



Proposal of Scientific Project for validating Benke

Title : *Detection and localisation of Radio frequency interference in SMOS data*

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Abstract :

Soil Moisture and Ocean Salinity, or SMOS, is a satellite which provides new insights into Earth's water cycle and climate. It is based on 69 antenna interferometer which delivers averaged correlation matrices. From these Correlation matrices, images of radiation emitted in the microwave L-band (1.4 GHz) are created. The frequency band used for the observations is protected. However a lot of ground based interferers (RFI) can be seen on the received data. The objective of the study is to define algorithms able to detect and localise these RFI.



Illustration 1: SMOS satellite

Benke Project in research laboratory in Orleans for Chinese students

Current approaches are based on images computed from the correlation matrices. We propose to bypass the imaging step and to detect the RFI through the correlation matrices directly. A first approach could be based on subspace decomposition.

The work will consist on :

- comparing the classical imaging process based on Fourier transform and the beamforming imager.
- Understanding the current detection and localisation approaches (bibliography)
- develop algorithm based on subspace decomposition
- evaluate and compare localisation performances between all theses approaches

This position requires knowledge about:

- Signal Processing
- Spatial processing
- Matrix Algebra
- Matlab

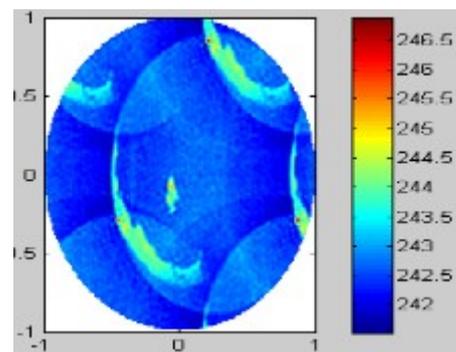


Illustration 2: SMOS Image (Part of South America and Falkland Islands). The red spots are potential RFI. The image presents some aliasings.

