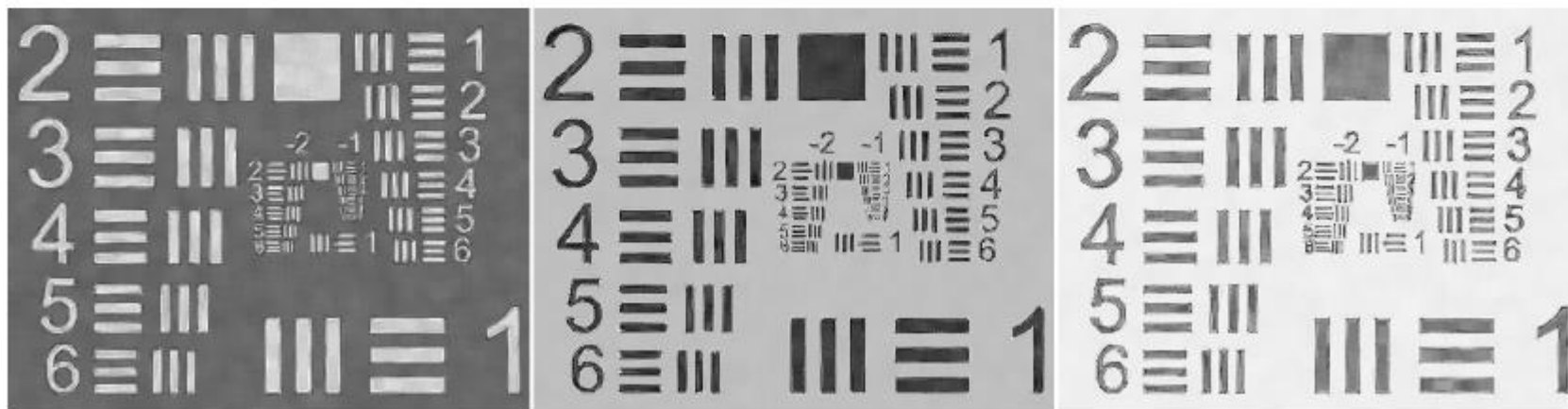


NL-SAR – Results (interferometry)

Noisy channels

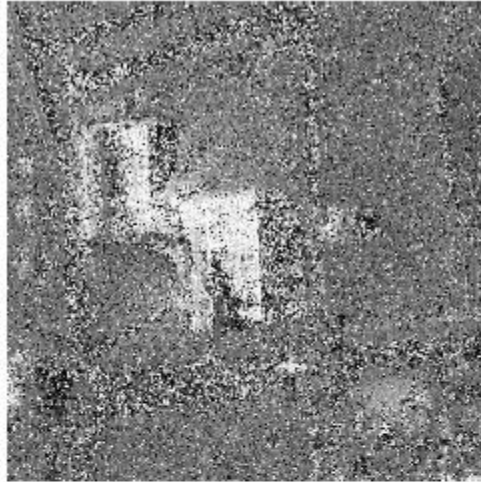


Our estimation

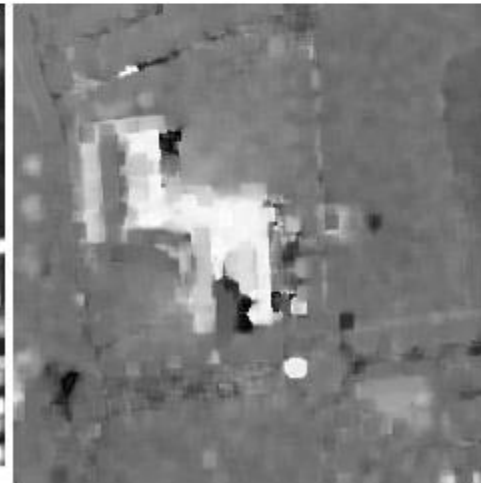


NL-SAR – Results (interferometry)

Noisy channels

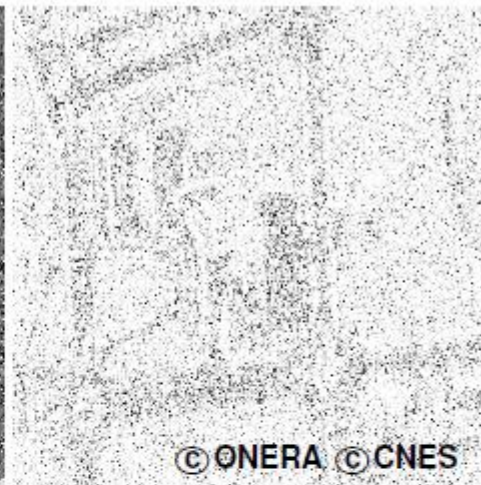
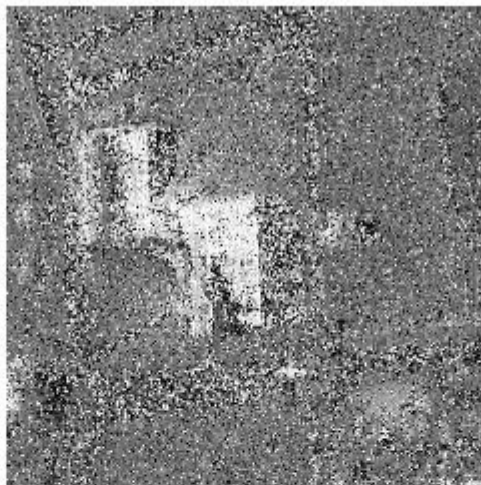


Boxcar filter

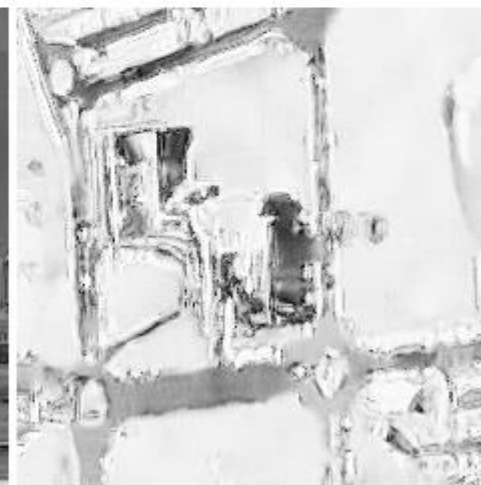
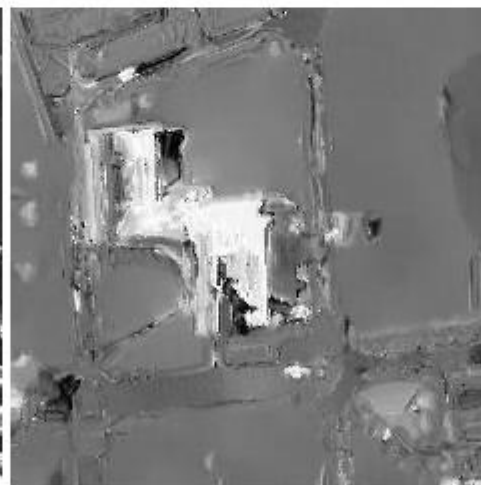
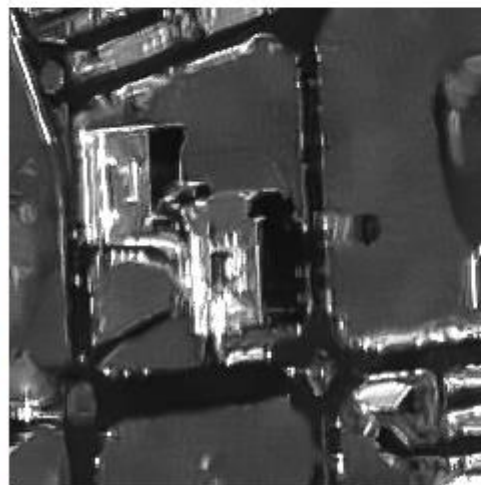


NL-SAR – Results (interferometry)

Noisy channels



Our estimation



NL-SAR – Results (polarimetry)



(a) Noise-free



(b) Noisy



(c) Boxcar 7×7



(d) Lee



(e) IDAN



(f) NL-PolSAR

$$\underbrace{|HH + VV|, |HH - VV|, |HV|}_{RVB}$$

(2) Spatially adaptive aggregation

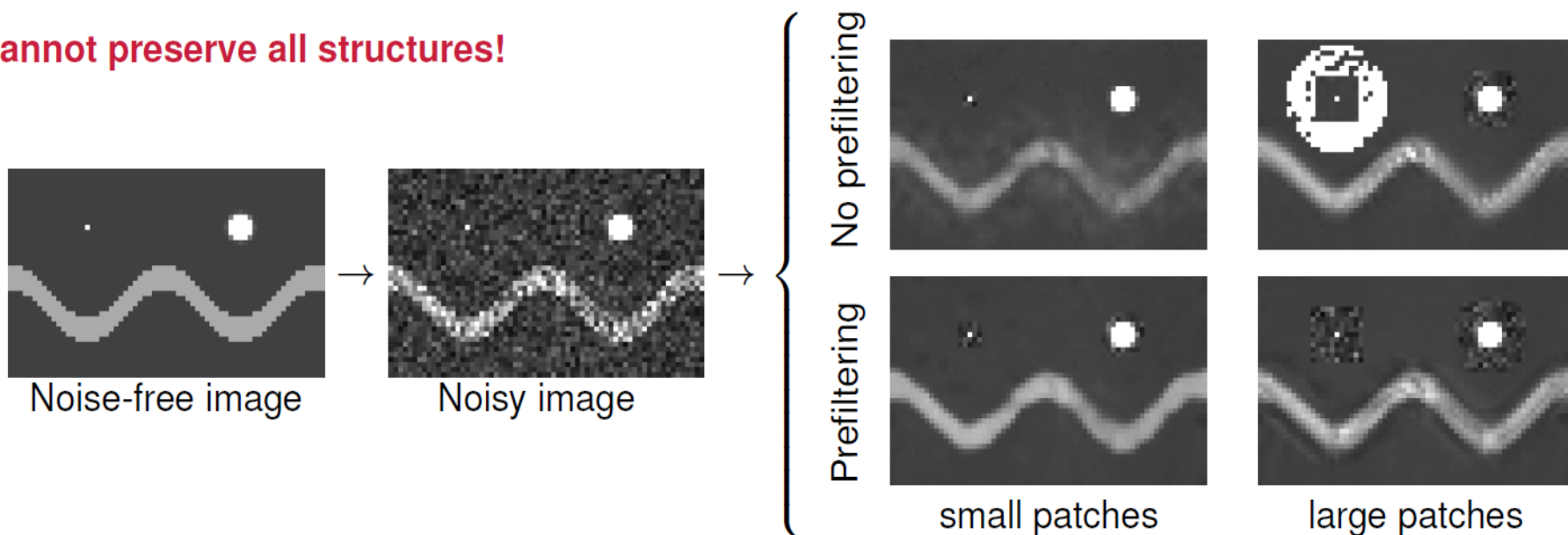
■ Many parameters:

- Search window size (rare patch, influence of small weights)
- Patch size (rare patch effect, noise halo)
- Number of iterations / pre-filtering strength (bias / variance)

■ Antagonist criteria: no best global tuning

- Quality of the estimation / amount of filtering

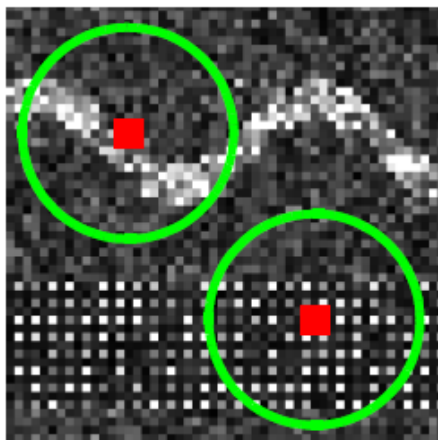
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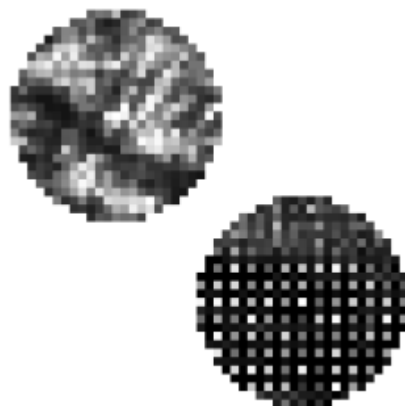


Influence of pre-filtering

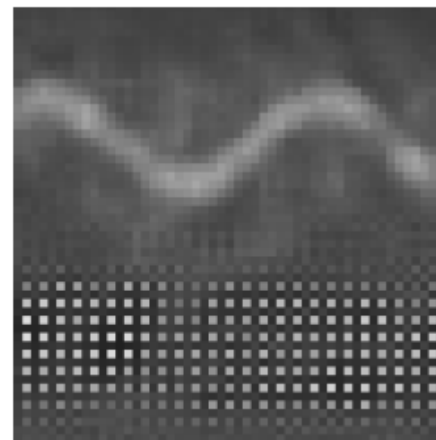
Noisy image



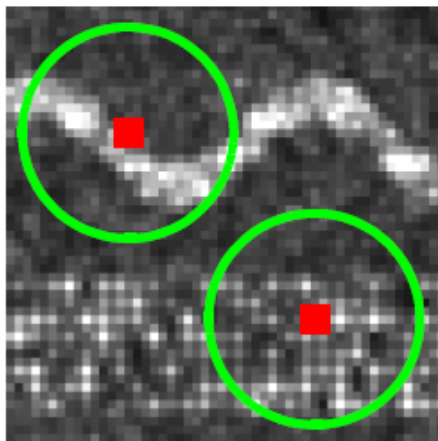
Weights without prefiltering



Result without prefiltering



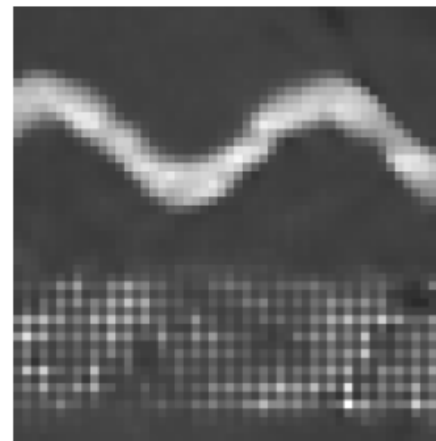
Prefiltered image



Weights with prefiltering



Result with prefiltering

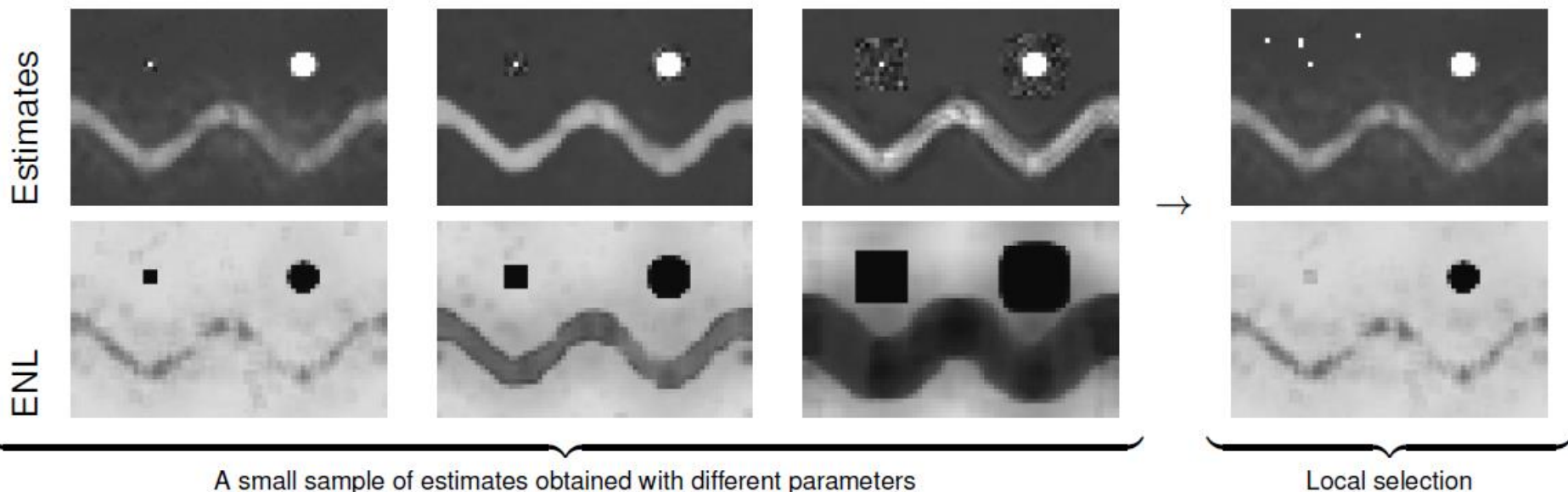


(2) Spatially adaptive aggregation

■ Aggregation:

- Compute several estimates with different parameters
- Select the estimate with the best smoothing

$$\hat{L}^{\text{NL}}(x) = \frac{(\sum_{x'} w(x, x'))^2}{\sum_{x'} w(x, x')^2}$$

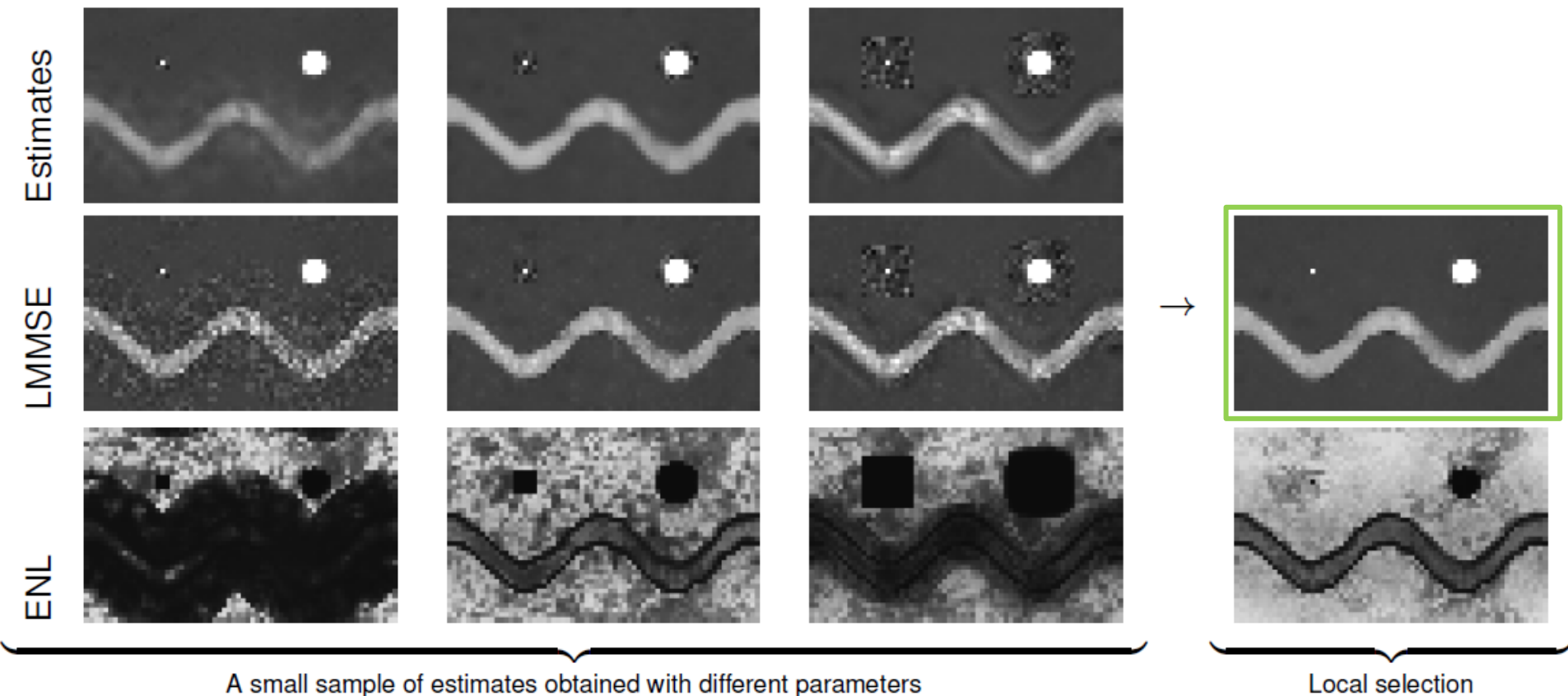


Strong blurring: only takes into account estimation variance but not the bias

(2) Spatially adaptive aggregation

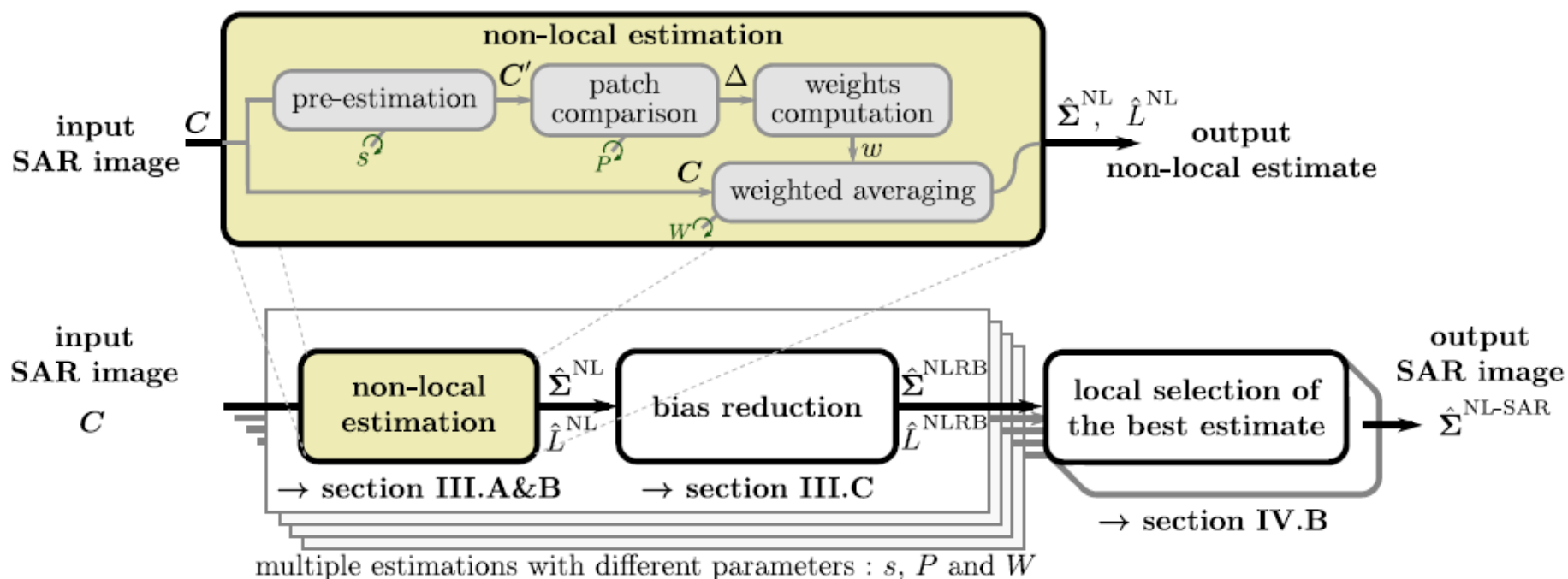
■ Before aggregation:

- Apply bias reduction for each estimation
- Select the bias reduced estimate with the best smoothing

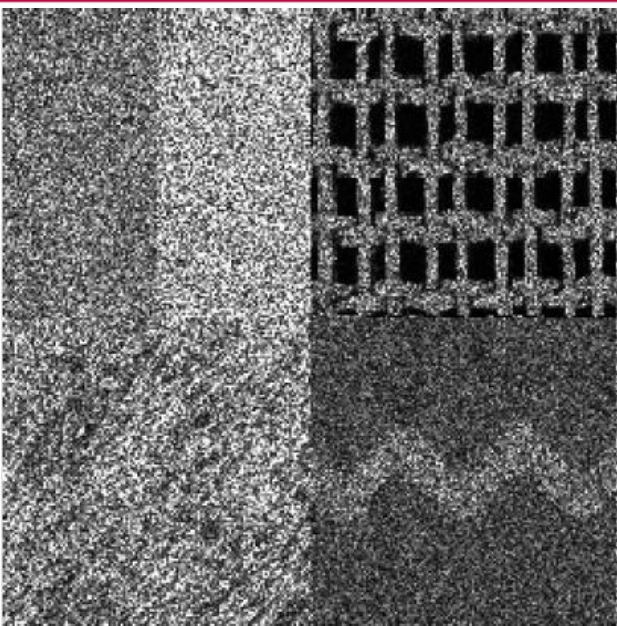


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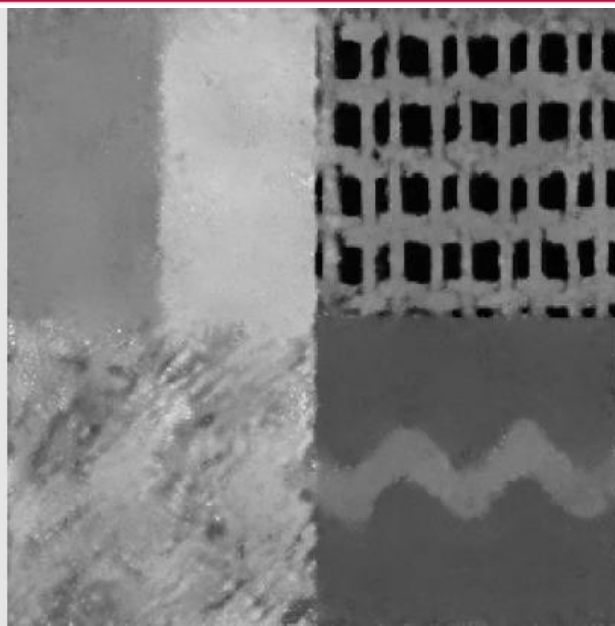
■ General scheme:



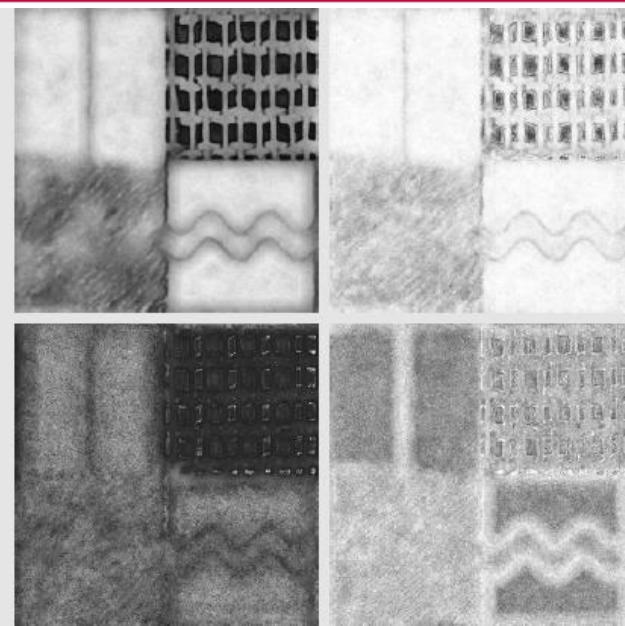
Example of spatially adaptive aggregation



(a)



(b)



(c)

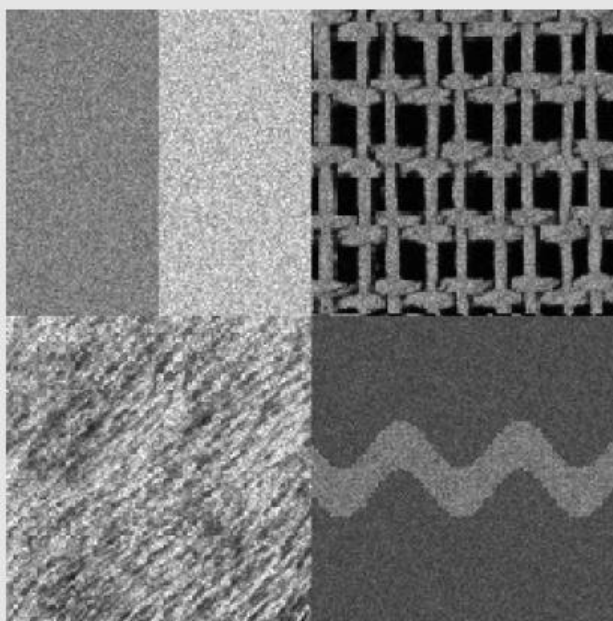
(a) Noisy image.

(b) Result of the adaptive approach.

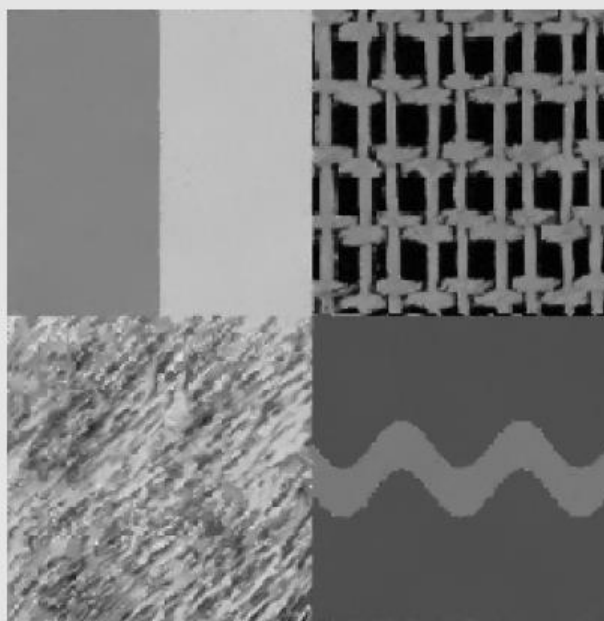
(c) From left to right, top to bottom:

- smoothing strength (range: $[0, 20 \times 20]$),
- search window sizes (range: $[0, 20 \times 20]$),
- the patch size (range: $[3 \times 3, 11 \times 11]$),
- prefiltering strength (range: $[1, 3]$).

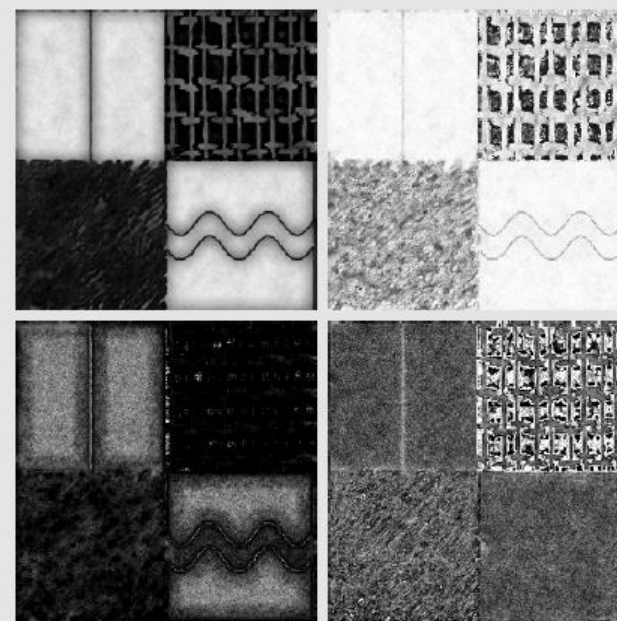
Example of spatially adaptive aggregation



(a)



(b)



(c)

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NL-SAR – general formulation

■ Observation:
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{k} \\ C(x) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{t=1}^L \mathbf{k}^{(t)} \mathbf{k}^{(t)\dagger} \end{cases}$$

■ To be estimated: $\Sigma = \mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}^\dagger\}$



Observation $I = |z|^2 = C$



Speckle-free image $\sigma^2 = \Sigma$

?

■ (Pre-estimation: local gaussian filtering C')

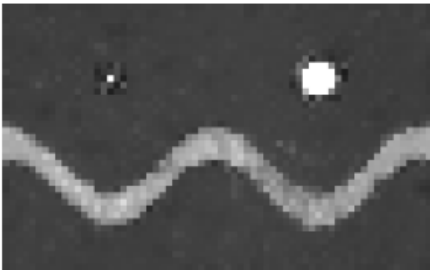
■ Weights definition:
$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_G(C'_1, C'_1) = \frac{|C'_1|^{L'} \cdot |C'_2|^{L'}}{|\frac{1}{2}(C'_1 + C'_2)|^{2L'}} \\ \Delta(x, x') = \sum_{\tau} -\log \mathcal{L}_G[C'(x + \tau), C'(x' + \tau)] \\ w(x, x') = \exp\left[-\frac{\Delta(x, x')}{h}\right] \end{cases}$$

NL-SAR – general formulation

■ Weighted ML estimation:

$$\widehat{\text{Var}}[I_j]^{\text{NL}}(x) = \frac{\sum_{x'} w(x, x') I_j(x')^2}{\sum_{x'} w(x, x')} - \hat{I}_j^{\text{NL}}(x)^2$$

■ De-biasing:



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\Sigma}^{\text{NLRB}}(x) = \hat{\Sigma}^{\text{NL}}(x) + \alpha \left[C(x) - \hat{\Sigma}^{\text{NL}}(x) \right] \\ \alpha^{\text{NLRB}} = \max_j \left[\max \left(0, \frac{\widehat{\text{Var}}[I_j]^{\text{NL}}(x) - \hat{I}_j^{\text{NL}}(x)^2 / L}{\widehat{\text{Var}}[I_j]^{\text{NL}}(x)} \right) \right] \end{array} \right.$$

■ Smoothing strength:

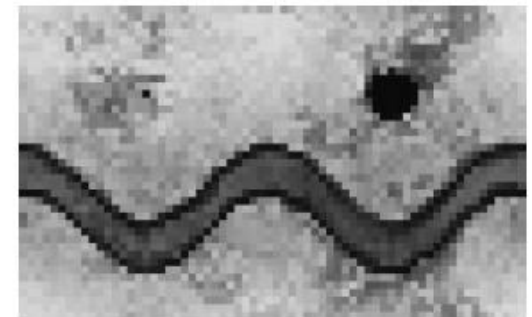
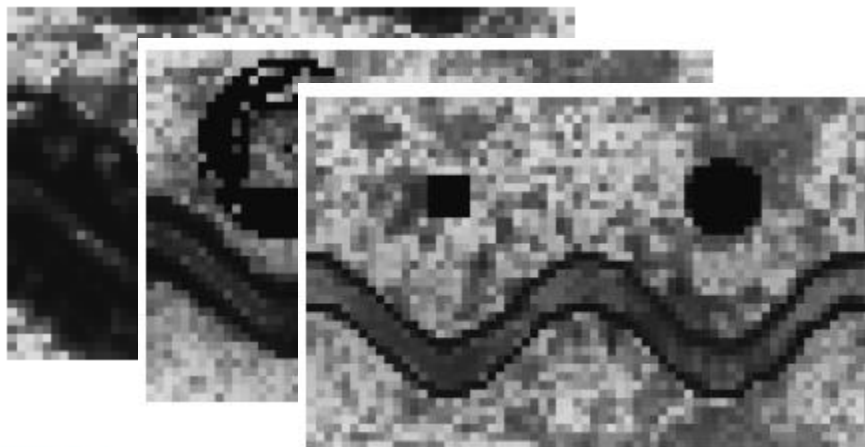
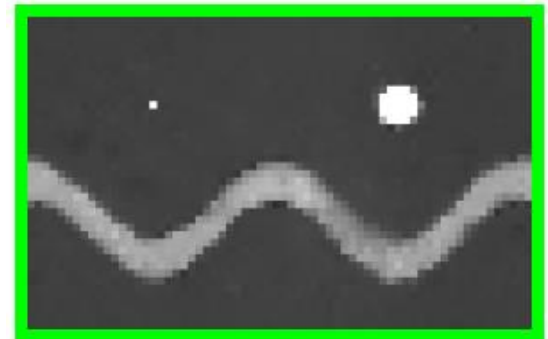
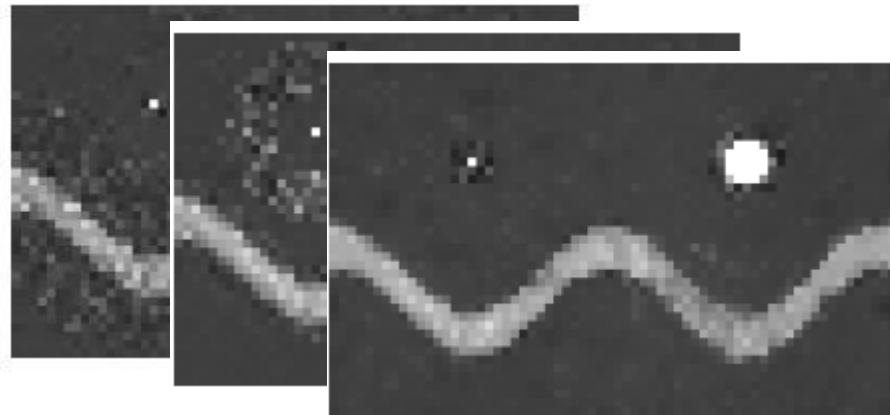


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{L}^{\text{NL}}(x) = \frac{(\sum_{x'} w(x, x'))^2}{\sum_{x'} w(x, x')^2} \\ \hat{L}^{\text{NLRB}}(x) = \frac{\hat{L}^{\text{NL}}(x)}{(1-\alpha)^2 + \left(\alpha^2 + \frac{2\alpha(1-\alpha)}{\sum_{x'} w(x, x')} \right) \hat{L}^{\text{NL}}(x)} \end{array} \right.$$



NL-SAR – general formulation

■ Agglomeration:



Results – synthetic data

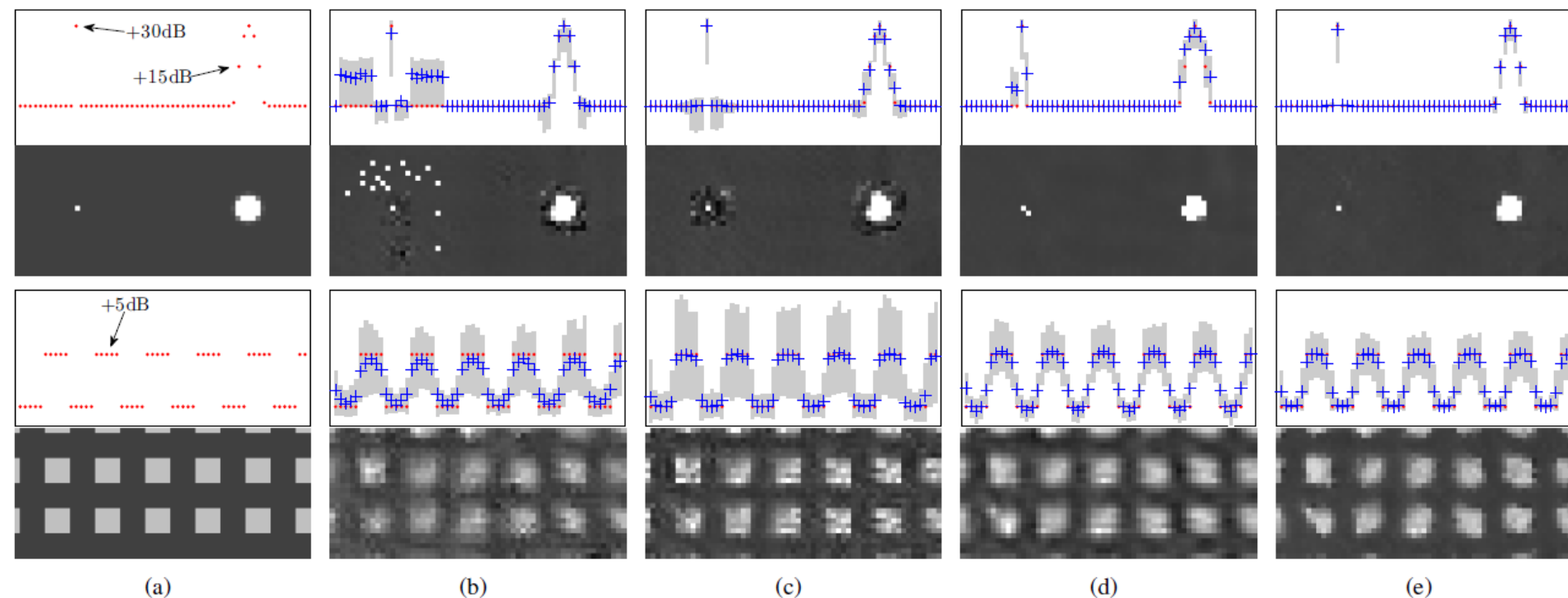
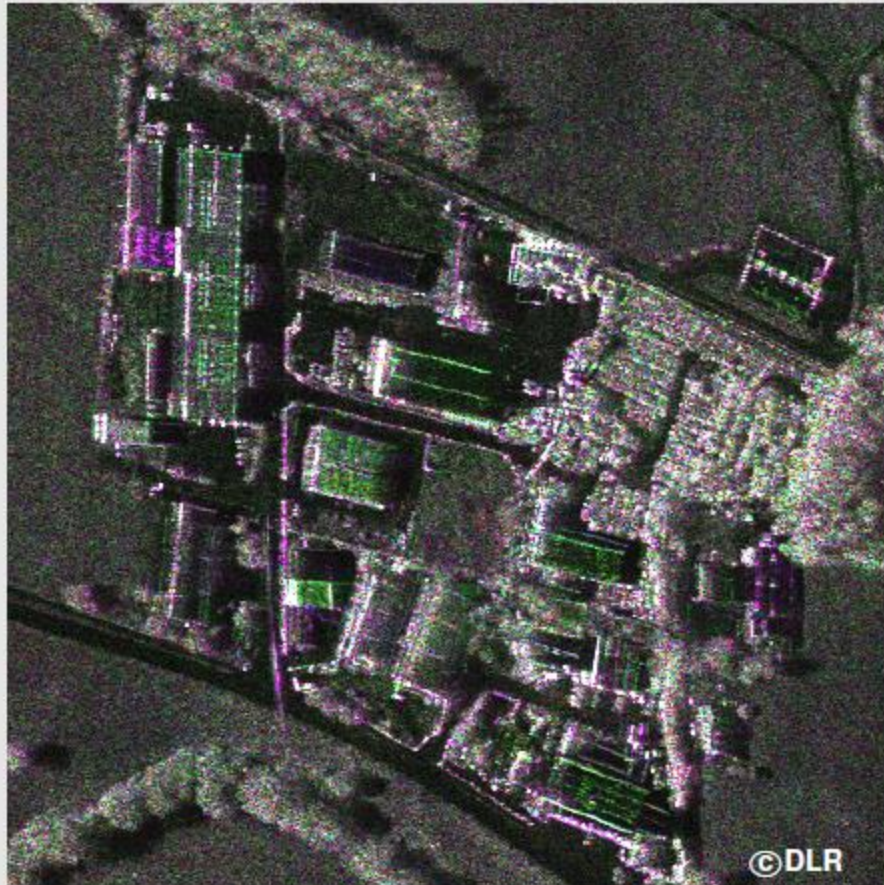
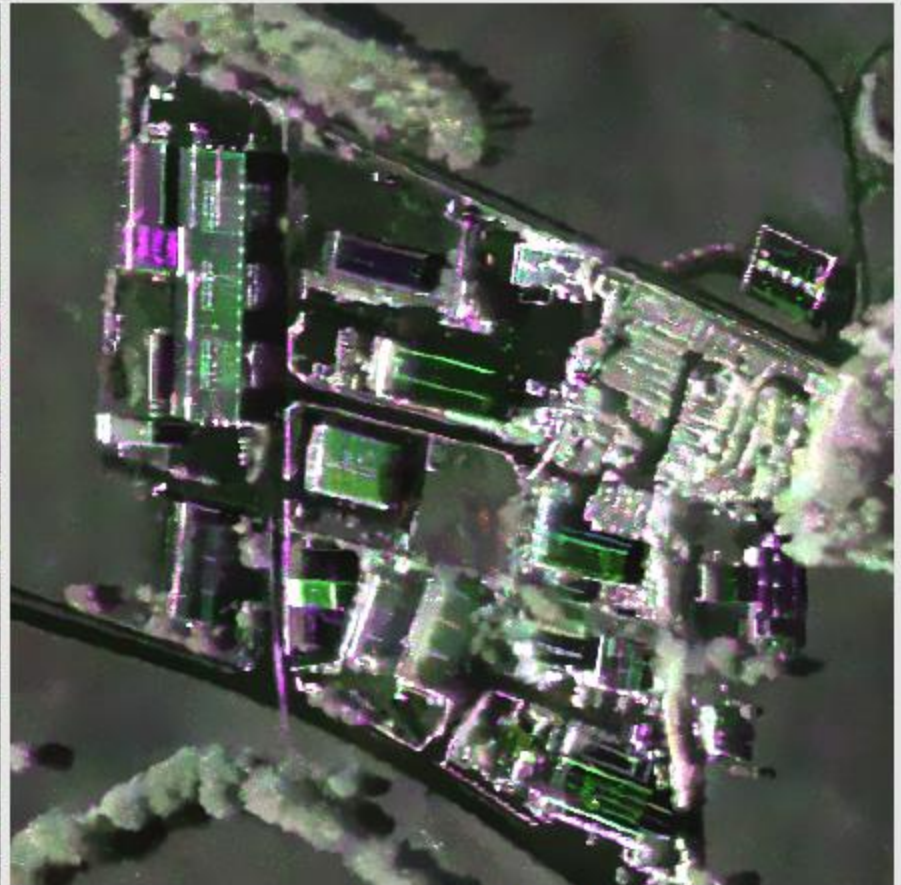


Fig. 6. Bias-variance characterization of the several speckle reduction methods for single look SAR intensity denoising: (a) underlying signal, (b) Pretest non-local filter [37], (c) PPB-it [34], (d) SAR-BM3D [38], (e) NL-SAR proposed in this paper. Two types of structures are analyzed: bright targets (upper half) and repeating squares (lower half). Grayscale images show the output of each denoising method for a given noisy realization. Above each grayscale image, line profiles corresponding to the expectation (blue crosses) and 0.98% confidence intervals (gray area) of each estimator are drawn. Line profile intensities on the top row are drawn in log-scale to adapt to the high dynamic range.

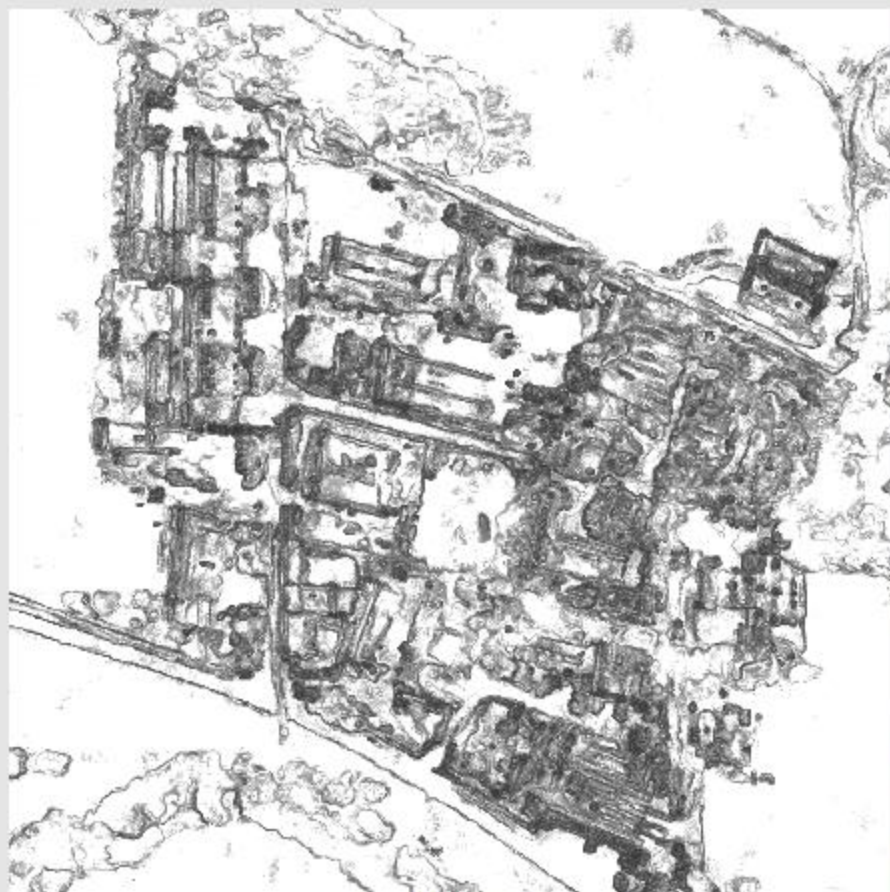
Polarimetry – NL-SAR results



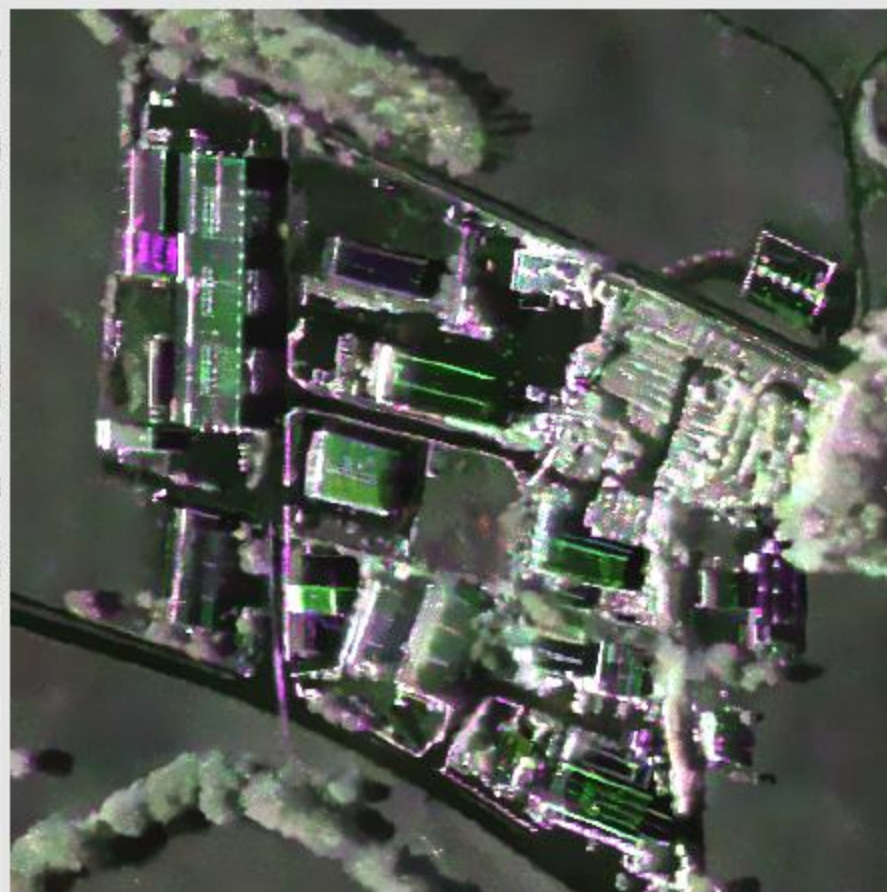
(a) High-resolution S-band SAR image



(b) Adaptive estimation



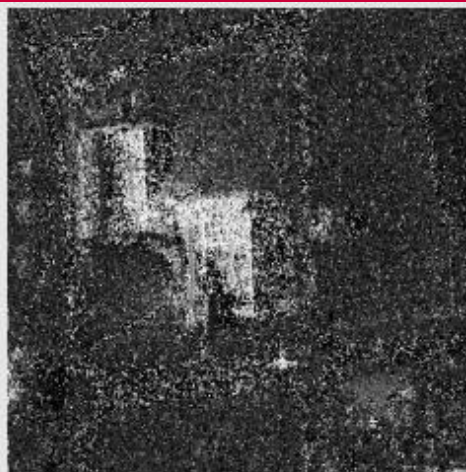
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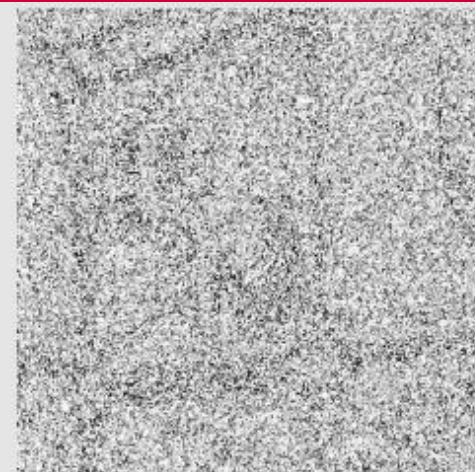
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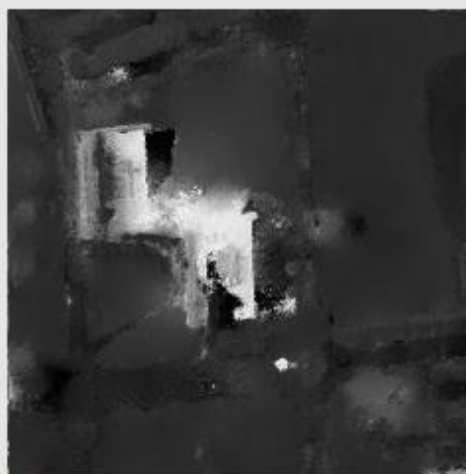
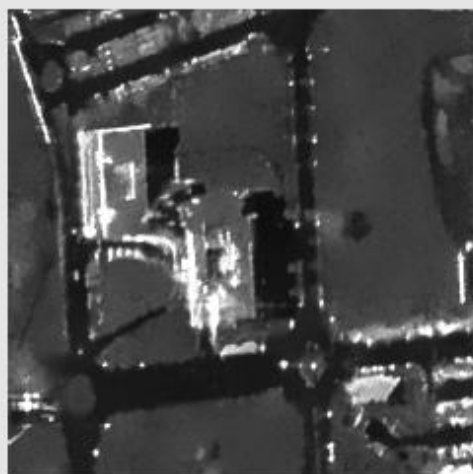
(a) High resolution SAR image



(b) Interferometric phase



(c) Interferometric coherence



(d) (Joint) Adaptive estimation





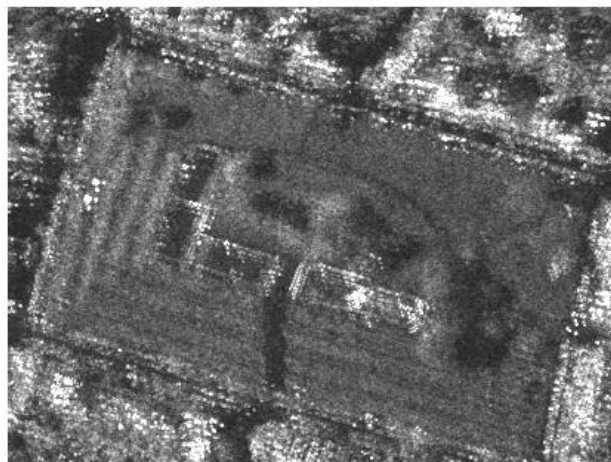
(c) *Saint-Gervais-les-Bains* images. From left to right: noisy image, denoising result by multi-looking, denoising results by 1-PPB on single image.



(d) *Saint-Gervais-les-Bains* images. From left to right: 3D-ANF, denoising result by T-PPB on temporal images, denoising results by 2S-PPB on temporal images.



(a) y_{t1} , One of the noisy images (1-look)



(b) Temporal average without miss-registration estimation



(c) Temporal average with miss-registration estimation



(d) Temporal PPB (T-PPB) using 6 un-registered SAR images



(e) The proposed 2S-PPB (with miss-registration estimation) using 6 un-registered SAR images



(f) The proposed 2S-PPB using 6 well-registered SAR images



Conclusion

■ Non-local approaches for SAR data

- Integration of the data acquisition models (data distributions)
- General formulation
- Spatial and temporal adaptation

■ Perspectives

- New statistical models ?
- Understanding of radar signal: dictionaries, complex spectrum

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