



# Renyi divergence learning for explainable classification

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## Synthetic Aperture RADAR (SAR)

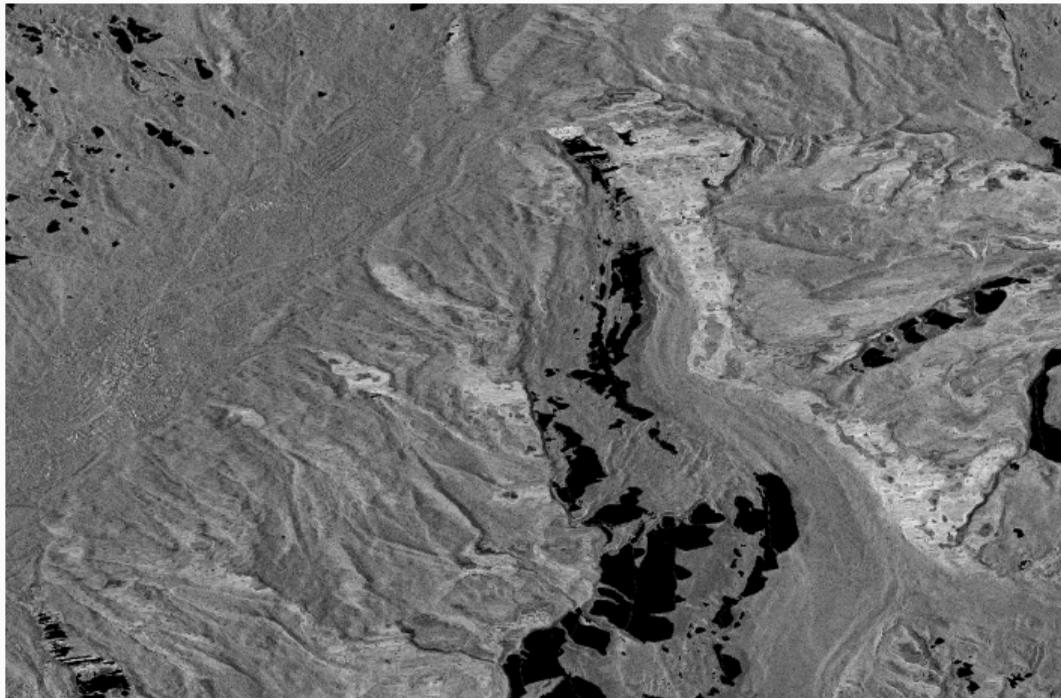
Active sensor

All-weather, day and  
night

Complex labelling

High clutter and  
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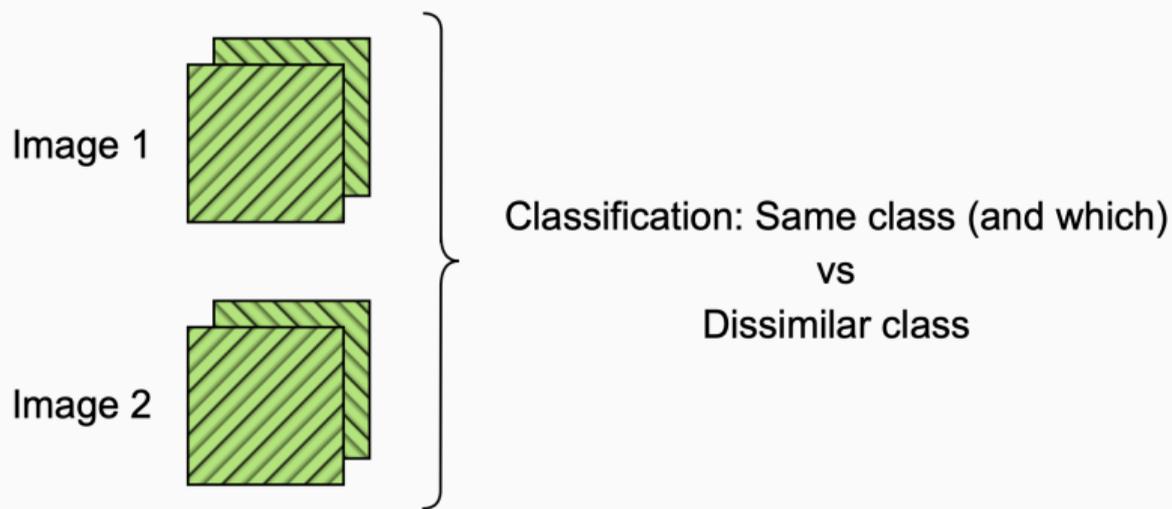
Multiplicative noise



**Figure 1:** Acquisition in X-band the 10th January 2020.

# Motivation





- Different sensors, acquisition modalities
- Can be general but we consider case bivariate: two polarizations

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### Proposition

Combination of both approaches: using multiple probability models to extract features (parameters of model) and to combine them using a combination-metric learned from the data.

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## Parametric SAR model and features 1/2

Let  $\mathbf{I}_{i,j}$  be a pair of a  $j$ -variate patch of SAR images, iid. We construct the pair of vector of features  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i,j}$  as follows:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i,j} = [\theta_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{I}_{i,j}), \theta_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbf{I}_{i,j}), \theta_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathbf{I}_{i,j})]^T, \forall i, j$$

where  $\theta_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{I}_{i,j})$ ,  $\theta_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbf{I}_{i,j})$  and  $\theta_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathbf{I}_{i,j})$  are the parameters of the three following distributions fitted on the amplitude of the SAR patch  $\mathbf{I}_{i,j}$ .

### Features

Gamma:  $\mathcal{G}(x; \mu, L) = e^{-\frac{xL}{\mu}} \cdot \left(\frac{L}{\mu}\right)^L \cdot \Gamma(L) \cdot x^{L-1}$ , with shape and scale  $L$  and  $\mu$ ,

log-normal:  $\mathcal{O}(x; \mu, \sigma) = e^{-\frac{(\log x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{x\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}$ , with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma$ ,

Rayleigh:  $\mathcal{R}(x; \mu) = \frac{x}{2\mu^2} \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{x}{2\mu}\right)^2}$  with scale  $\mu$ ,

From:

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We have:

$$\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{1,1} & \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{2,1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{1,J} & \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{2,J} \end{pmatrix}$$

We consider in the following the bivariate case ( $J = 2$ ).

## Divergences

The Rényi divergence of order  $\alpha$  between two probability distributions  $P, Q$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is given by:

$$D_\alpha(P\|Q) = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \ln \int P(x)^\alpha Q(x)^{1-\alpha} dx, \quad (1)$$

with  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\alpha \neq 1$ .

Closed form for the Gamma, log-normal and Rayleigh distributions [Gil et al., 2013]:

- Gamma:

$$D_{\alpha}(P\|Q) = \ln \left( \frac{\Gamma(k_j) \theta_j^{k_j}}{\Gamma(k_i) \theta_i^{k_i}} \right) + \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \ln \left( \frac{\Gamma(k_{\alpha})}{\theta_i^{k_i} \Gamma(k_i)} \left( \frac{\theta_i \theta_j}{\theta_{\alpha}^*} \right)^{k_{\alpha}} \right)$$

$$\theta_{\alpha}^* = \alpha \theta_j + (1 - \alpha) \theta_i, k_{\alpha} = \alpha k_i + (1 - \alpha) k_j$$

$$\theta_{\alpha}^* > 0 \text{ and } k_{\alpha} > 0$$

## Divergences iii

- log-normal:

$$D_{\alpha}(P\|Q) = \ln \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_i} + \frac{1}{2(\alpha - 1)} \ln \left( \frac{\sigma_j^2}{(\sigma^2)_{\alpha}^*} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha (\mu_i - \mu_j)^2}{(\sigma^2)_{\alpha}^*}$$

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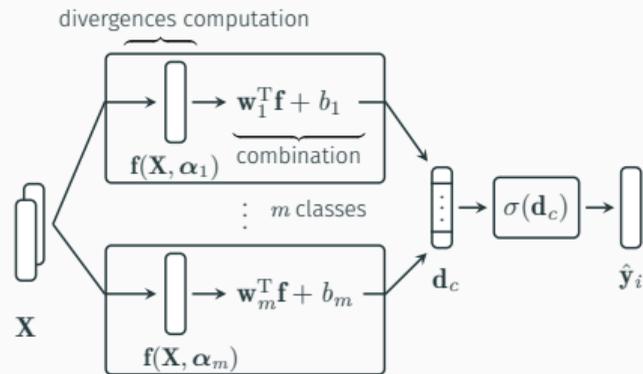
- Rayleigh:

$$D_{\alpha}(P\|Q) = 2 \ln \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_i} + \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \ln \left( \frac{\sigma_j^2}{(\sigma^2)_{\alpha}^*} \right)$$

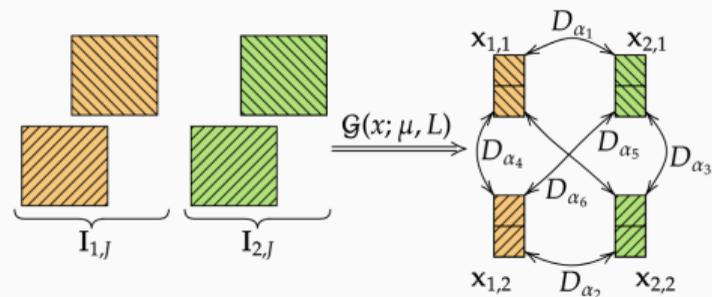
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# Pipeline: non parametric 1/2



**Figure 2:** Schema of the pipeline.



**Figure 3:** Diagram of the divergence estimation for one distribution.

Let  $\mathbf{f} = [D_{\alpha_1}(\mathbf{x}_1^1, \mathbf{x}_2^1), \dots, D_{\alpha_p}(\mathbf{x}_1^p, \mathbf{x}_2^p)]^T$  be a vector composed by a set of  $p$  Renyi divergences with parameters  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p]^T \in (0, 1)^p$ .

For 3 distributions considered, the number of divergences is  $p = 3 \times \binom{i \times j}{2}$

## Pipeline: non parametric 2/2

For each class  $c$ , given a set of parameters  $\alpha_c$  we combine the divergences:

$$\mathbf{d}_c(\mathbf{X}, \alpha_c) = \mathbf{w}_c^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}, \alpha_c) + b_c, \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{w}_c \in \mathbb{R}_+^p$  and  $b_c \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

### Explainability

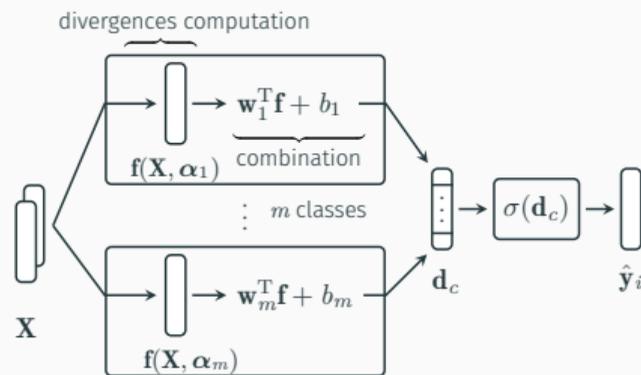
$p$  parameters  $\alpha_c$  for each class  $c$ .

constraints on  $\alpha_c \in (0, 1)$ .

$\alpha_c \rightarrow 1, D_\alpha(P||Q) \rightarrow \text{KL}(P||Q)$ .

$\alpha_c \rightarrow 0.5, D_\alpha(P||Q)$  homogeneous to Bhattacharyya distance.

positive constraints on  $\mathbf{w}_c$  and  $b_c$ .



**Figure 4:** Schema of the pipeline.

Close to [Cilingir et al., 2020], but more constrained.

# Minimization problem

We consider the cross-entropy loss:  $H(y, \hat{y}) = -\sum_c^m y_c \log(\hat{y}_c)$ , with  $\hat{y}, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$  (the prediction of a classifier and its associated ground truth) and  $\sigma$  the softmax function. This gives us the following minimization problem:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\substack{\forall c \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \\ \alpha_c \in (0, 1)^p, \\ \mathbf{w}_c \in \mathbb{R}_+^p, b_c \in \mathbb{R}_+}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n \underbrace{-\sum_c^m \mathbf{y}_i(c) \log [\sigma \circ \mathbf{d}_c(\mathbf{X}_i, \alpha_c)]}_{\mathcal{L}_i}. \quad (3)$$

## Optimization

$b_c$  and  $\mathbf{w}_c$  are updated with a standard gradient descent.

we provide a closed form for the gradient of  $\alpha_c$ .

Divergence	derivate $\partial D_{\hat{\alpha}(\cdot)} / \partial \alpha(\cdot)$
$D_{\hat{\alpha}_l}(\mathcal{G}_i \  \mathcal{G}_j)$	$e^{\alpha_l} \frac{L_i \mu_j - L_j \mu_i}{\lambda_{ij} \beta_{ij}} - e^{\alpha_l} L_i \log \left[ \frac{(e^{\alpha_l+1}) \mu_i \mu_j}{\beta_{ij}} \right] - e^{\alpha_l} \log \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{\mu_i}{L_i} \right)^{-L_i} \Gamma(\lambda_{ij})}{\Gamma(L_i)} \right] + e^{\alpha_l} \frac{(L_j - L_i) \psi^{(0)}(\lambda_{ij})}{e^{\alpha_l+1}}$
$D_{\hat{\alpha}_l}(\mathcal{O}_i \  \mathcal{O}_j)$	$\frac{e^{\alpha_l}}{2(e^{\alpha_l} \Sigma_{ij})^2} \left[ e^{\alpha_l} \sigma_j^2 (\sigma_j^2 - \sigma_i^2) + \sigma_i^2 [(\mu_i - \mu_j)^2 - \Sigma_{ij}] - (e^{\alpha_l} \Sigma_{ij})^2 \log \left( \frac{(e^{\alpha_l+1}) \sigma_j^2}{e^{\alpha_l} \Sigma_{ij}} \right) \right]$
$D_{\hat{\alpha}_l}(\mathcal{R}_i \  \mathcal{R}_j)$	$\frac{\gamma_{ij} - e^{\alpha_l} \mu_i^2}{\gamma_{ij} + \mu_i^2} - e^{\alpha_l} \log \left[ \frac{\gamma_{ij} + \mu_j^2}{\gamma_{ij} + \mu_i^2} \right]$

**Table 1:** Rényi's derivate

with  $\hat{\alpha} = 1/(1 - e^{-\alpha})$  and:

$$\lambda_{ij} = (e^{\alpha_l} L_i + L_j) / (1 + e^{\alpha_l}),$$

$$\beta_{ij} = e^{\alpha_l} L_i \mu_j + L_j \mu_i,$$

$$\Sigma_{ij} = \sigma_j^2 + \sigma_i^2,$$

$$\gamma_{ij} = e^{\alpha_l} \mu_j^2.$$

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# Results

X-band SAR dataset dual-pol (HH, HV)

645 patches of 32x32 pixels

5 classes (glacier, city, forest, rock, plain) + 1 class for the dissimilar

comparison with a CNN [Parikh et al., 2020] and a Random Forest (RF)

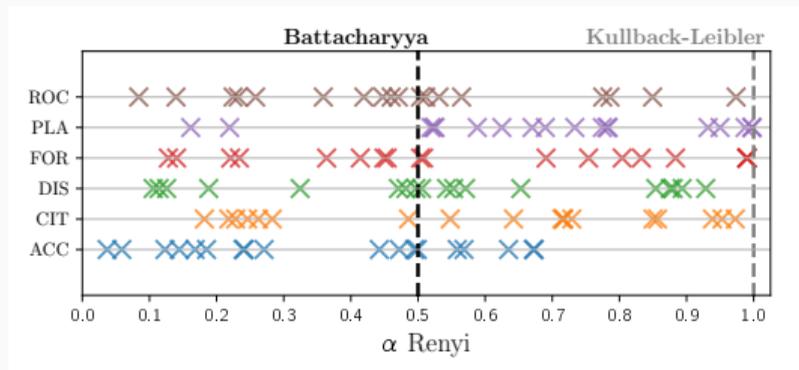
for a bivariate pair with 3 distributions:  $3 \times \binom{4}{2} = 18$  divergences per class

	RF	CNN	Rényi
input size	$200 \times 1$	$32 \times 32 \times 4$	$10 \times 2$
parameters	$\sim 152,000$	226,406	222

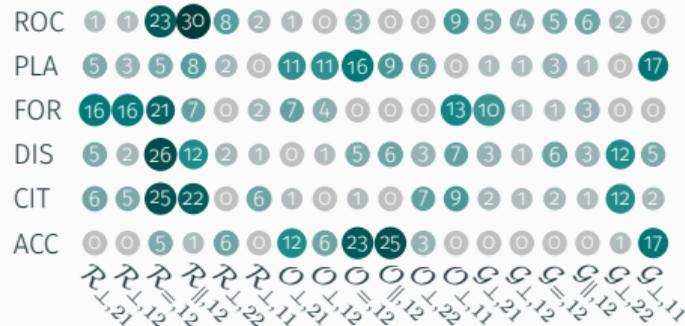
**Table 2:** Number of parameters and size of the inputs used

	ACC	CIT	DIS	FOR	PLA	ROC
RF	$65.3 \pm 13.0$	$70.8 \pm 9.2$	$82.7 \pm 4.1$	$11.9 \pm 1.2$	$33.6 \pm 5.8$	$55.9 \pm 9.0$
CNN	<b><math>83.5 \pm 7.0</math></b>	$61.1 \pm 16.5$	<b><math>82.9 \pm 4.3</math></b>	$45.1 \pm 8.1$	$49.5 \pm 13.0$	<b><math>72.3 \pm 1.2</math></b>
Rényi	$59.1 \pm 11.1$	<b><math>83.2 \pm 4.2</math></b>	$45.3 \pm 1.2$	<b><math>80.5 \pm 6.9</math></b>	<b><math>67.3 \pm 3.7</math></b>	$62.7 \pm 12.0$

**Table 3:** Percentage of good classification with a stratified K-Fold with K=5

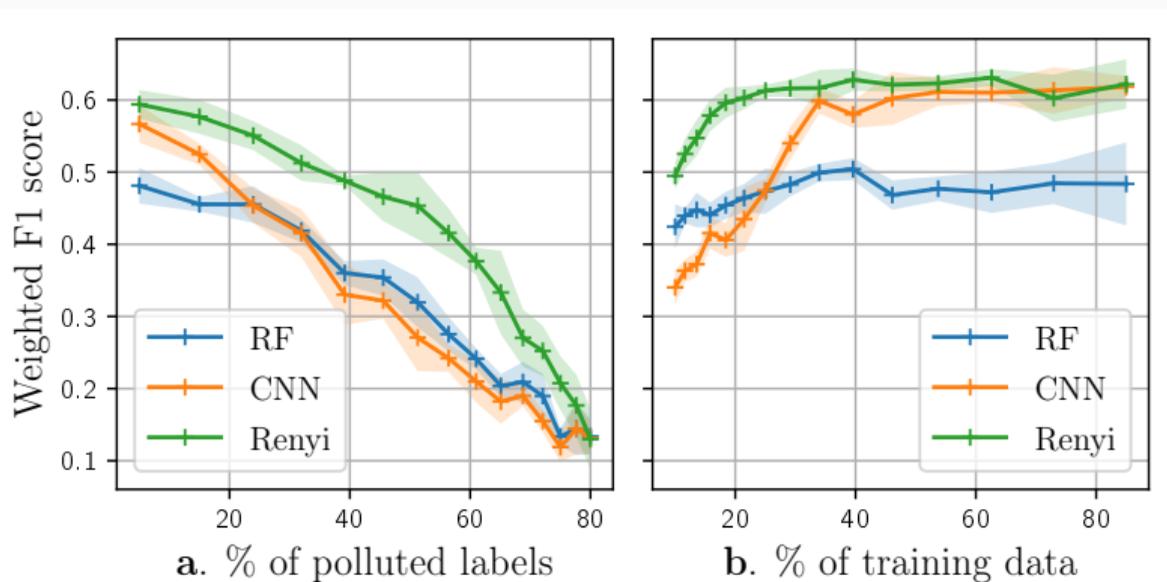


**Figure 5:**  $\alpha$  learned for each features and for each classes.



**Figure 6:** Visualisation of associated weights in the decision process for each class.

# Robustness to noise



**Figure 7:** Comparison of performance (mean of weighted f1 score over all class in function) of two perturbations, **a.** Percentage of label perturbation and **b.** Percentage of data training

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# Conclusion

## What we have done

New solution by joint use of parametric and non-parametric methods

Derivate the analytical gradient for three distributions wrt the Renyi parameter (learning)

Less parameters than traditional ML methods

Explainability of the classification and robustness to noise

## What's next?

Treat the case  $\alpha > 1$  and find a solution for  $\alpha = 1$ .

Consider different distributions between pairs

Study convergence of gradient descent

Metric learning problems

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