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Comparison between spatial and temporal estimation of entropy on polarimetric SAR images

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Classification using PolSAR images

Classification : a long term task for PolSAR

- Lots of algorithms :
 - Freeman-Durden decomposition [Freeman and Durden, 1998]
 - Yamagushi decomposition [Yamaguchi et al., 2005]
 - Touzi decomposition [Touzi, 2007]
 - ...
- **H/ α /A decomposition** [Cloude and Pottier, 1997]
→ Building / Non-Building discrimination

Times Series are now available !

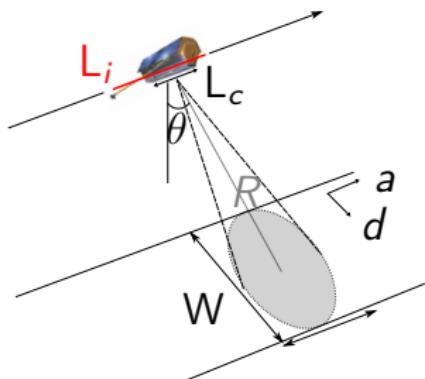
- New satellites
- New image distribution policy

New tools ?

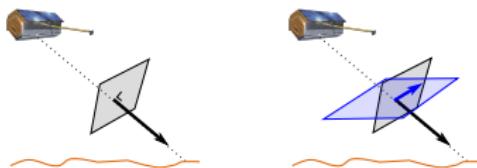
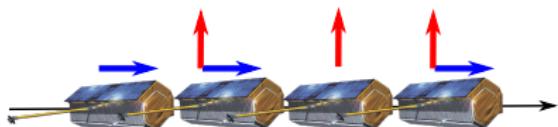
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SAR and PolSAR



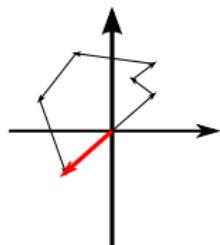
L_i : integration length
 L_c : physical length
 θ : incidence angle
 R : target-radar distance
 W : swath width
 (a,d) : azimuth axis, distance axis

Propagation vector \mathbf{k} Polarization H Polarization V Polarization H and V 

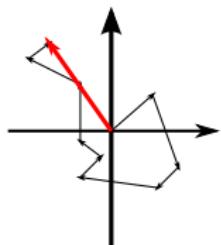
Alternate emission of H and V
 Simultaneous reception of H and V

3 information channels : HH , $HV=VH$, VV

Speckle and Covariance Matrix



Measure 1



Measure 2

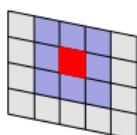
$\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{C}^M$, a pixel of image \mathbf{I}
 [Goodman, 1976] :

$$P(\mathbf{p} ; \mathbf{C}) = \frac{1}{\pi^M |\mathbf{C}|} e^{-\mathbf{p}^\dagger \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{p}}$$

\mathbf{C} : covariance matrix

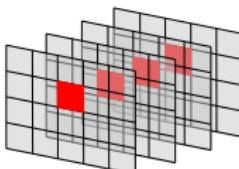
$$\mathbf{C} = E[\mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}^\dagger] \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{C}} = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \mathbf{p}_l \mathbf{p}_l^\dagger$$

Spatial averaging



1 image : L neighbouring pixels

Temporal averaging



L images : 1 pixel

Adaptative averaging

NL-SAR

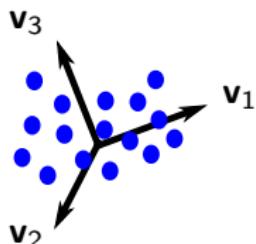
[Deledalle et al., 2014]

Binary partition trees

[Alonso-Gonzalez et al., 2012]

Definition

Eigenvalue and Eigenvector of $\tilde{\mathbf{C}}$:



$\{\mathbf{v}_I\}_{I=1,M}$: eigenvectors of $\tilde{\mathbf{C}}$
principal components

$\{\lambda_I\}_{I=1,M}$: associated eigenvalue
variance associated to the component

Polarimetric Entropy :

$$H = - \sum_{k=1}^M p_k \log_M p_k \quad p_k = \frac{\lambda_k}{\sum_{I=1}^M \lambda_I}$$

Measure of the variability in the samples set :

$$H = 0$$

$$H = 0.6309$$

$$H = 1$$



$$p_1 = 1, p_2 = p_3 = 0$$

$$p_1 = p_2 = \frac{1}{2}, p_3 = 0 \quad p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = \frac{1}{3}$$

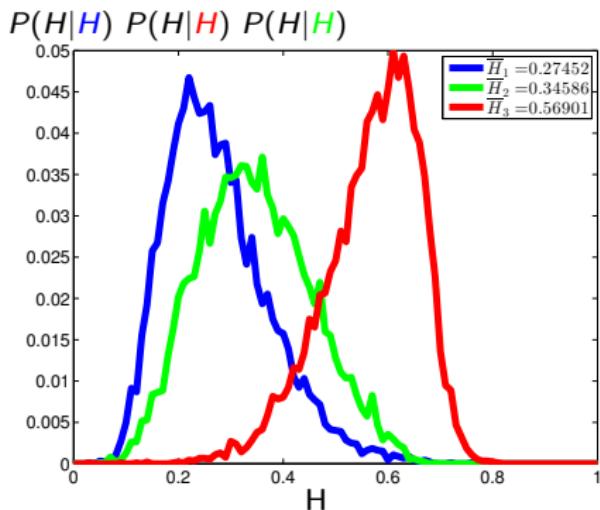
Under-estimation of H

Influence of the number of samples :

- $L \geq 3$
- L small : H under-estimated [López-Martínez et al., 2005]

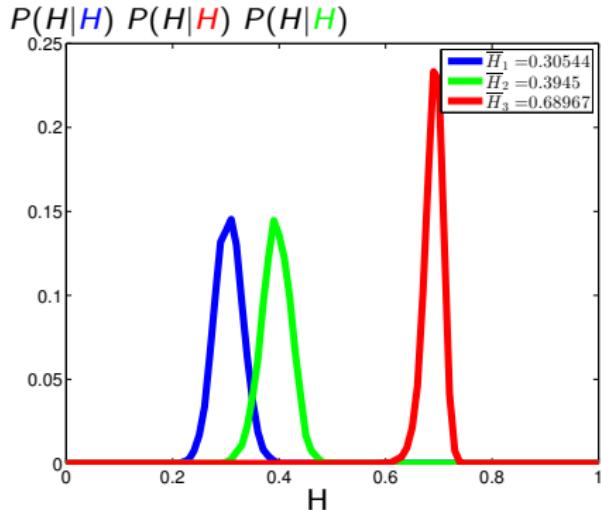
$$H = 0.309, \bar{H} = 0.4, \overline{H} = 0.69$$

6 pixels



$$\bar{H} = 0.28, \overline{H} = 0.35, \overline{H} = 0.57$$

100 pixels

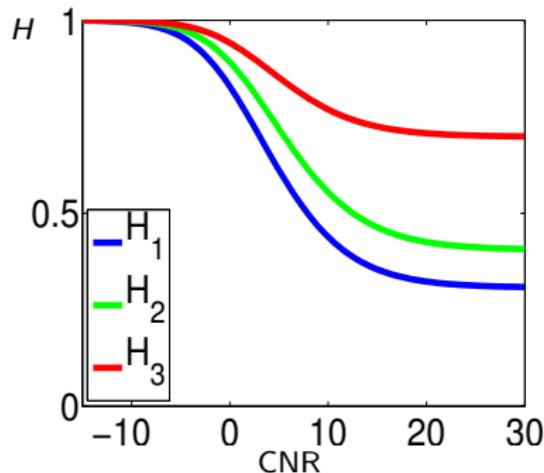


$$\bar{H} = 0.30, \overline{H} = 0.40, \overline{H} = 0.69$$

Over-estimation of H

Noise

$H \nearrow \text{CNR} \searrow$ clutter to noise ratio



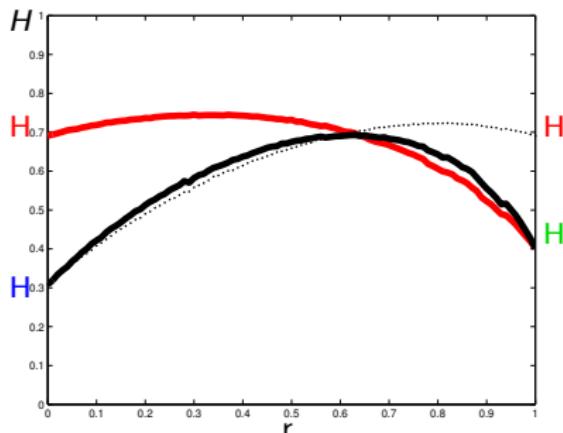
$$\mathbf{p} = \boldsymbol{\tau} \circ \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{C} + \boldsymbol{\Gamma}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma} = \sigma_b^2 \mathbf{I}_d : \text{entropy} = 1$$

Mixing

$H \nearrow$ when mixing



Entropy estimated using 100 pixels from 2 populations with the mixing-proportion r :

- $r \mathcal{N}(0, \textcolor{green}{C}_2)$ et $(1 - r) \mathcal{N}(0, \textcolor{blue}{C}_1)$
- $r \mathcal{N}(0, \textcolor{red}{C}_3)$ et $(1 - r) \mathcal{N}(0, \textcolor{blue}{C}_1)$
- $r \mathcal{N}(0, \textcolor{green}{C}_2)$ et $(1 - r) \mathcal{N}(0, \textcolor{red}{C}_3)$

City of San Francisco

Neighbourhood with particular street orientation

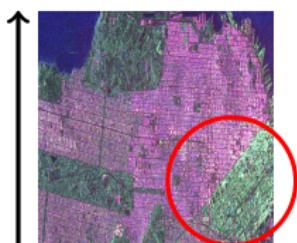


Map : SoMa District

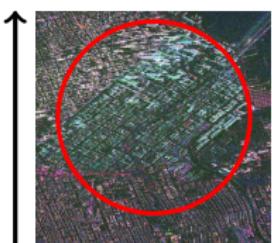


Ikonos image

Data sets



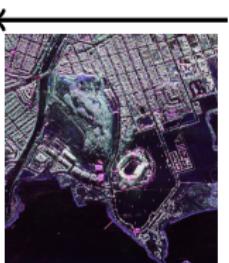
RADARSAT 2
C : 5mx8m
1 image



TerraSAR-X DRA
X : 6mx2m
3 images



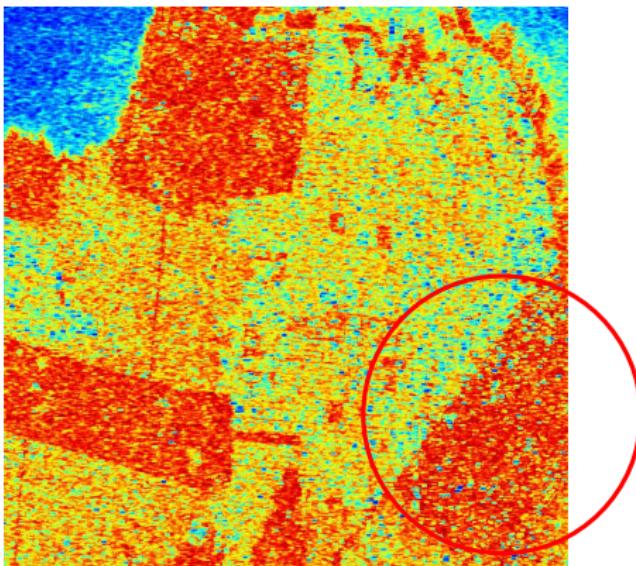
SoMa District



Candlestick point

UAVSAR
L : 1.8mx0.8m
12 images
Temporal Entropy

Entropy in low resolution



Entropy on Radarsat-2 image, C band, 5mx8m resolution : 5×5 boxcar filter



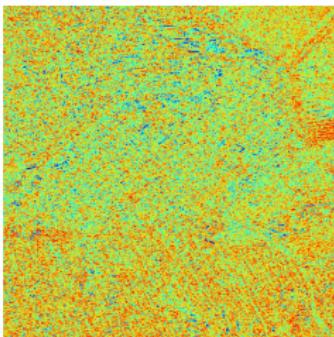
- Good contrast between vegetation and parallel oriented neighbourhood
- High entropy on SoMa district

Entropy in high resolution

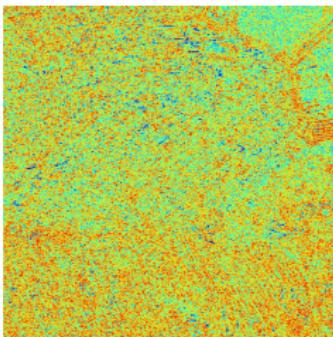


- Entropy varies in time (especially for the sea)
- Poor contrast : mixing phenomenon

TerraSAR-X , X band, 6mx2m resolution

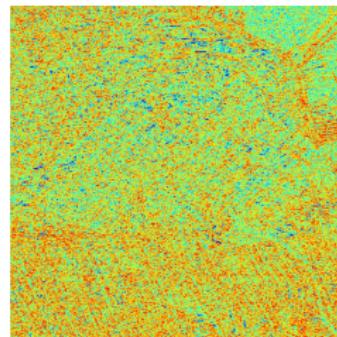


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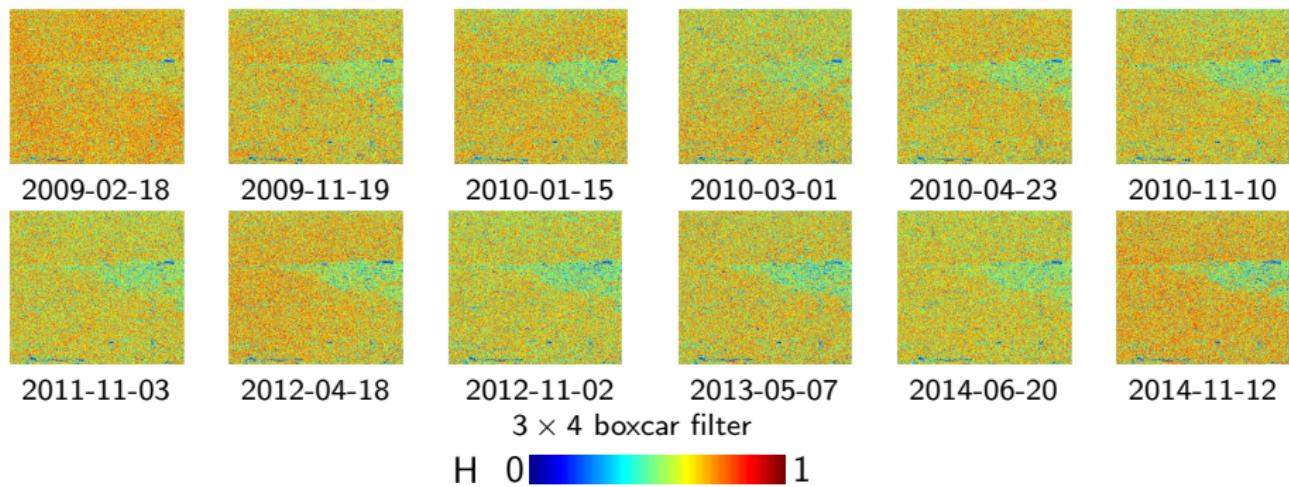
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3 × 9 boxcar filter



2010-05-03

Entropy in temporal series

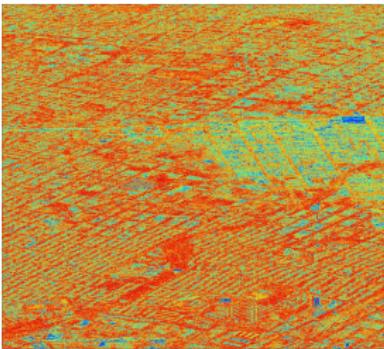


- Entropy varies in time
- Poor contrast : mixing phenomenon
- SoMa District (oriented 0 ° from track) small entropy

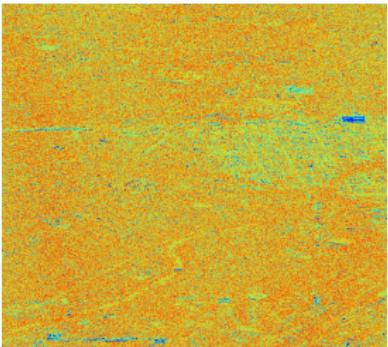
Temporal Entropy



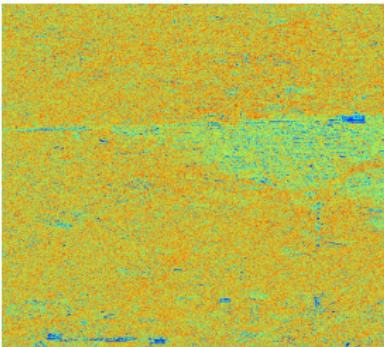
Pauli color image



Temporal entropy



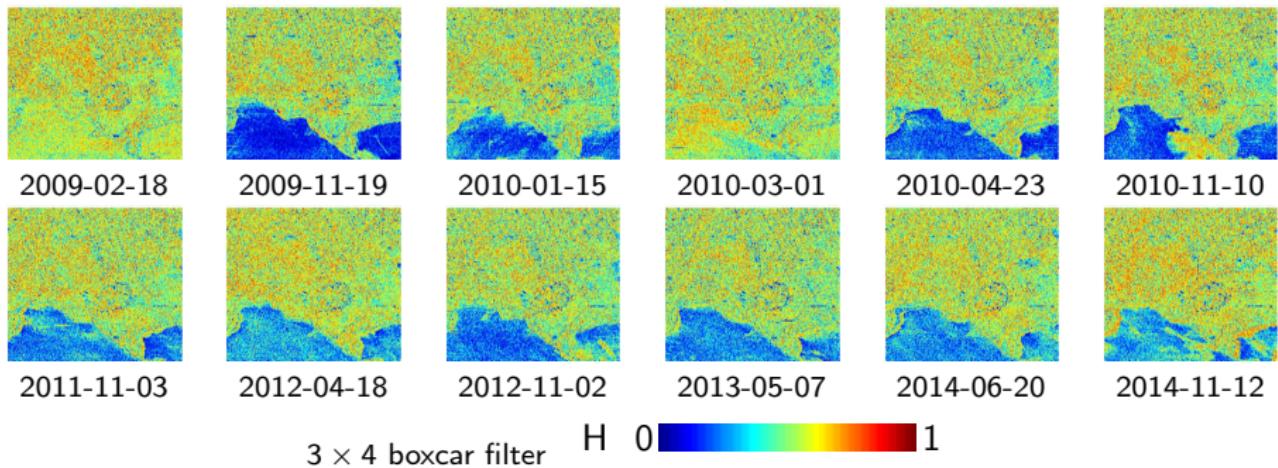
Spatial entropy 2009-02-18



Spatial entropy 2010-04-23



Spatial entropy in temporal series

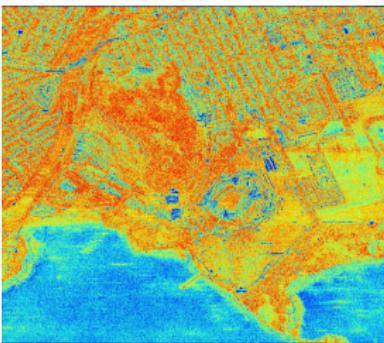


- Entropy varies in time
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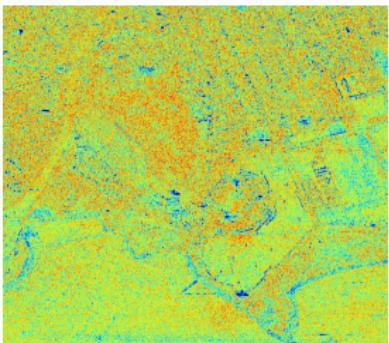
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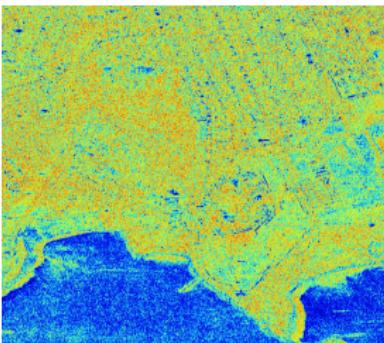
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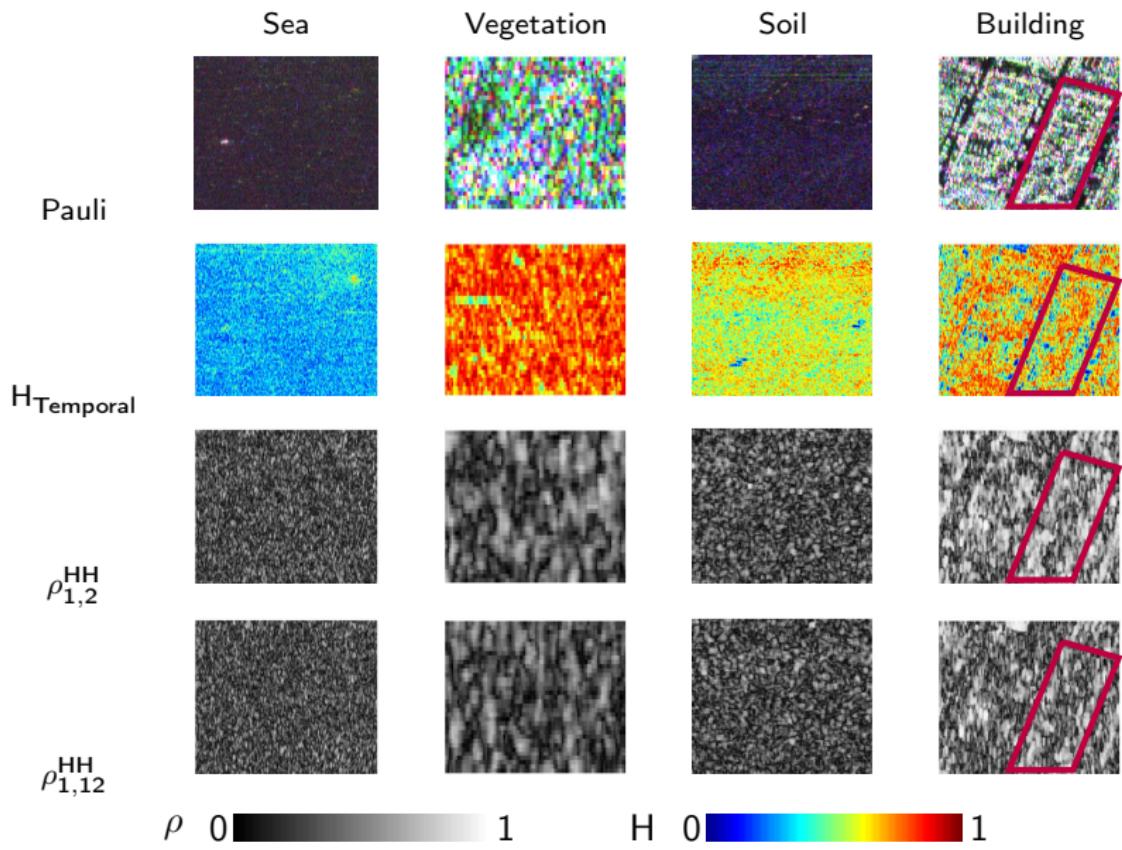
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4 entropy behaviours



Polarimetric time-series

- numerous spatial entropy maps
- one temporal entropy map

Complementary information

- Spatial entropy
 - spatial disorder : variation of scattering mechanism between neighbour pixels
 - poor contrast in high resolution (mixing during the estimation)
- Temporal entropy
 - temporal disorder : variation of scattering mechanism in time
 - no resolution loss
 - add information on the degree of coherence
 - high and stable degree of coherence → low entropy
 - decreasing degree of coherence → medium entropy
 - low degree of coherence → various entropy

In the future

- Study the temporal α/A maps
- Combine these information into a classifier
- Take into account the orientation of the building

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