



# DETECTION OF SHIP WAKES IN SAR IMAGERY USING CAUCHY REGULARISATION

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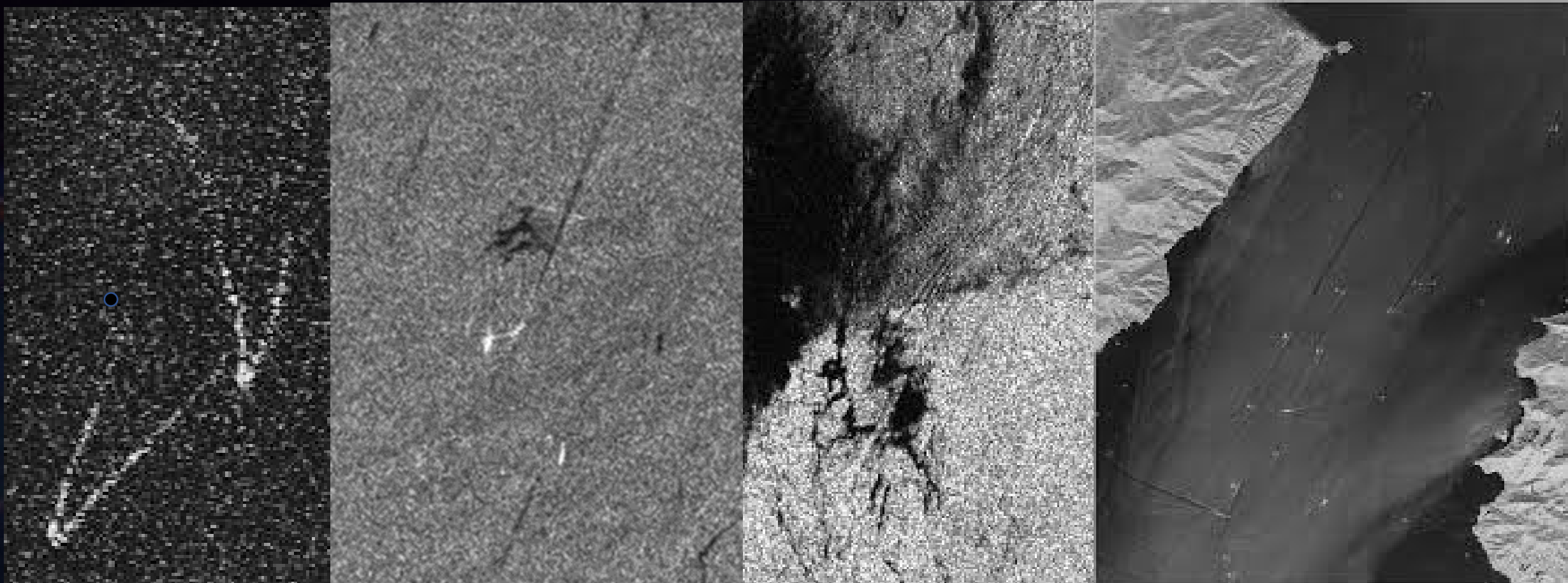
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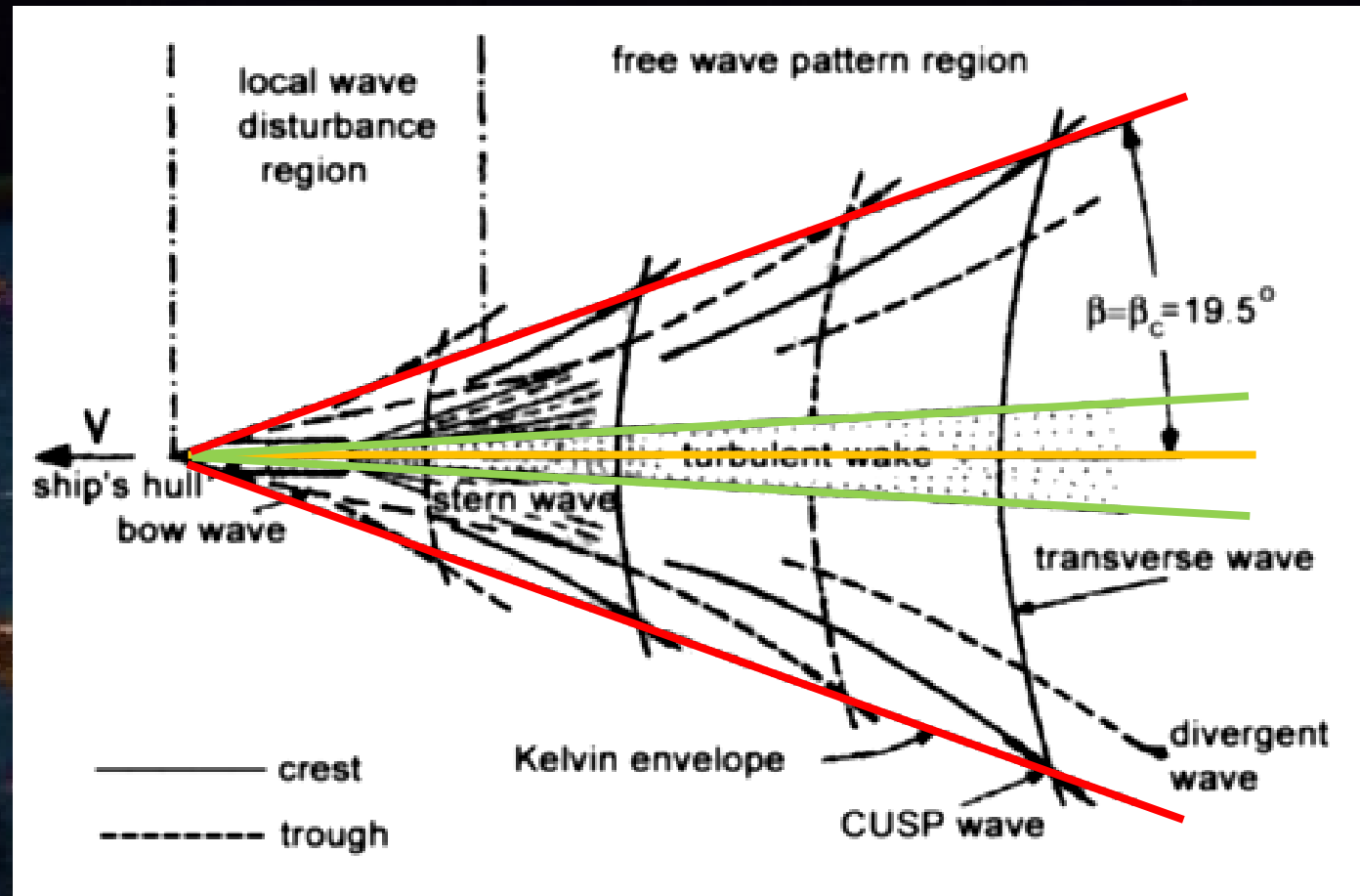
Summary

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# Background



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- SAR image formation model :

$$Y = CX + N.$$

where  $C = R^{-1}$  represents the inverse Radon transform.

- $$p(X|Y) = \frac{p(Y|X)p(X)}{\int p(Y|X)p(X)dX}$$
- the unnormalised posterior

$$p(X|Y) \propto p(Y|X)p(X).$$



- Using maximum a-posterior (MAP) estimator in optimization algorithms :

$$\hat{X}_{MAP} = \arg \max_X p(X|Y) = \arg \min_X F(X)$$

where  $F(X)$  is denoted as the cost function.

$$F(X) \propto f(x) + g(x)$$


$$\begin{cases} f(x) = \|Y - CX\|_2^2 \\ g(x) = -\log(p(X)) \end{cases}$$



- Probability density function of Cauchy distribution :

$$p(X) \propto \frac{\gamma}{\gamma^2 + X^2}$$

- The minimization with Cauchy regularization :

$$\hat{X}_{Cauchy} = \arg \min_x \|Y - CX\|_2^2 - \sum_{i,j} \log \left( \frac{\gamma}{\gamma^2 + X_{i,j}^2} \right)$$


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### **Algorithm I** MYULA for Cauchy regularized cost function

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Input: SAR image  $Y$ ,  $\gamma \in [0.0001, 0.1]$

Output: Radon image  $X$

Set:  $\delta = 1/25L$ ,  $\omega = 1/4L$

do

$$Z^{(i+1)} \sim N(0, \mathbb{I}_d)$$

$$X^{(i+1)} = \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\omega}\right) X^{(i)} - \delta \nabla f(X^{(i)}) + \frac{\delta}{\omega} \text{prox}_g^\omega(X^{(i)}) + \sqrt{2\delta} Z^{(i+1)}$$

while  $\epsilon^{(i)} > 10^{-3}$  or  $i < \text{MaxIter}$

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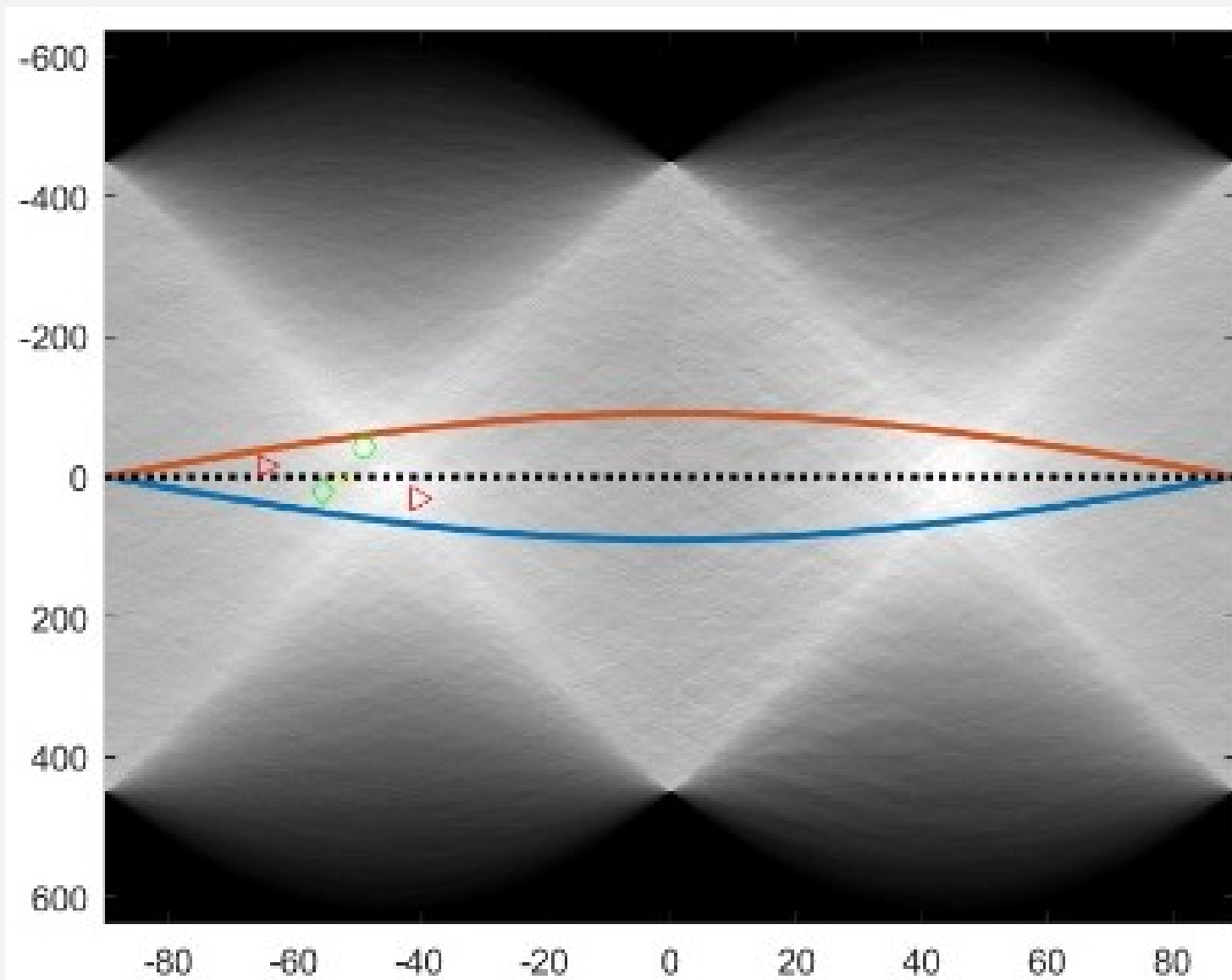
Cauchy proximal operator :

$$\text{prox}_g^\omega(x) = \arg \min_u \left[ -\log \left( \frac{\gamma}{\gamma^2 + u^2} \right) + \frac{\|u - x\|^2}{2\omega} \right]$$

By using Cardano's method :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{prox}_g^\omega(x) &= \frac{x}{3} + s + t \\ s &= \sqrt[3]{\frac{q}{2} + \Delta}, \quad t = \sqrt[3]{\frac{p}{2} - \Delta}, \quad \Delta = \sqrt{\frac{p^3}{27} + \frac{q^2}{4}} \\ p &= \gamma^2 + 2\omega - \frac{x^2}{3} \\ q &= x\gamma^2 + \frac{2x^3}{27} - \frac{x}{3}(\gamma^2 + 2\omega) \end{aligned}$$

# 02 Methodology





- The confirmation of the candidate :

$$F_I = \bar{I}_w / \bar{I} - 1.$$

where  $\bar{I}_w$  is the mean value over the un-confirmed wake, and  $\bar{I}$  is the mean intensity of the image.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} F_I < 0 \text{ for turbulent wakes,} \\ F_I > 0.1 \text{ for narrow-V and Kelvin wakes} \end{array} \right.$$

**Table 1.** Visible wakes in used image dataset \*

Image	Turbulent	1 <sup>st</sup> Narrow	2 <sup>nd</sup> Narrow	1 <sup>st</sup> Kelvin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kelvin
CSM_1	1	1	0	0	0
CSM_2	1	1	0	0	0
CSM_3	1	1	0	1	0
CSM_4	1	1	0	1	0
CSM_5	1	1	0	0	0
CSM_6	1	1	0	0	0

\* 1 means visible and 0 represents invisible

**Table 2.** Detection results over 6 COSMO-SkyMed images

	TP	TN	FP	FN	%Accuracy
Cauchy	40.0%	46.7%	6.7%	6.7%	86.7%
GMC	36.7%	40%	20%	3.3%	76.7%
Graziano	33.3%	36.7%	16.7%	13.3%	70.0%

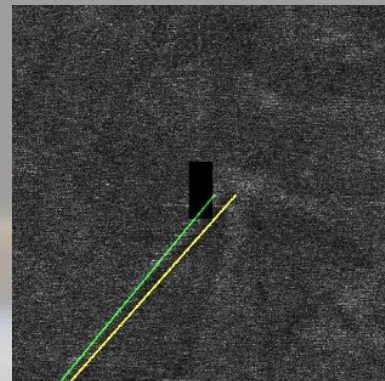
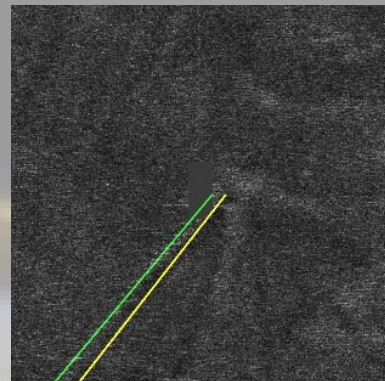
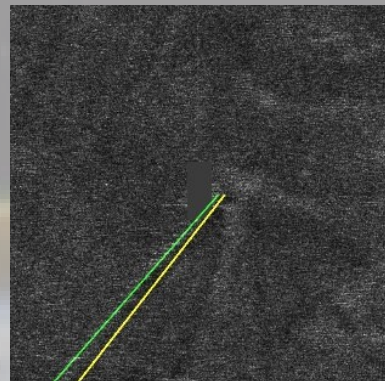
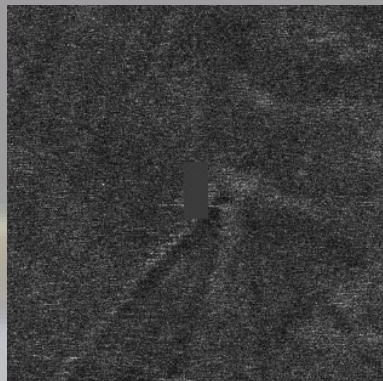
Original  
Image

Cauchy  
Prior

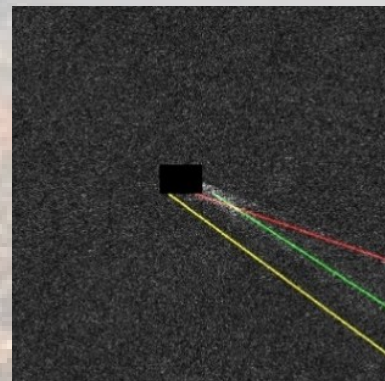
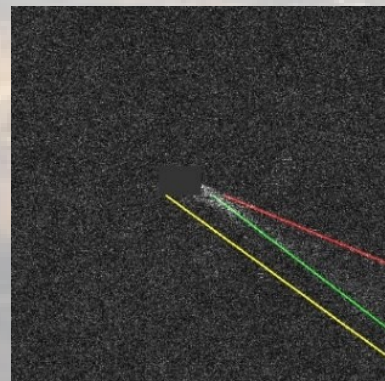
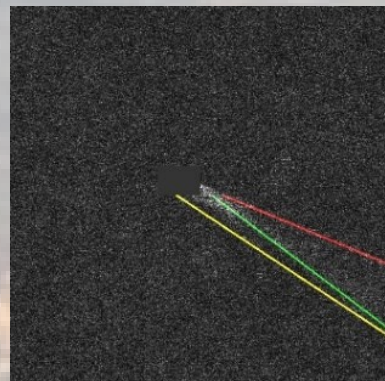
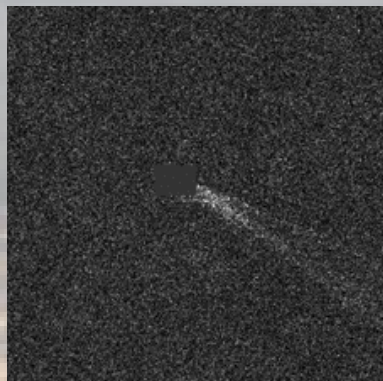
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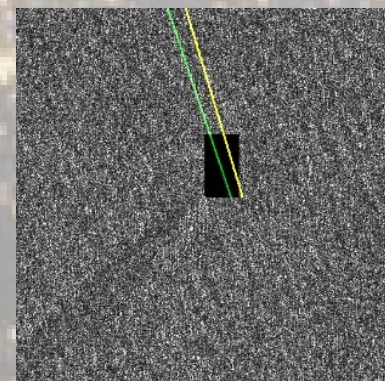
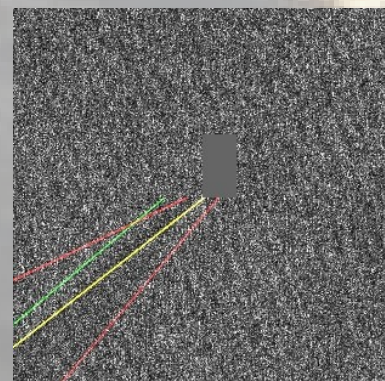
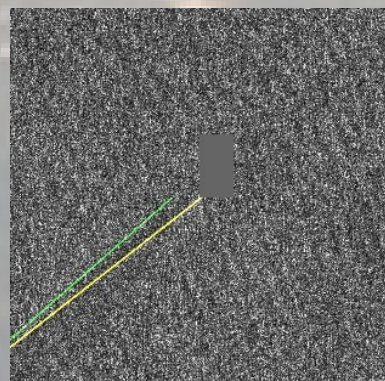
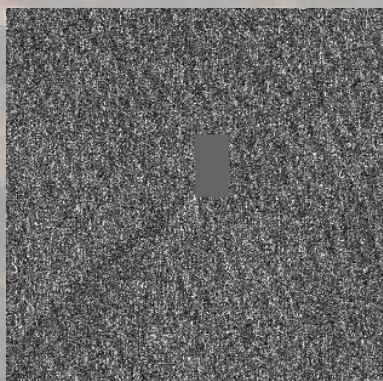
CMS\_3



CMS\_4



CMS\_5



\* Yellow:  
Turbulent wake  
Green:  
Narrow-V wake  
Red:  
Kelvin wake



- The use of Cauchy distribution in ship wake detection problem.
  - Realization of MYULA in image reconstruction from SAR imagery.
  - Implementation of proximal Cauchy operator in solving inverse problem.
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