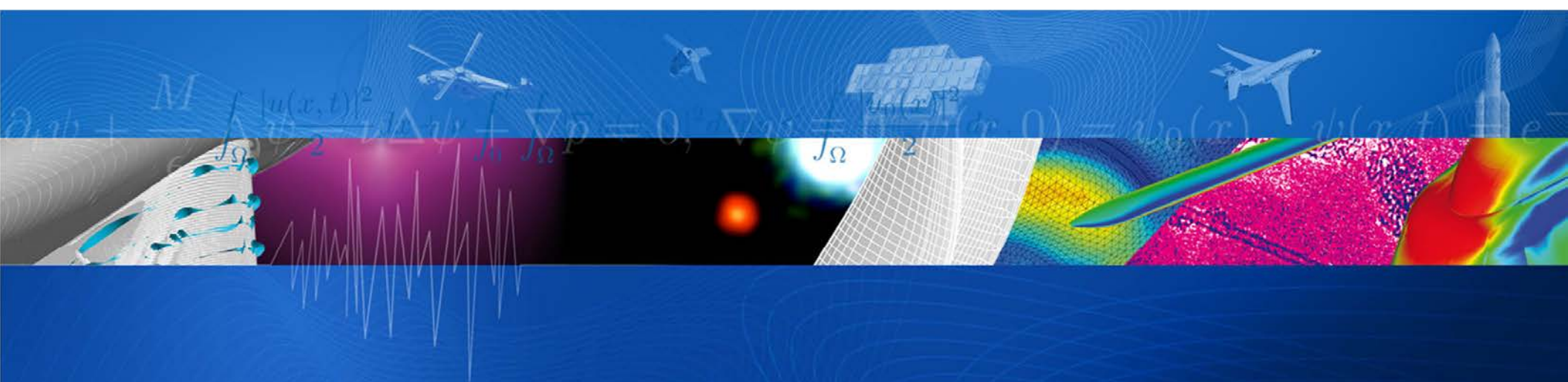


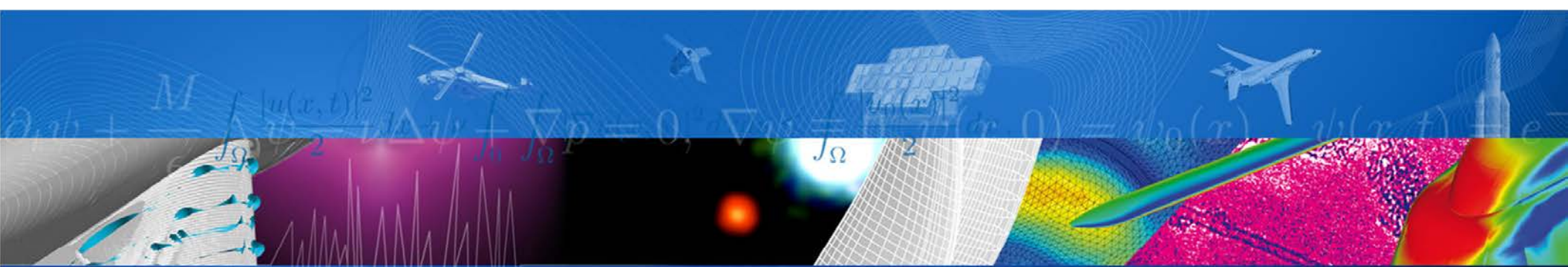


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# Change detection analysis for under-cover detection in L and UHF band

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return on innovation



- o Presentation of the experiment
- o Change detection methodology
- o UHF data analysis
- o L band data analysis
- o Conclusion





## **TROPISAR project:**

- o ONERA project: polarimetric UHF measurements on tropical forest
- o financed by ESA and CNES
- o part of the BIOMASS project

## **TROPISAR dataset**

- o Data acquired in the same geometry at different dates:  
interferometric dataset
- o UHF + L polarimetric data
- o Azimut resolution : 1.5 m
- o Range resolution : 1.2 m
- o Incidence angle: from 24° to 60°
- o Images made available by ESA



# SETHI: A radar system oriented towards civilian applications

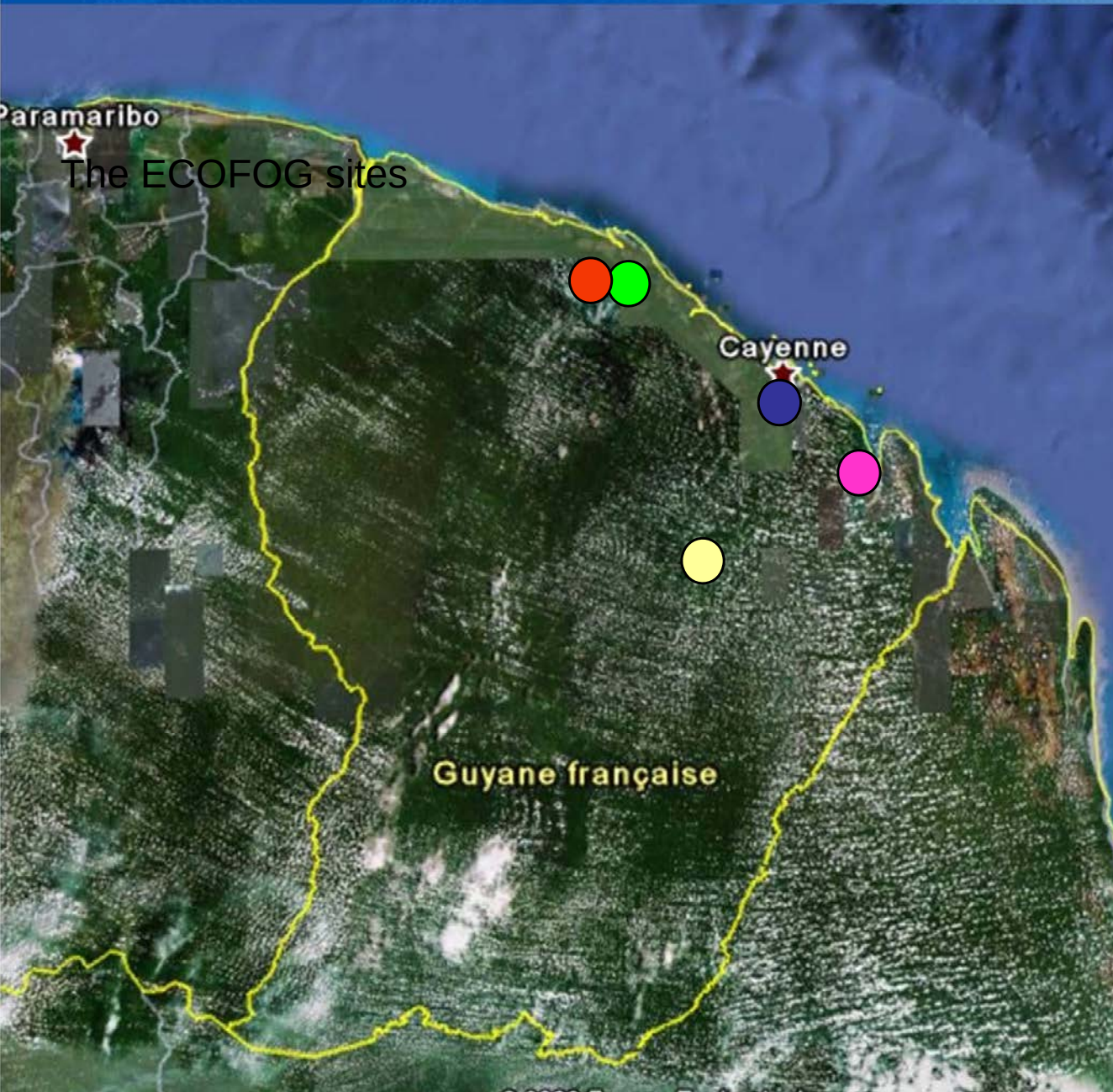


FALCON 20 Aircraft  
(AVDEF Company)  
Adjustable incidence angle



| RF Band      | UHF         | L          | X          |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Frequency    | 220-460 MHz | 1.3 GHz    | 9.5 GHz    |
| Polarisation | Full polar  | Full Polar | Full Polar |
| Resolution   | 65 cm       | 75 cm      | 10 cm      |

# TROPISAR, the sites



## The ECOFOG Sites

● **Nouragues**

● **Paracou**

● **Arbocel**

## Calibration site

● **Rochambeau**

## Other sites

● **Marais de Kaw**  
**Mangroves**

# Dataset used in this experiment



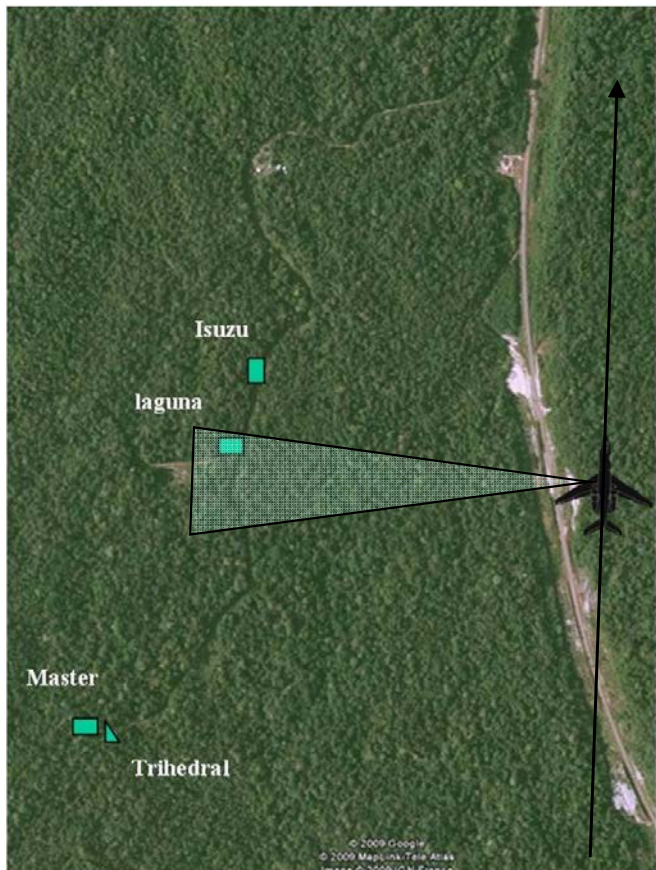
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| Image 405 | 24/08 | Delta h= 45 m<br>Ha=33m  |
| Image 407 | 24/08 | Delta h= 75 m<br>Ha=20m  |
| Image 506 | 30/08 | ZB                       |



# Target deployment on the 24th of august



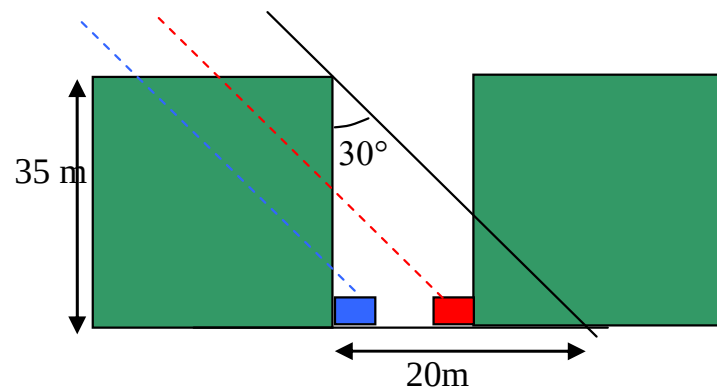
Isuzu: under cover but the wave is going through half of the forest height



Master : may be not under cover  
(located in a small open area)



Corner reflector : under cover



# Change detection algorithm (from Leslie Novak)



## Mono polarisation criterion

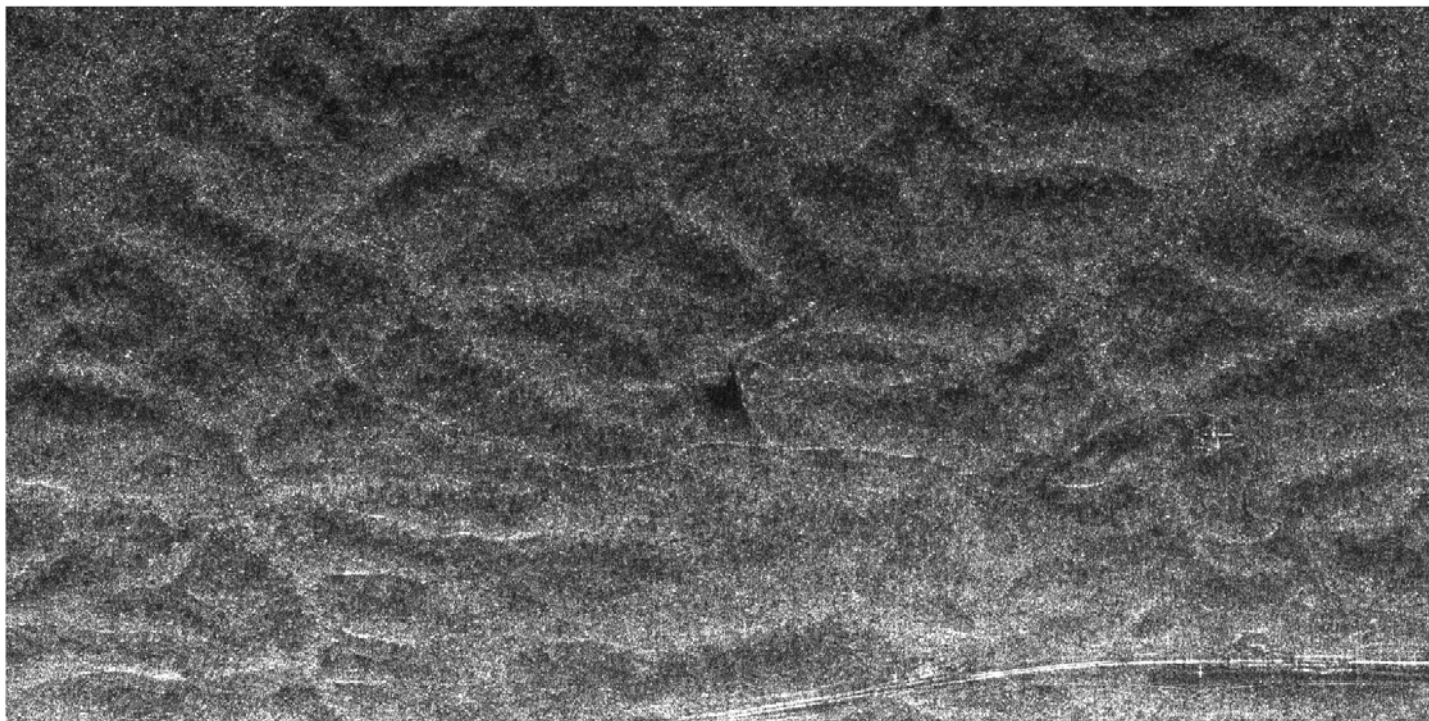
$$Z_{i_0, j_0} = \frac{\sum_{i=i_0-N}^{i=i_0+N} \sum_{j=j_0-N}^{j=j_0+N} |S_2(i, j)|^2}{\sum_{i=i_0-N}^{i=i_0+N} \sum_{j=j_0-N}^{j=j_0+N} |S_1(i, j)|^2}$$

## Polarimetric criterion

$$Z_{i_0, j_0}^P = \frac{\left| \sum_{i=i_0-N}^{i=i_0+N} \sum_{j=j_0-N}^{j=j_0+N} Cov_2(i, j) \right|}{\left| \sum_{i=i_0-N}^{i=i_0+N} \sum_{j=j_0-N}^{j=j_0+N} Cov_1(i, j) \right|} \quad \text{with} \quad Cov(i, j) = \begin{bmatrix} S_{Hh}(i, j).S_{Hh}^*(i, j) & S_{Hv}(i, j).S_{Hh}^*(i, j) & S_{Vv}(i, j).S_{Hh}^*(i, j) \\ S_{Hh}(i, j).S_{Hv}^*(i, j) & S_{Hv}(i, j).S_{Hv}^*(i, j) & S_{Vv}(i, j).S_{Hv}^*(i, j) \\ S_{Hh}(i, j).S_{Vv}^*(i, j) & S_{Hv}(i, j).S_{Vv}^*(i, j) & S_{Vv}(i, j).S_{Vv}^*(i, j) \end{bmatrix}$$

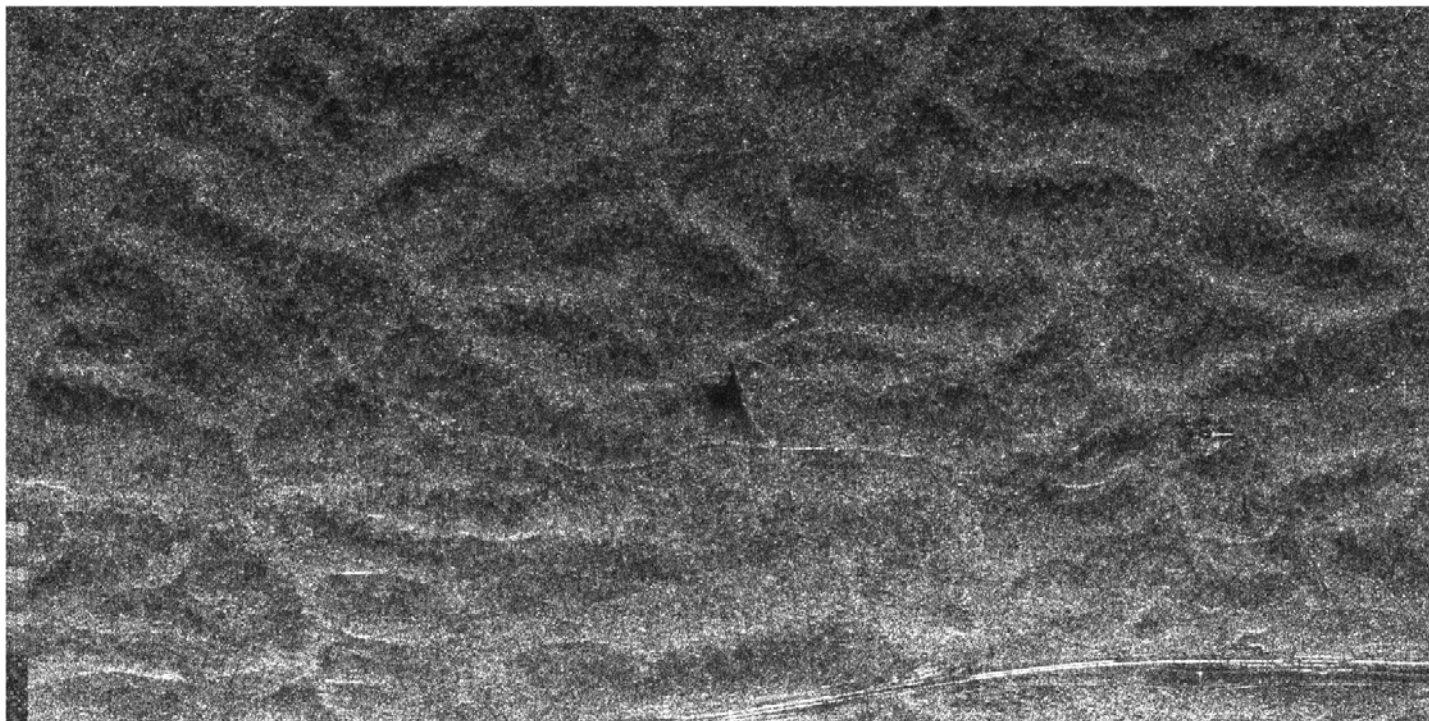


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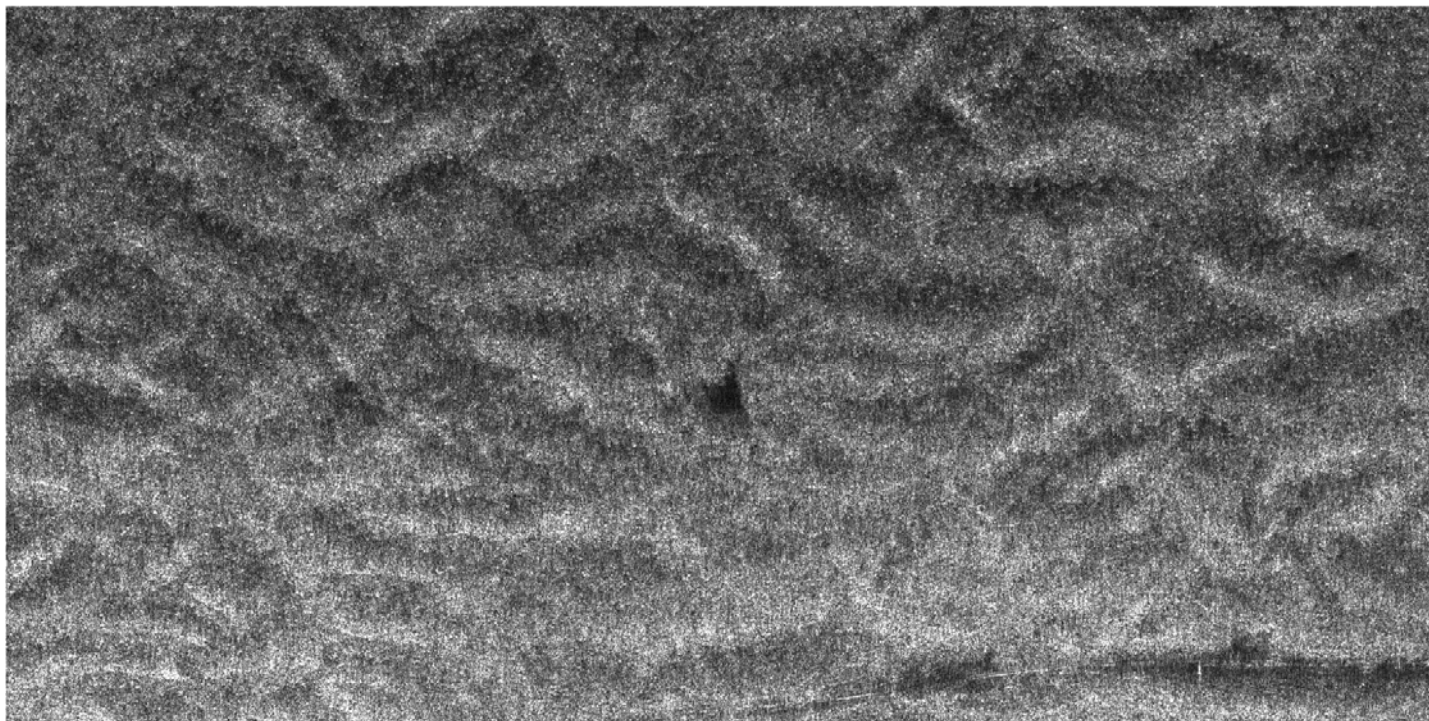


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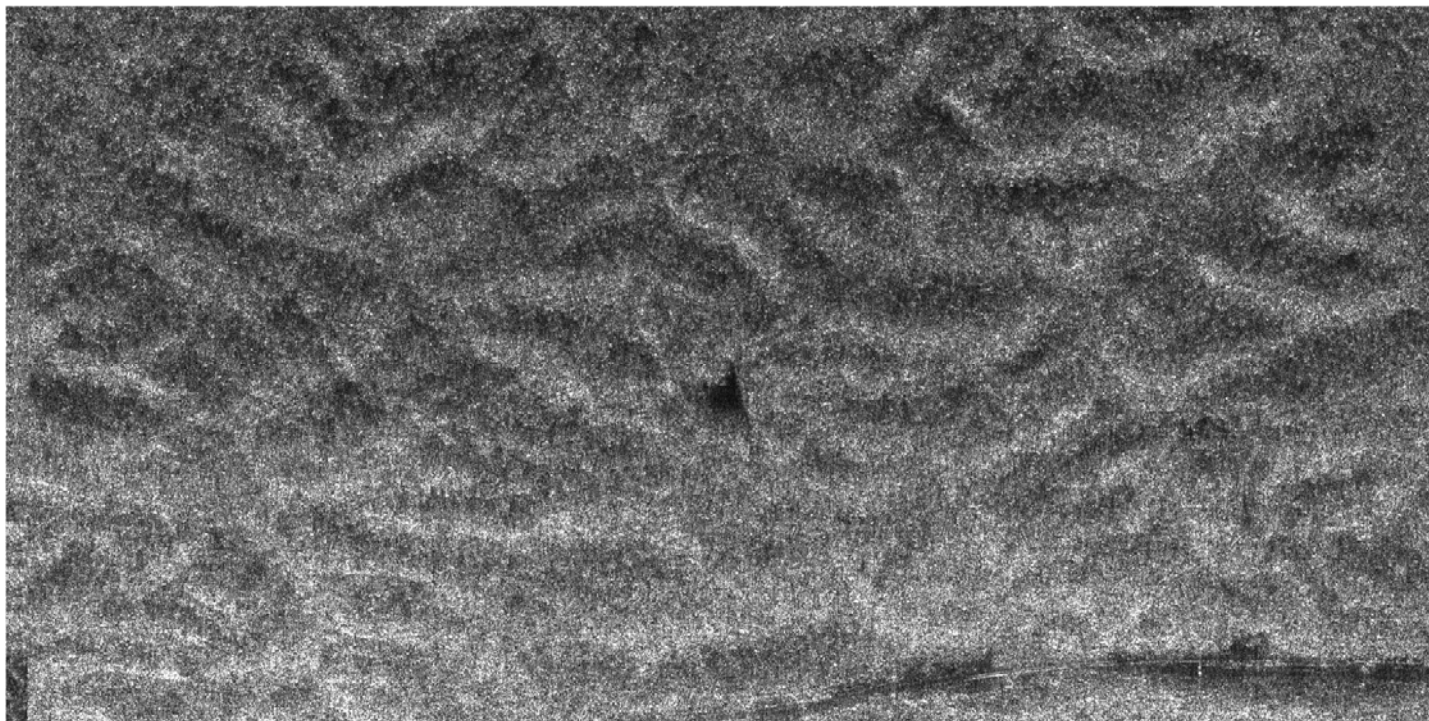


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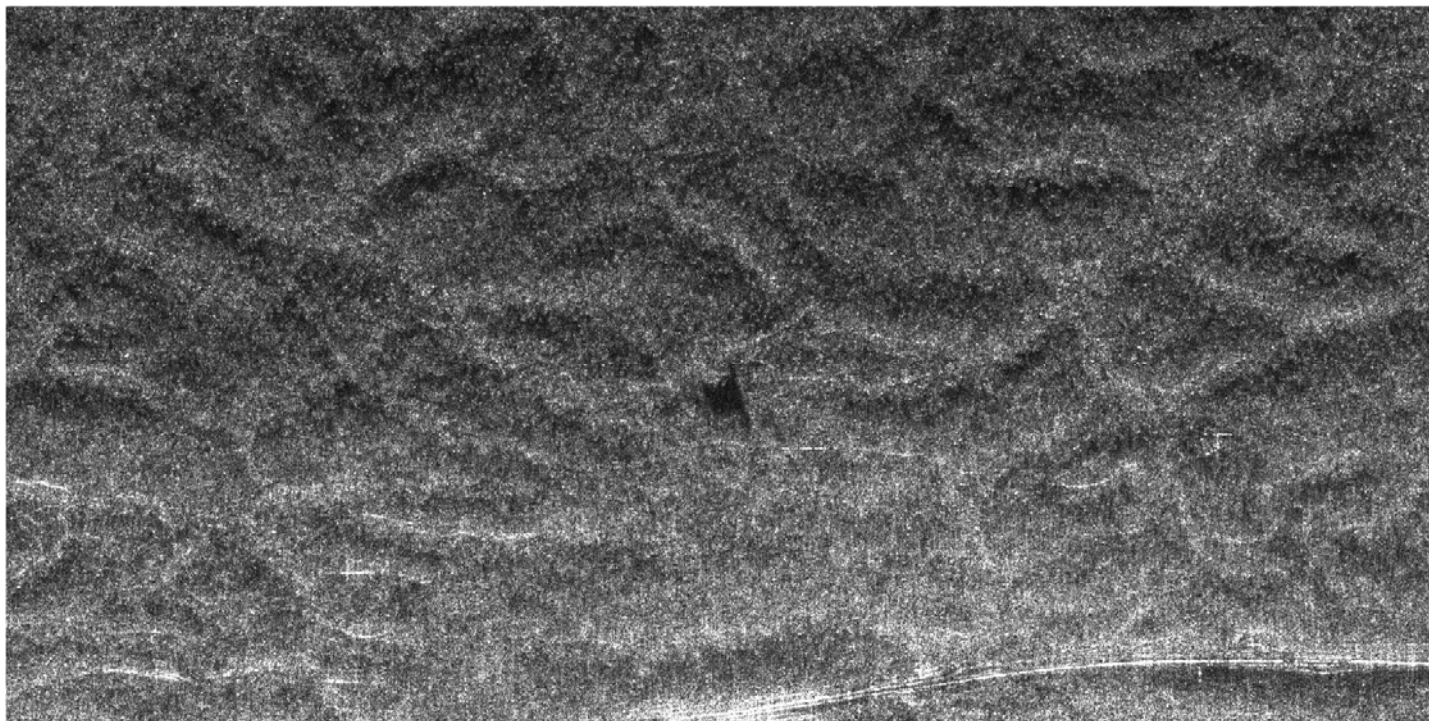


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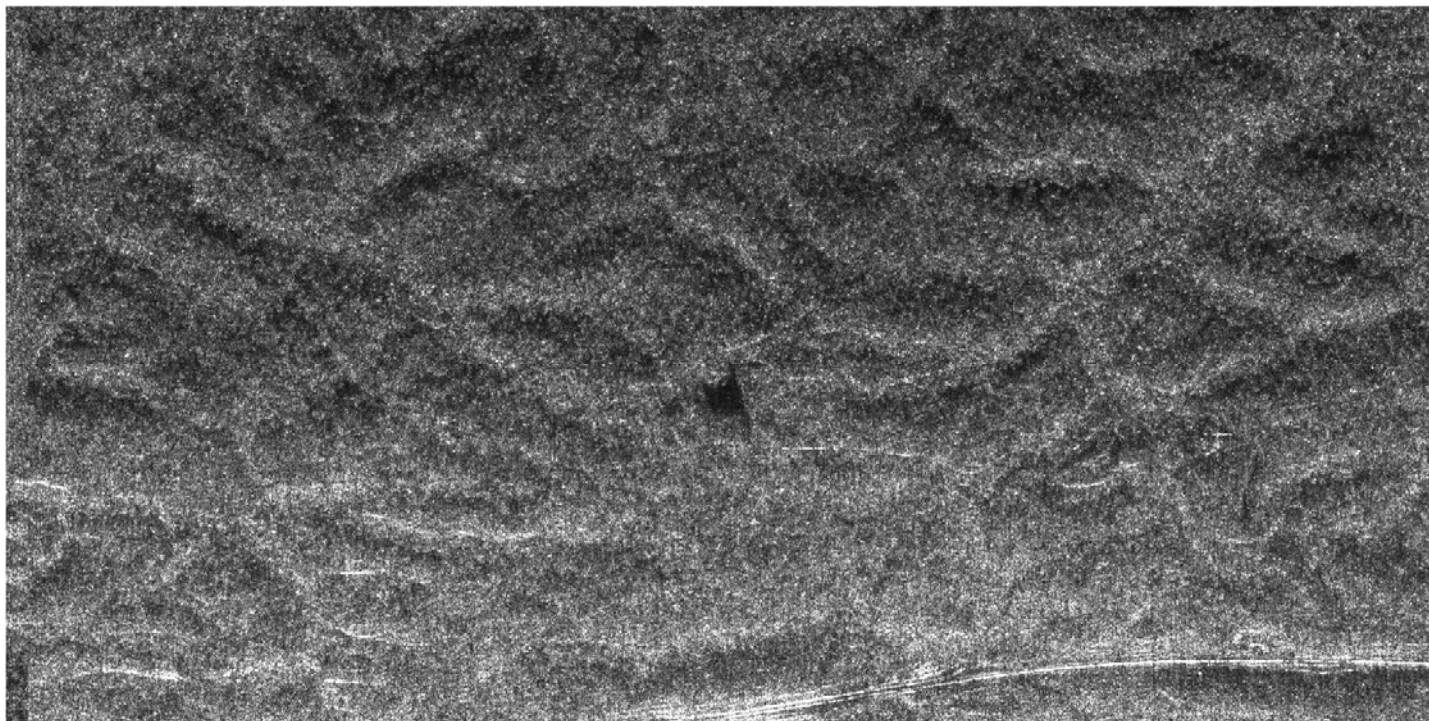


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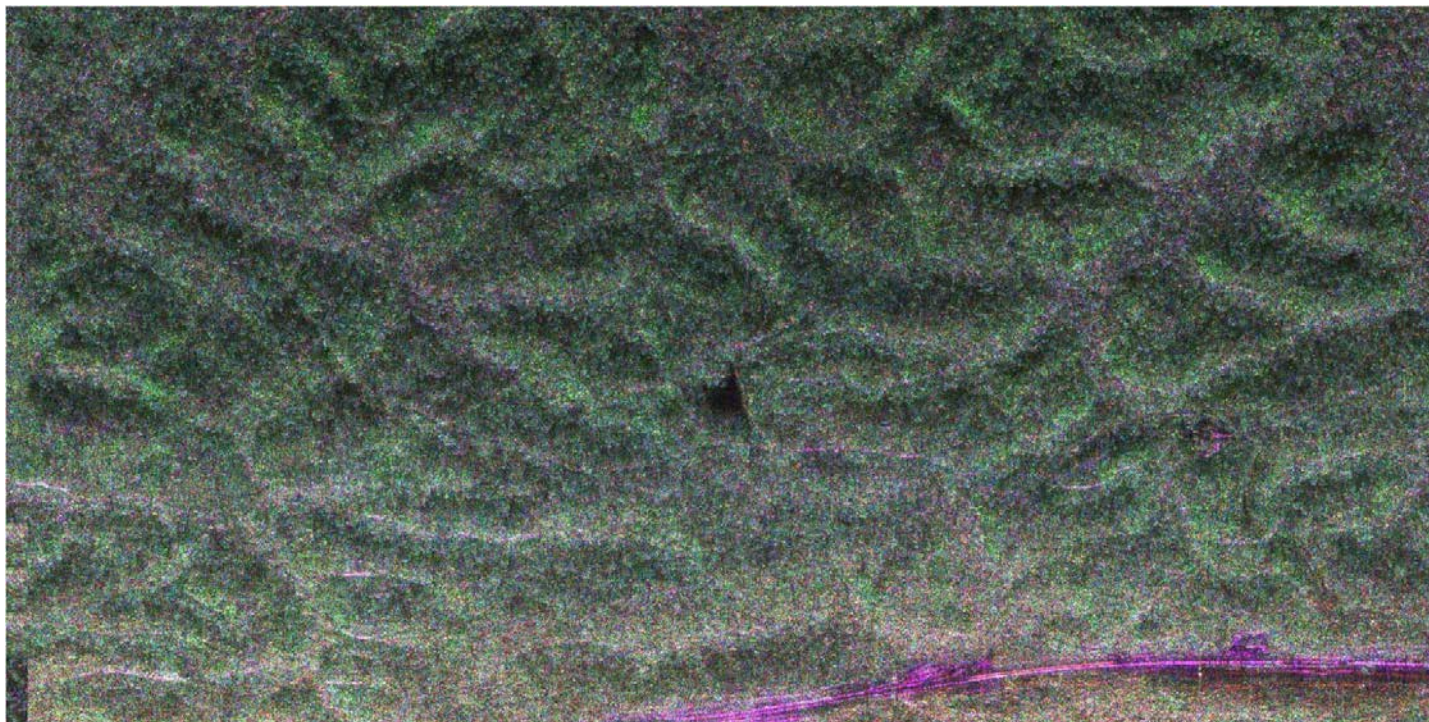


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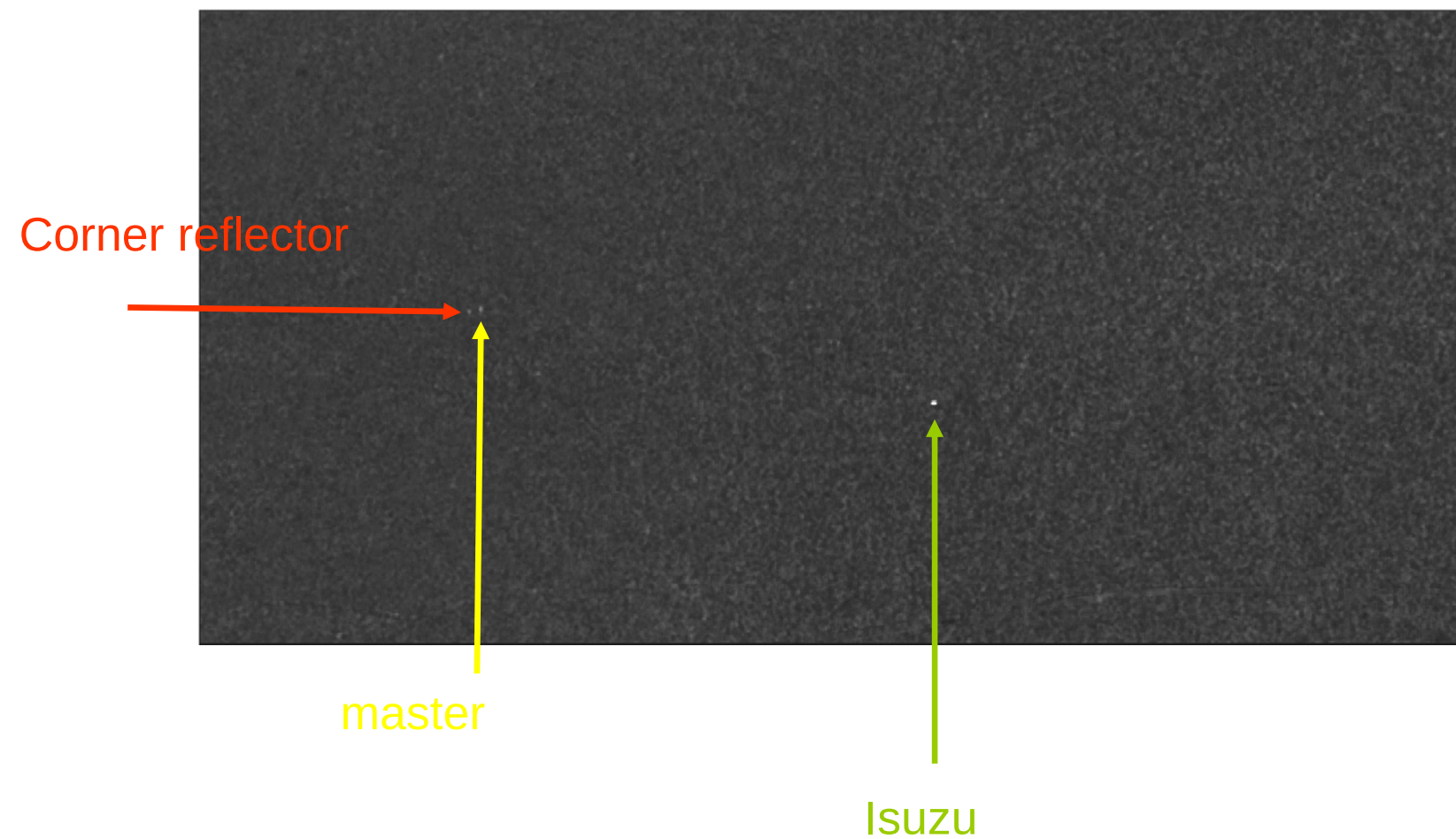




# UHF polarimetric composition - targets



# Hh Change Detection



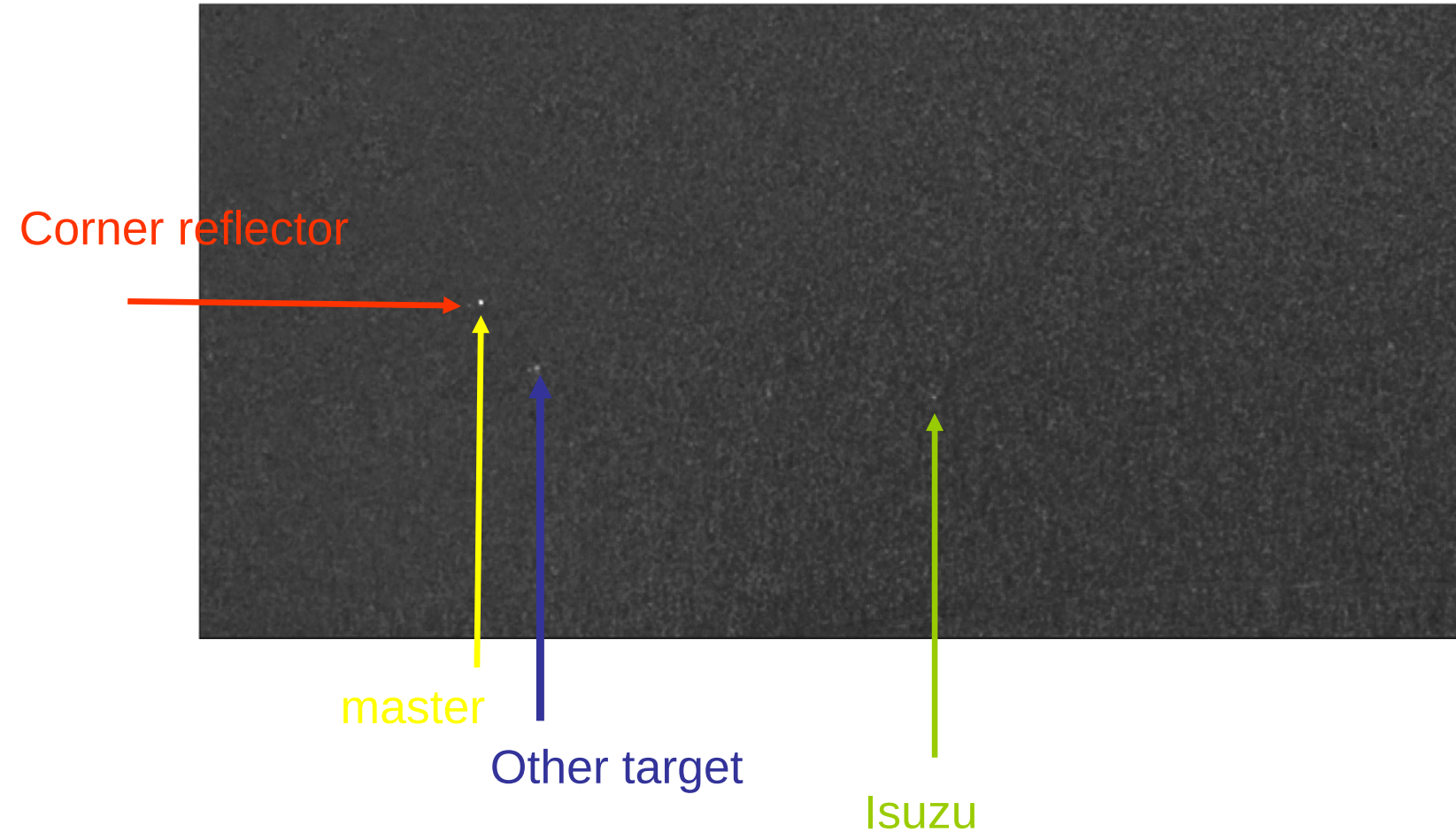


# Hv Change Detection



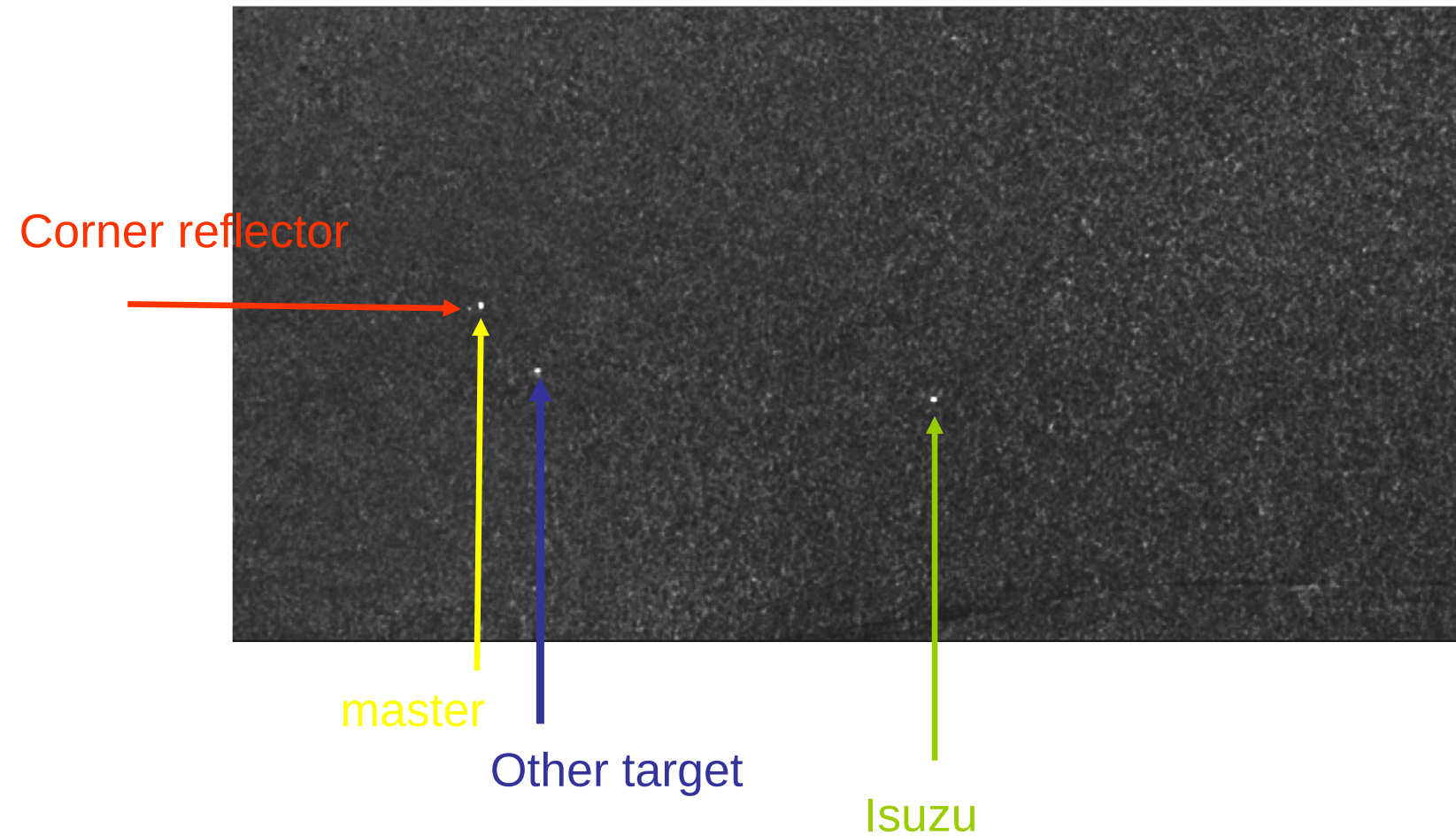
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# Vv Change Detection





# Polarimetric change detection



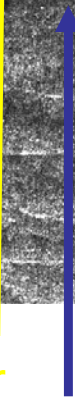
# UHF - Hh – no target



Corner reflector



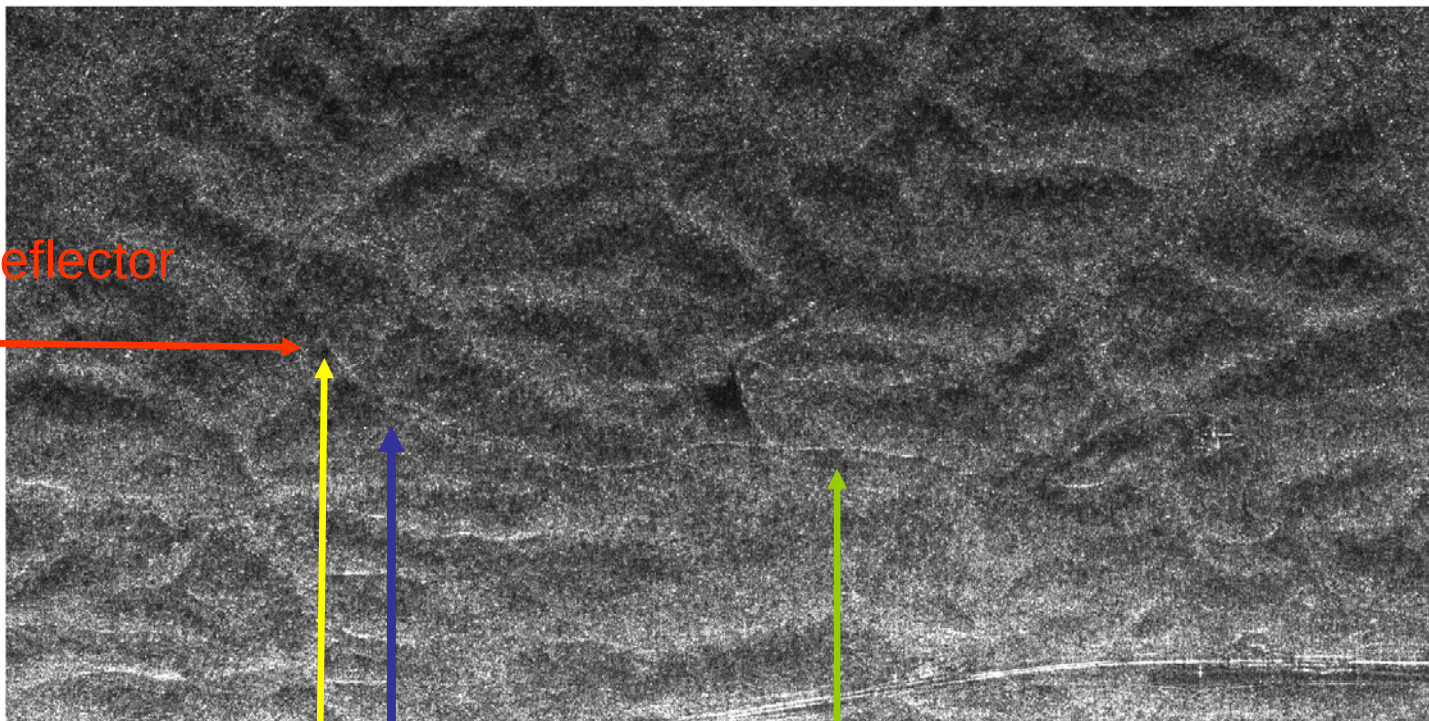
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Other target



Isuzu





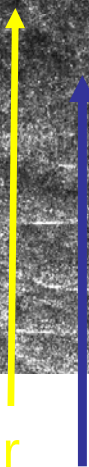
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Corner reflector



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Other target

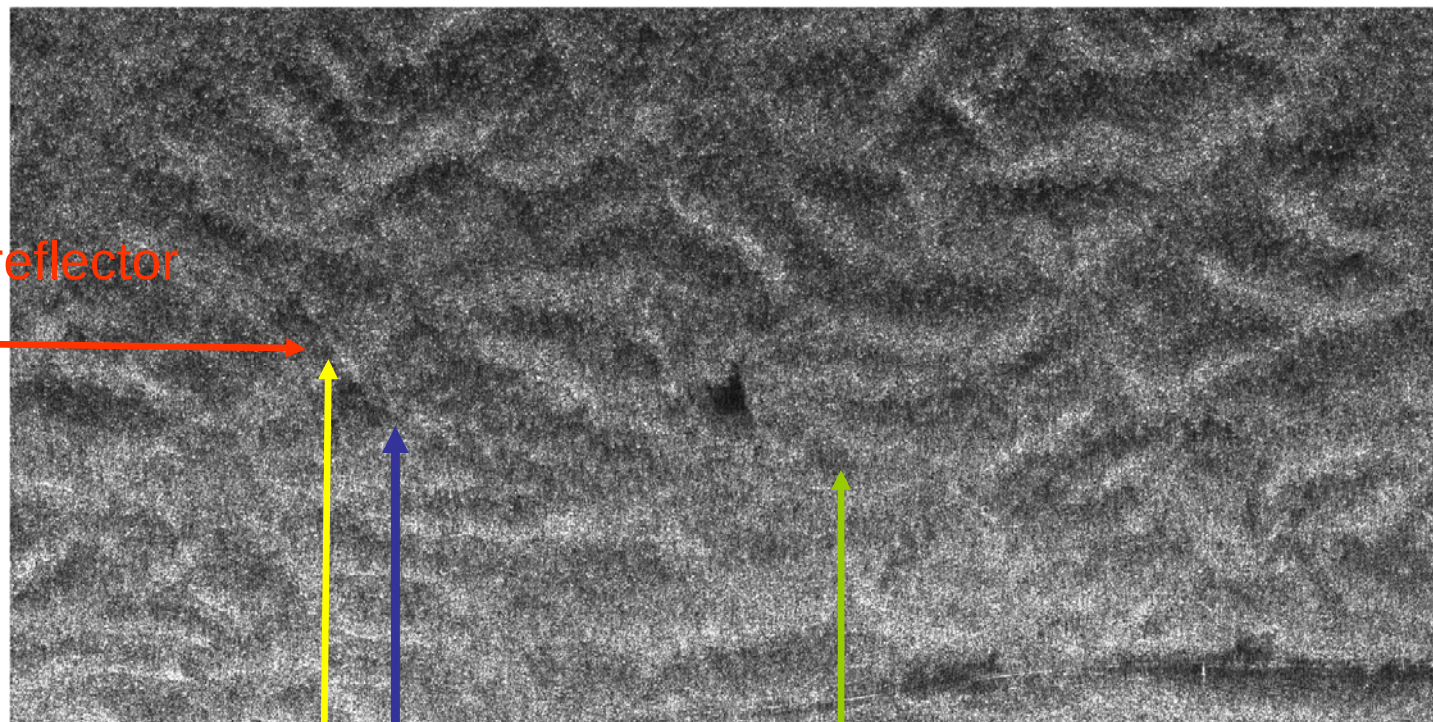


Isuzu





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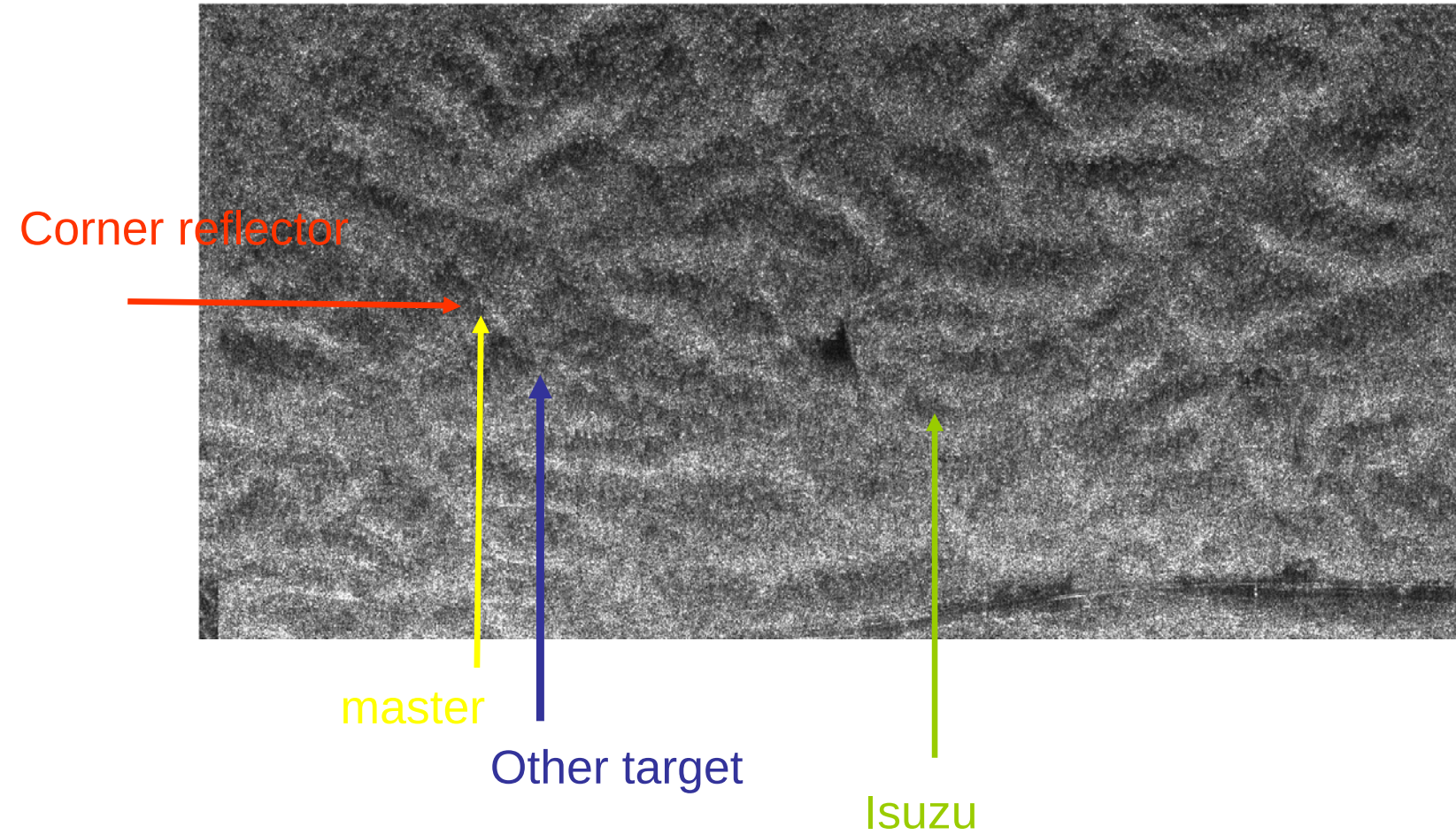
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Other target

Isuzu

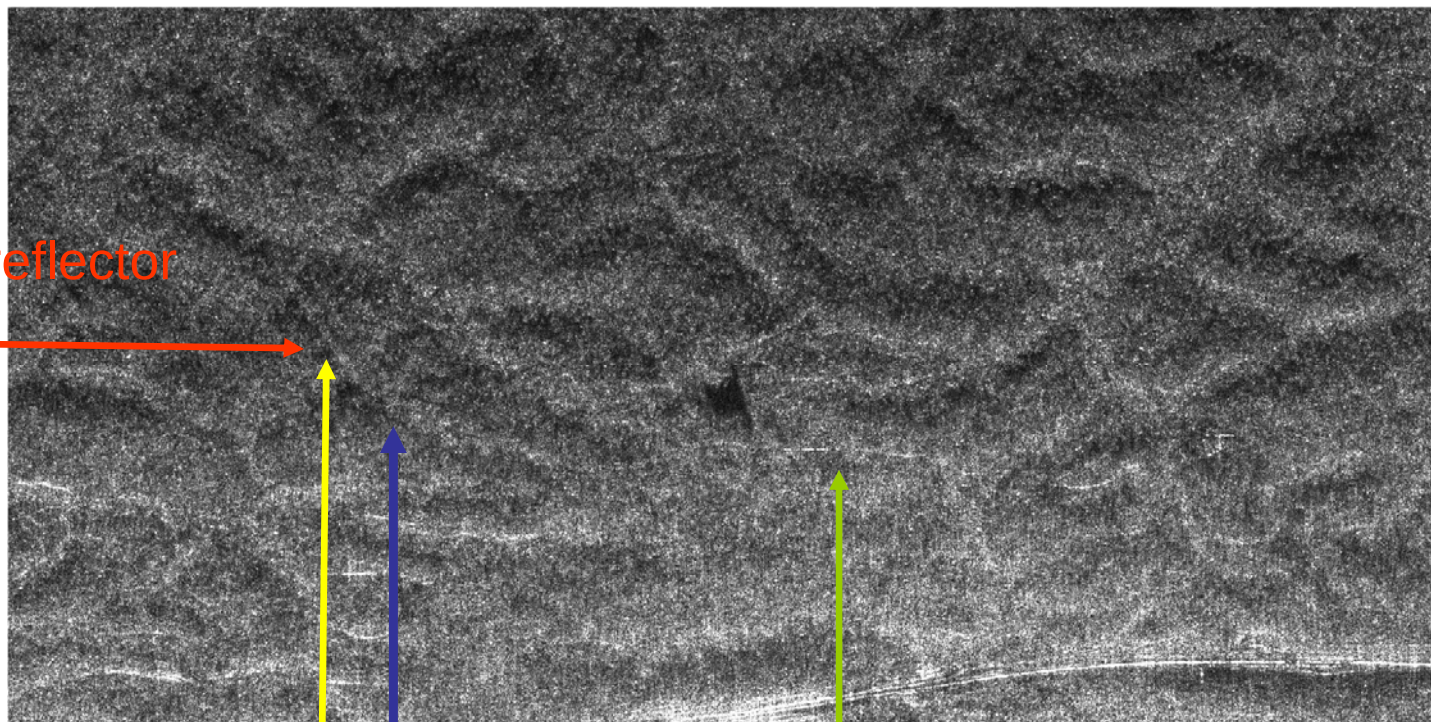


# UHF – Hv - targets





# UHF – Vv – no target



Corner reflector

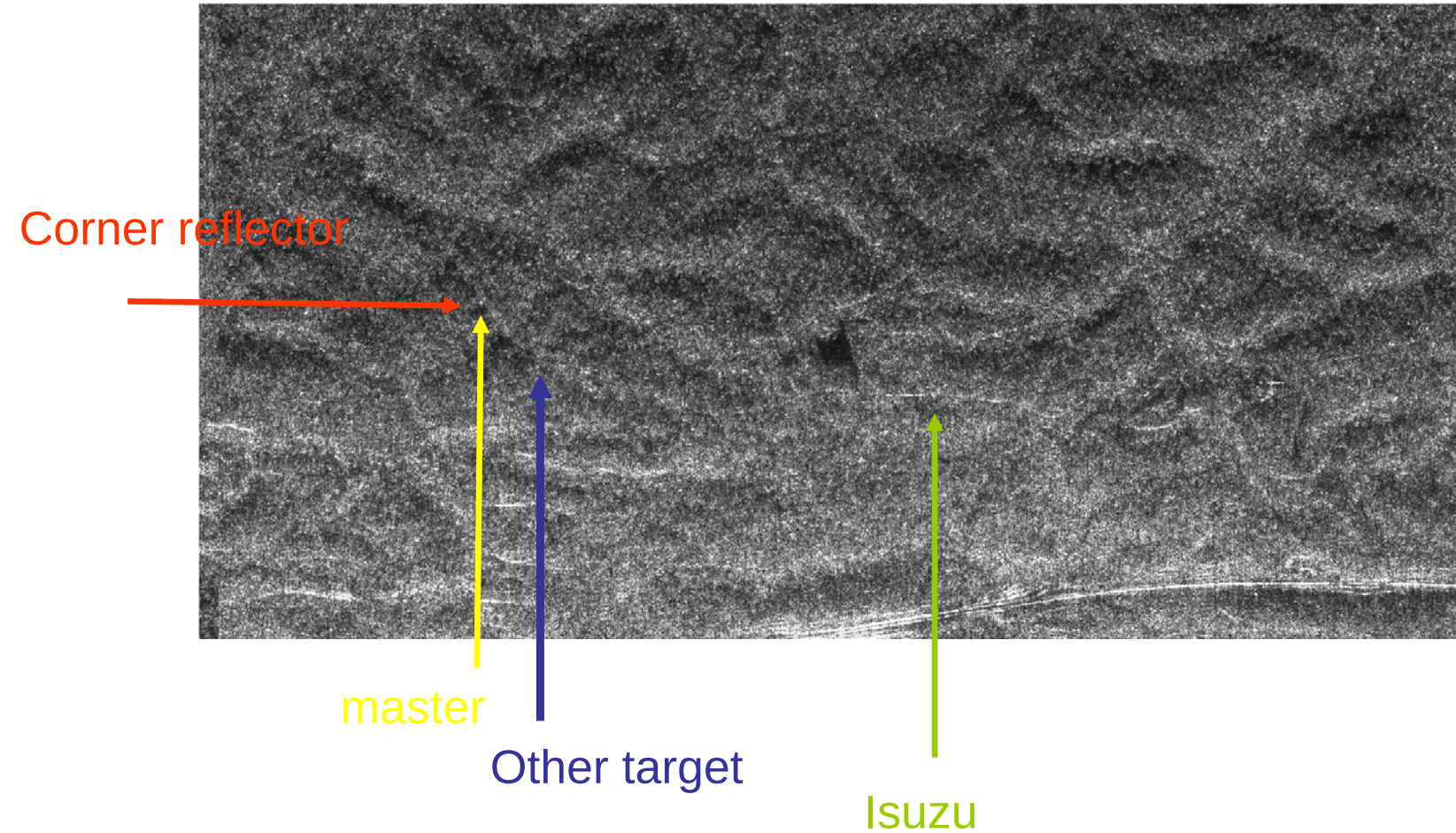
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Other target

Isuzu



# UHF – Vv - targets

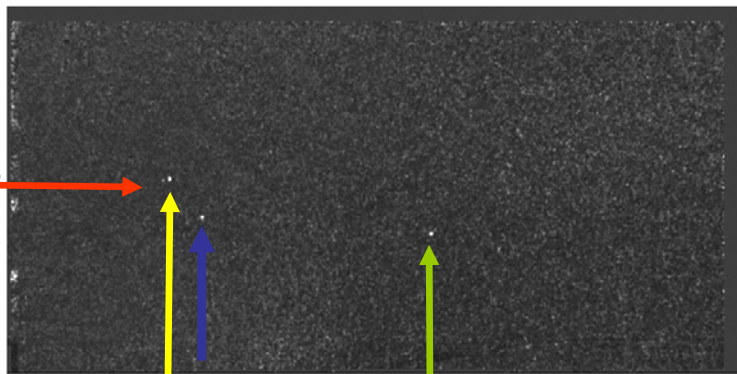


# Band P - Polarimetric change detection : performances analysis

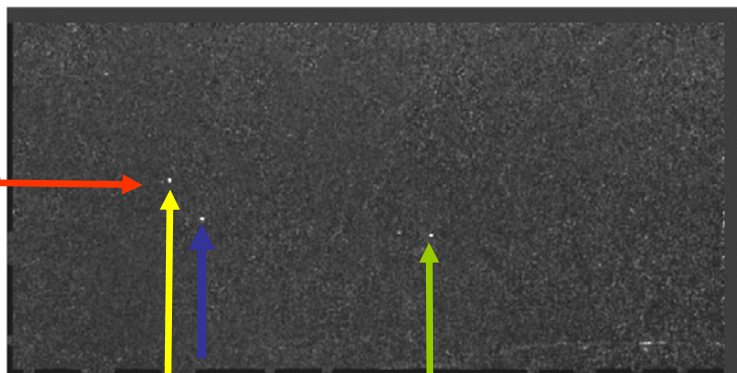


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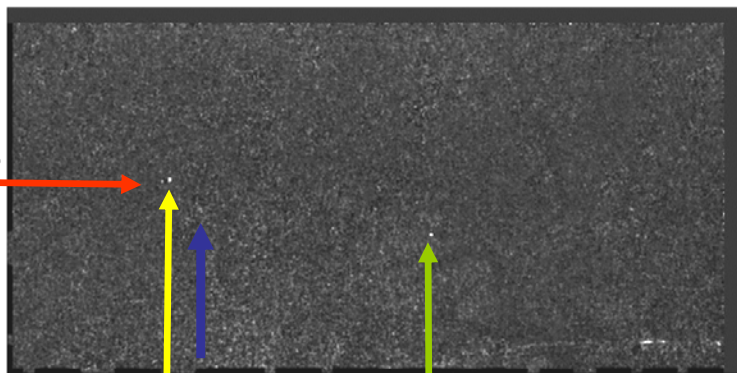
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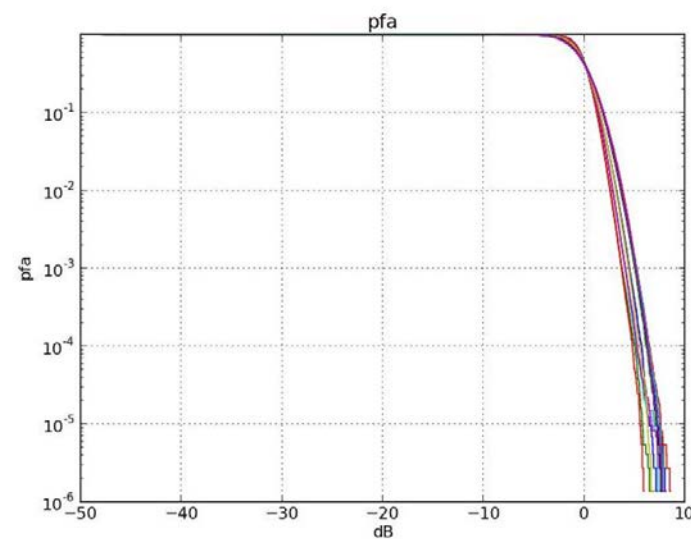


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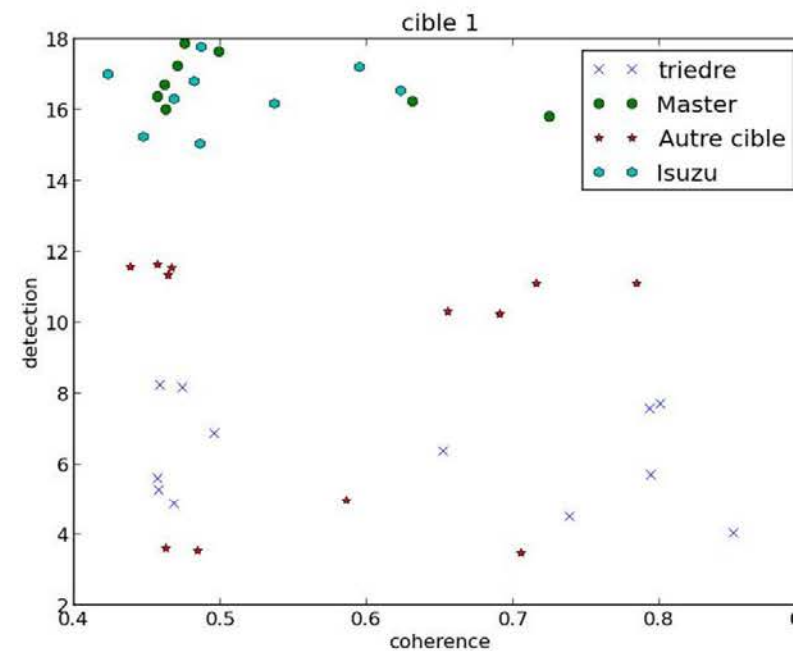
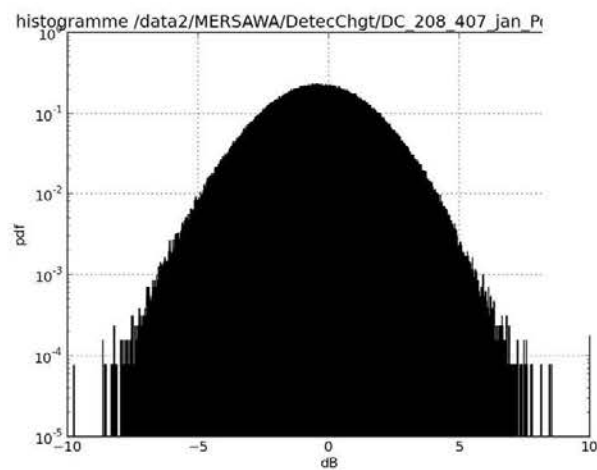
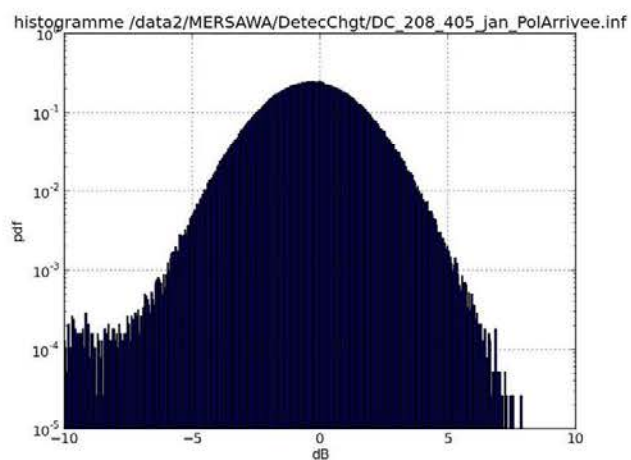
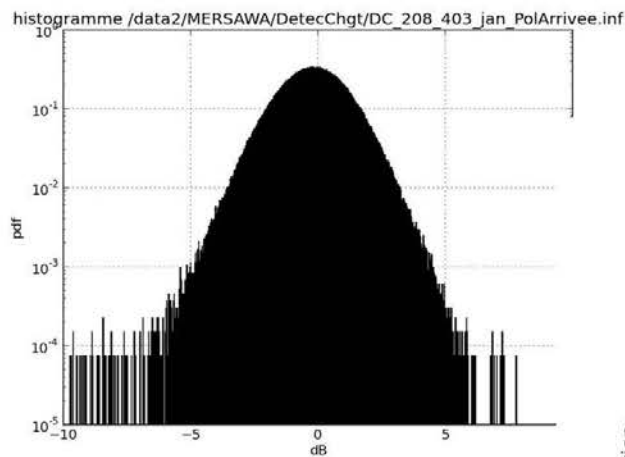
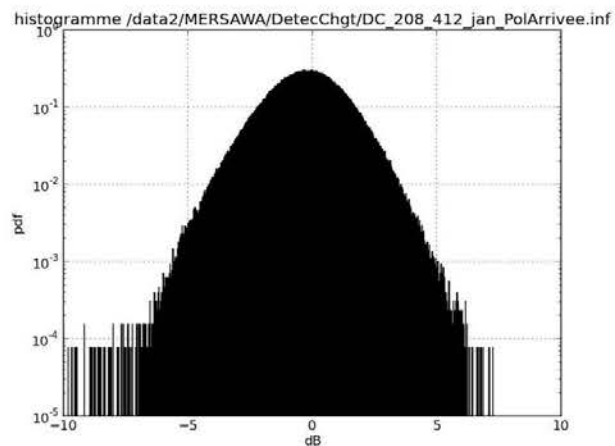
## Polarimetric Change detection statistics

| Target           | mean    | std        |
|------------------|---------|------------|
| Isuzu            | 16 dB   | +/-0.75 dB |
| Master           | 16.5 dB | +/-0.7 dB  |
| Other target     | 10dB    | +/-0.5 dB  |
| Corner reflector | 6dB     | +/-1.4 dB  |
| Clutter          | 0 dB    | +/-1.4 dB  |

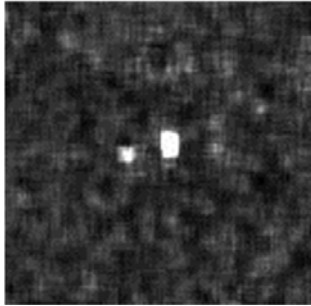




# Polarimetric change detection analysis: clutter analysis / Base line



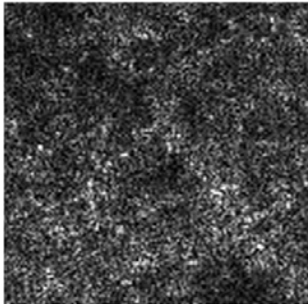
From change detection => Precise location of the corner reflector



## Tropical forest attenuation measurements

P band, tropical forest -35m high, 30° incidence

RCS measurements



Average on 4 measurements

- 2 ways attenuation Hh: **-14dB +/- 0.5 dB**
- 2 ways attenuation Vv: **-17.6dB +/- 0.8 dB**

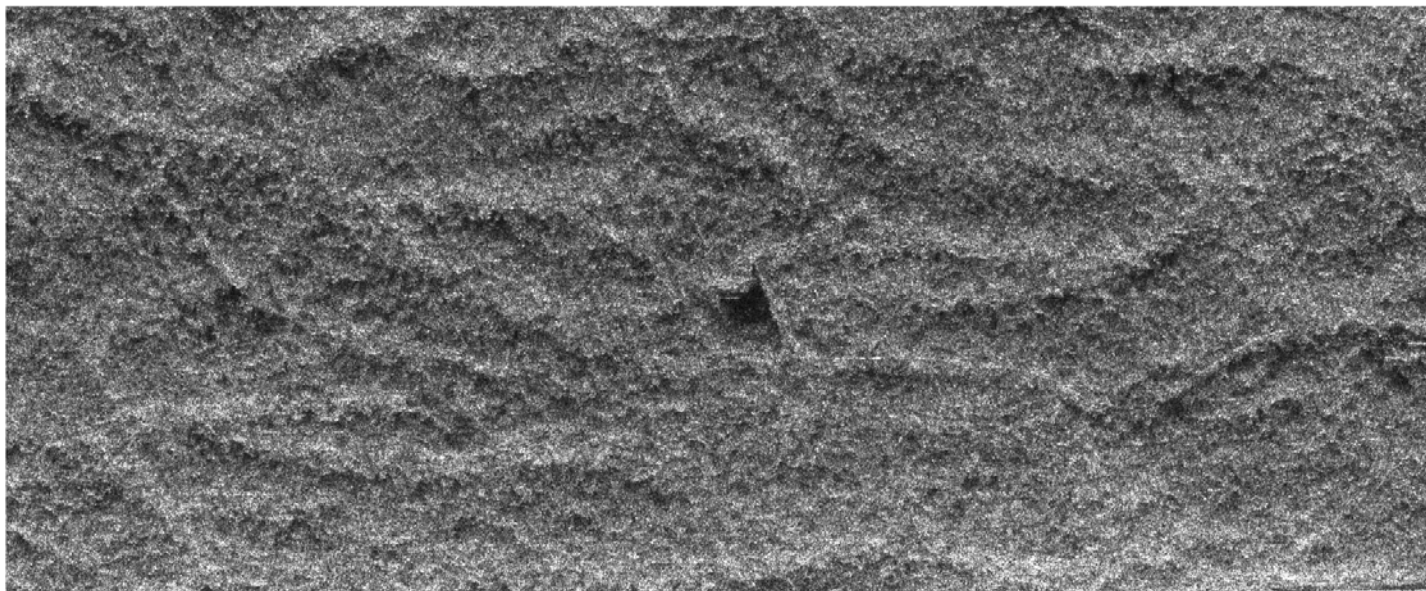


# Dataset used in this experiment



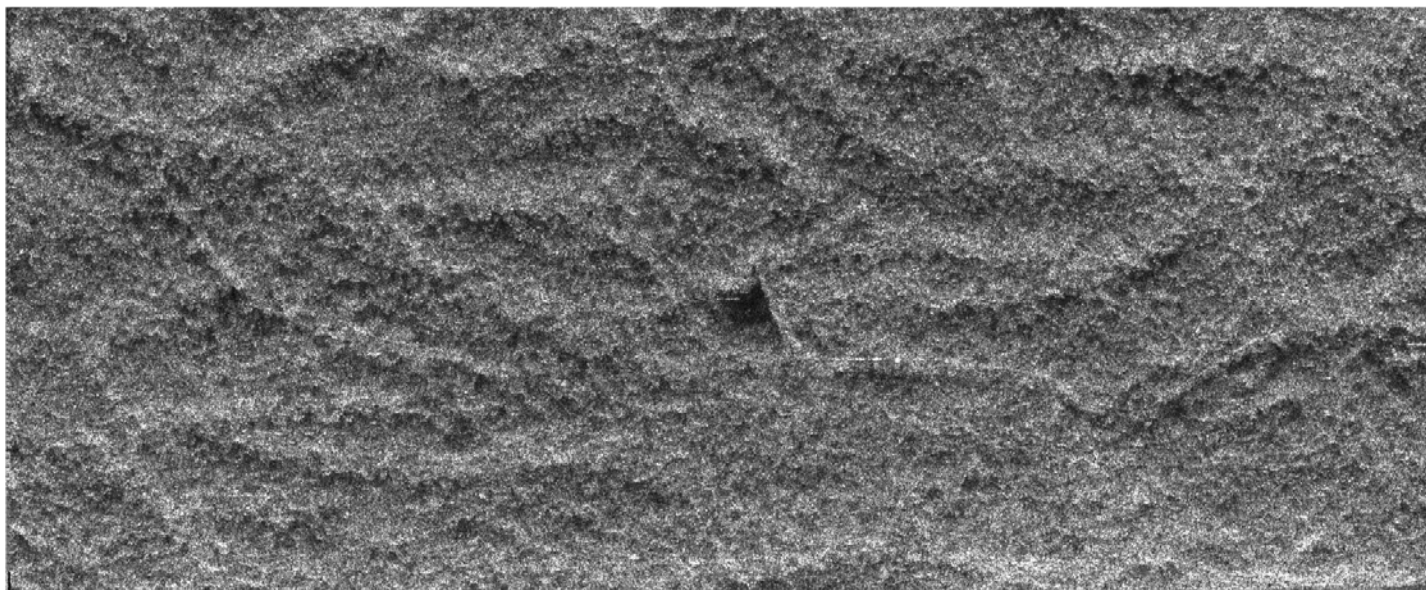
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# L band Hh no target

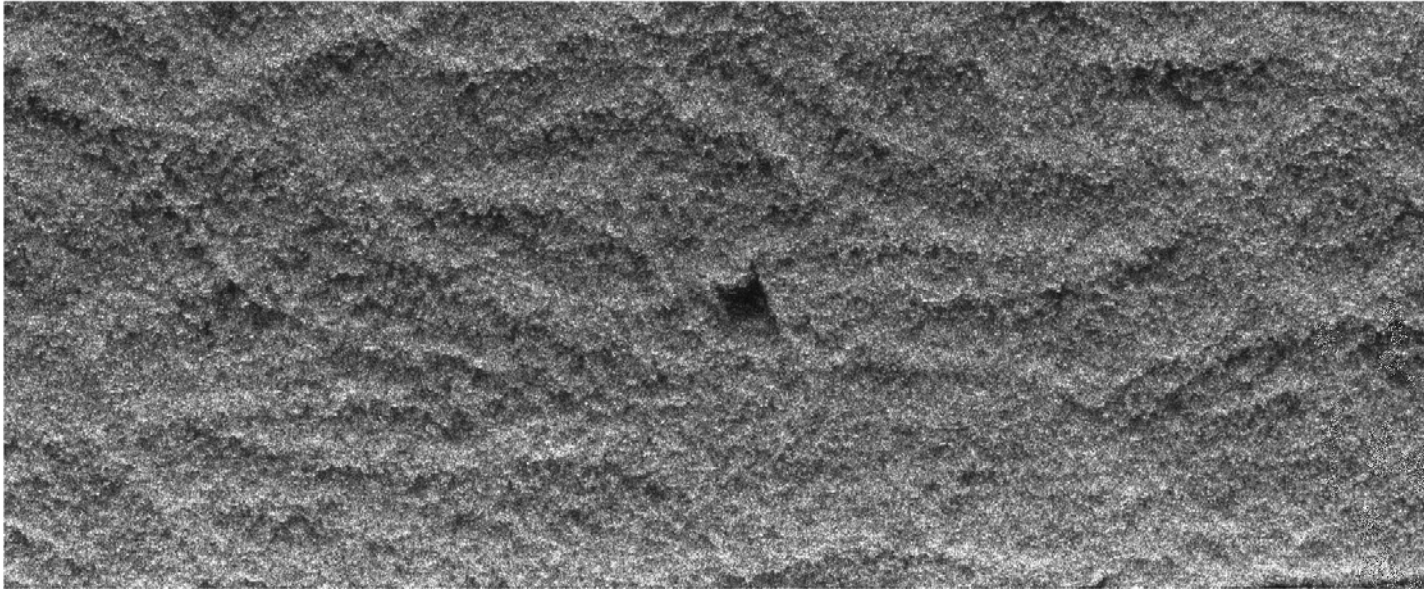




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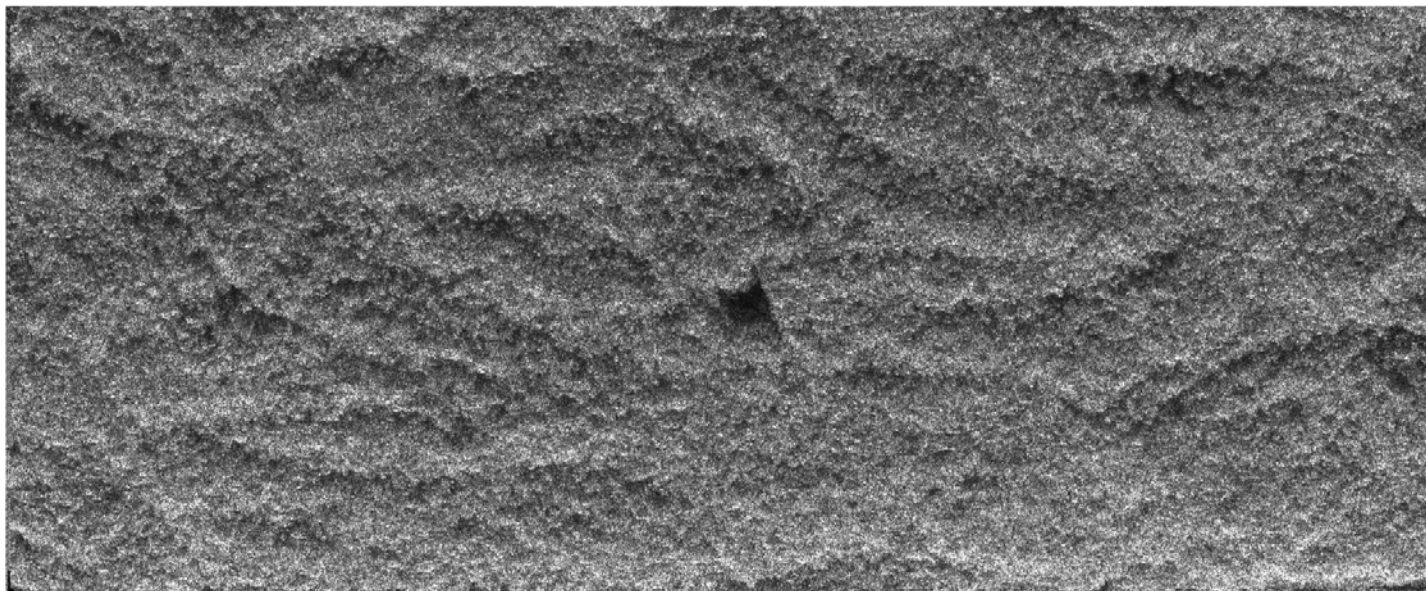


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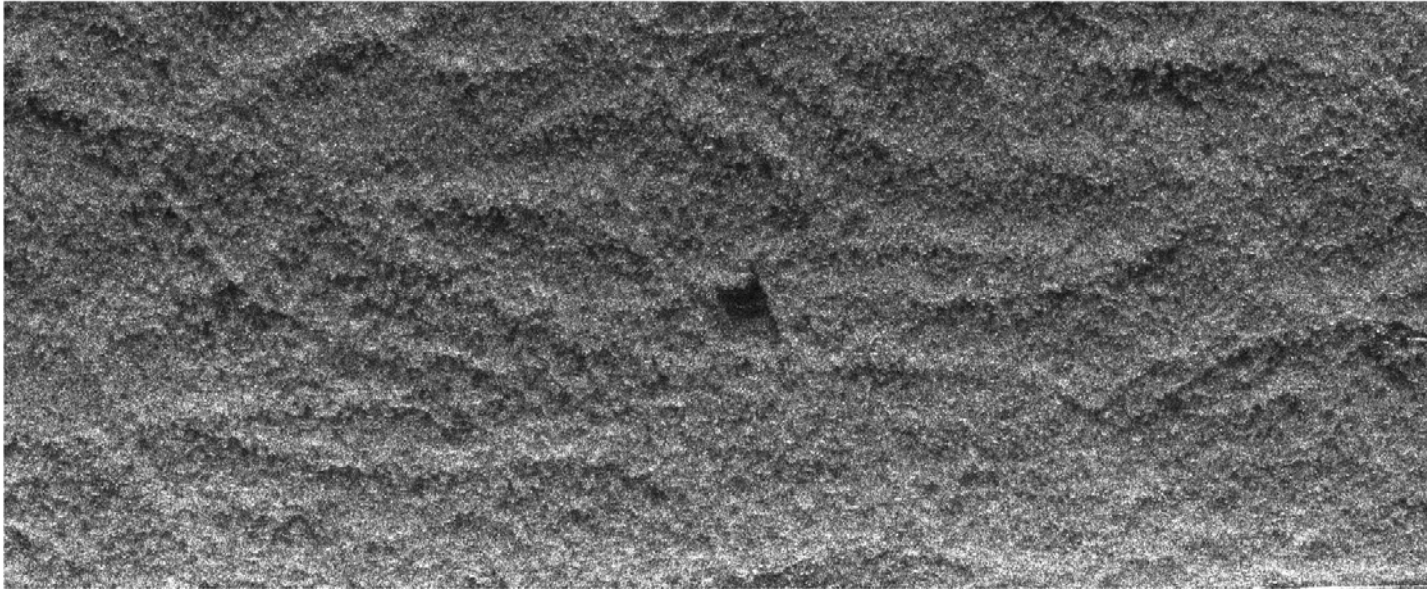




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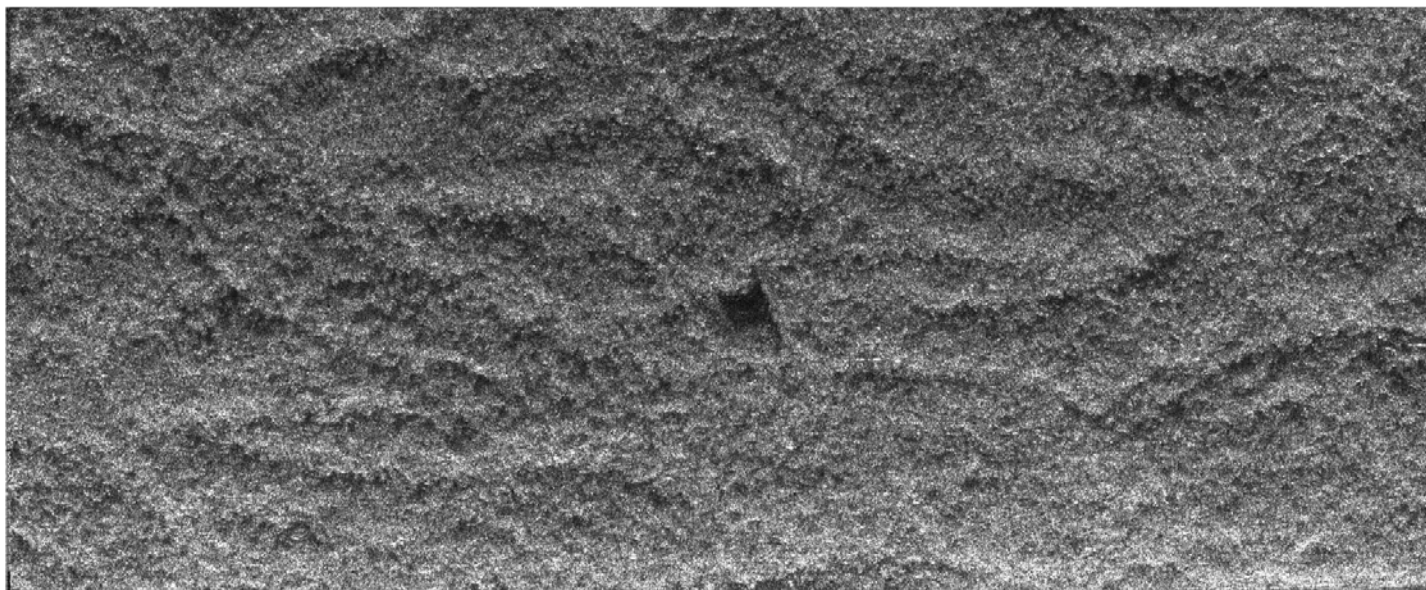


# L band Vv no target

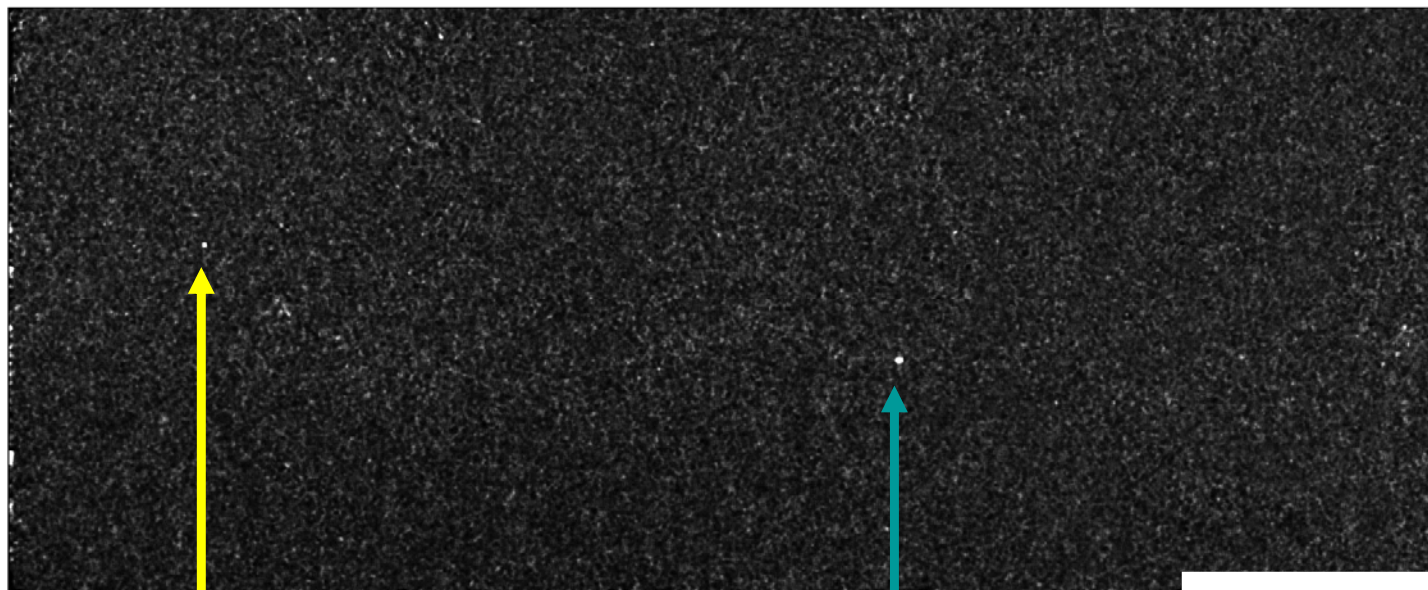




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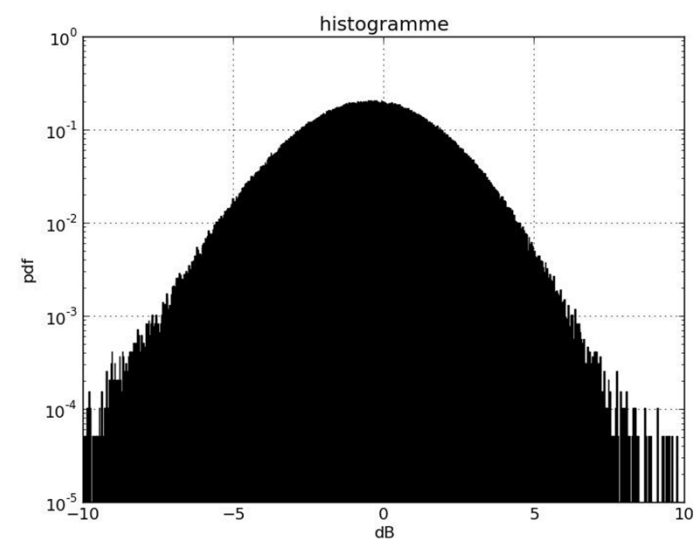


# Bande L – Polarimetric change detection : 402 - 506



Master : 15 dB

Isuzu : 26 dB







Application of Novak's polarimetric change detection to the TROPISAR dataset

- 3/4 detected target in P band with no false alarms
- 2/3 detected target in L band
- Under cover detection
- Robustness versus volumic and temporal decorrelation

Measurement of attenuation in P band