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## PolSARpro v5.0

The Polarimetric SAR Data Processing and Educational Tool v5.0







### **Books On Polarimetric Radar** SAR, Polarimetric Interferometry



Polarimetric Radar Imaging: From basics to applications Jong-Sen LEE – Eric POTTIER CRC Press; 1st ed., February 2009, pp 422 ISBN: 978-1420054972



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Polarisation: Applications in Remote Sensing Shane R. CLOUDE Oxford University Press, October 2009, pp 352 ISBN: 978-0199569731

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REAL ELECTRIC FIELD VECTOR  $\vec{E}(z,t)$ 





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**REAL ELECTRIC FIELD VECTOR** 

$$\vec{E}(z,t) = \begin{cases} E_x = E_{\theta x} \cos(\omega t - kz - \delta_x) \\ E_y = E_{\theta y} \cos(\omega t - kz - \delta_y) \\ E_z = 0 \end{cases}$$

### POLARISATION ELLIPSE



#### THE REAL ELECTRIC FIELD VECTOR MOVES IN TIME ALONG AN ELLIPSE

$$\left(\frac{E_x}{E_{\theta x}}\right)^2 - 2\frac{E_x E_y}{E_{\theta x} E_{\theta y}} \cos(\delta) + \left(\frac{E_y}{E_{\theta y}}\right)^2 = \sin^2(\delta)$$
  
With:  $\delta = \delta_y - \delta_x$ 



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### JONES VECTOR



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HORIZONTAL POLARISATION STATE



LEFT CIRCULAR POLARISATION STATE

VERTICAL POLARISATION STATE



**RIGHT CIRCULAR POLARISATION STATE** 



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ORTHOGONALITY CONDITIONS

 $(\phi, \tau) \mapsto \begin{cases} \phi' = \phi + \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \tau' = -\tau \implies \text{ change of Polarisation Handeness} \end{cases}$ 

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SU(2) : SPECIAL UNITARY TRANSFORMATION MATRIX

$$\begin{bmatrix} U(\phi,\tau,\alpha) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & j\sin(\tau) \\ j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{j\alpha} \end{bmatrix}$$

**ELLIPTICAL BASIS TRANSFORMATION MATRIX** 

 $\begin{bmatrix} U_{(\Delta,\Delta_{\perp})\to(B,B_{\perp})} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U(\phi,\tau,\alpha) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} e^{j\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-j\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\tau) & -j\sin(\tau) \\ -j\sin(\tau) & \cos(\tau) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & \sin(\phi) \\ -\sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix}$ 

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**EIGENVALUES DECOMPOSITION** 

$$\langle [J] \rangle = [U_2] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} [U_2]^{-1} = \lambda_1 \underline{u}_1 \underline{u}_1^{T*} + \lambda_2 \underline{u}_2 \underline{u}_2^{T*}$$

2 ORTHOGONAL EIGENVECTORS  $[U_2] = [\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2]$ 

2 REAL EIGENVALUES

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$$\lambda_{I} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \langle g_{\theta} \rangle + \sqrt{\langle g_{I} \rangle^{2} + \langle g_{2} \rangle^{2} + \langle g_{3} \rangle^{2}} \right\}$$
$$\lambda_{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \langle g_{\theta} \rangle - \sqrt{\langle g_{I} \rangle^{2} + \langle g_{2} \rangle^{2} + \langle g_{3} \rangle^{2}} \right\}$$

#### PARTIALLY POLARISED WAVES DESCRIPTORS

#### **Degree of Polarisation**

Wave Entropy

 $0 \le H \le 1$ 

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^{i=2} p_i \log_2(p_i) \qquad \text{With:} \quad p_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$$

Degree of randomness, statistical disorder











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**TARGET VECTOR**  $\underline{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} S_{HH} + S_{VV} & S_{HH} - S_{VV} & 2S_{HV} \end{bmatrix}^T$ 

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**TARGET GENERATORS** 







