



COMPARING OIL SPILL DETECTION AND MONITORING TECHNIQUES USING ASAR IMAGES

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Abstract—Every year problem arrives due to oil spills in ocean. In this research, comparing of algorithms take place which results in less time consuming, oil spill tracking, oil spill area, patches and spill patterns. This work helps in regular monitoring of oil spills. This approach find out which algorithm is best suited for detection and tracking of oil spill in ocean with low time complexity. In this work input image taken from ASAR RADAR SAT-2 from Gulf of Mexico region. Here morphological closing techniques can be used as a good tool for monitoring and identifying the occurrence of oil spill and Synthetic aperture radar image serves as a good sensor for surveying of oil spill. In conclusion, after comparing algorithms, morphological technique serves as excellent method for detection of oil spill with low time complexity.

Keywords- oil spill tracking, pattern, morphological techniques, radar image

I. INTRODUCTION

Oil spill is one of the most important problem occurs in the world which become one of the biggest issue in marine life. So regular monitoring is important, which helps to solve problems based on oil spill. Extraction of oil from ocean is a fundamental work done for agencies to regular monitoring the sea. In this scenario satellite image play an important role for data acquisition. In ever year oil spill accident take place in history it was on the Gulf of Mexico in Deepwater Horizon on April, 20, 2010, with explosion in July 15, 2010. It effected on wildlife habitats and maritime spices. To overcome this problem radar image was used for regular monitoring which improves over all oil spill problems by various approaches. To survey oil spill SAR image provide various advantage for detection and tracking of oil spills. Several satellite SAR sensors are involved in the oil spill detection and survey. These data are from ERS-1/2, (Brekke and Solberg 2005) ENVISAT (Marghany 2013), ALOS, (Zhang et al. 2011, 2012), RADARSAT-1/2, (Zhang et al. 2012) and TerraSAR-X (Velotto et al. 2011) which have been globally used to identify and monitor the oil-spill. Recently, the multi polarimetric SAR high-resolution data have become a vital research area for oil spill detection (Skrunes et al. 2012; Shirvany et al. 2012). Oil spill detection and monitoring using SAR technology, data are scarce job, because of barely discrimination between oil spill and other features of look-alike, shadows, wind speed that appear patches in SAR data as Dark patches (Topouzelis 2008). The problems faced in oil spill automatic using SAR data, is achievements in past decades. Simultaneously, Frate et al. (2000) proposed semi-automatic oil spill detection by using neural network, in which a vector defining features of an oil-spill is used. Topouzelis et al. (2007, 2009) and Marghany, Hashim (2011) confirmed that neural network technique could give precise difference among look-alike and oil- spill in SAR data. Topouzelis et al. (2007) has used neural networks in finding both oil-spill and dark patches detection. Experimental results shows, 89 % accuracy and 94 % dark patches segmentation but certain disadvantages like they cannot efficiently detect small and fresh spills. Skrunes et al. (2012), reports that there are several disadvantages associated with SAR sensors based oil spill detection. So they suggested using multi-polarization acquisition data, such as Terra SAR-X satellites and RADARSAT-2.

II. DATA ACQUIRED

In this study, RADARSAT-2 SAR data acquired by RADARSAT-2 operating with Scan SAR Narrow single mode beam on 27th April, 2010; 1st May 2010; and 3rd May, 2010 are investigated for detection of oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The satellite armed with Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) with multiple modes of polarization, which includes fully polar metric mode of operation in which HH, VV and VH polarized data's were acquired (Maurizio et al. 2012). It has got highest resolution of 1 m in Spotlight beam mode (Ultra Fine mode of 3 m) with 100 m of positional accuracy. In the Scan SAR Wide Beam mode (WBM), the SAR has nominal width of 500 km and 100 m imaging resolution. The ground data obtained are based on study of Garcia-Pineda et al. (2013) where majority of oil types are emulsion and silver sheen.

Sl. No	Beam mode	Place	Date	Nominal pixel spacing(m)	Resolution (m)	Incident angle	Polarization
1.	ENVISAT	Gulf Of Mexico	27 April 2010	25 x 25	79.9-37.7 x 60	20-55	HH
2.	ASAR	Gulf Of Mexico	1 May 2010	25 x 25	79.9-37.7 x 60	20-46	HH
3.	ENVISAT	Gulf Of Mexico	3 May 2010	25 x 25	79.9-37.7 x 60	25-50	HH
	ASAR	Gulf Of Mexico			79.9-37.7 x 60		HH

Table1. ENVISAT ASAR IMAGE

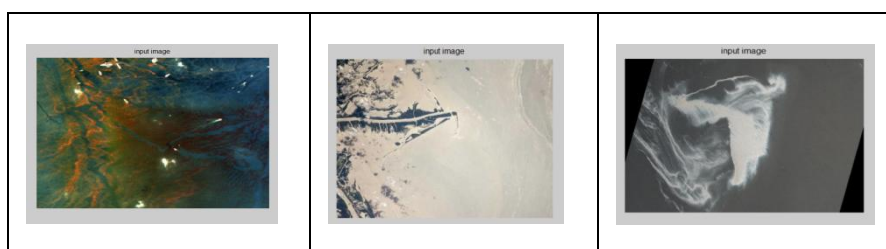


Figure1. Input images

III. MATERIAL AND METHODOLOGY

Here Different methodology is applied during each phases they are Processes of oil spill detection.

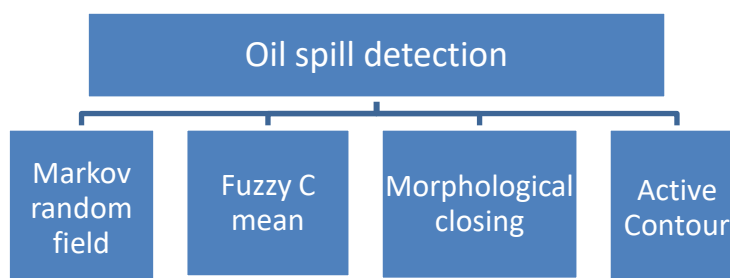


Figure2. Methodology

A. Markov random field

Markov random field technique provides mutual influences in given data, which helps to provide more clear detection on oil spills in images with objective function modification. With the help of modification process it helps in reducing speckle noise effect in radar images. It works together with membership function using neighborhood pixels. Steps are as follows- (1) initially two satellite image has to be taken, consider as $P_1 = \{P_1(I, h), 1 \leq I \leq M, 1 \leq h \leq N\}$ and $\{P_2(I, h), 1 \leq I \leq M, 1 \leq h \leq N\}$, where $M \times N$. (2) in second step generate logarithmic and mean operator to cover over all area taken for monitoring it is denoted with $l = \frac{k_1}{f_1}$, $mean = 1 - \min(\frac{k_1}{f_1}, \frac{k_2}{f_2})$, Where as, f_1 & f_2 , k_1 & k_2 are logarithmic and mean values. Here Mean produces difference images using information of pixels. Log value used to find out intensity for images and it covers larger area. Let us considered iteration $x = 1$ with standard deviation σ_r^1 and mean μ_r^1 values. Now find out energy function E_{pq}^x with iteration 'x'. Now apply Gibbs expression, to find out prior probability (π_{pq}^c)

$$\pi_{pq}^c = \frac{\exp(-E_{pq}^x)}{\exp(-E_{pq}^x) + \exp(-E_{pq}^x)}$$

Now (p_r^c) determine conditional probability then generate the distance matrix (d_{pq}^c) for the given input image.

$$p_r^c \left(\frac{y_j}{\mu_r^c, \sigma_r^c} \right) = \frac{1}{\sigma_r^c \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[-\frac{y_j - \mu_r^c}{2(\sigma_r^c)^2} \right]$$

$$d_{pq}^c = -1n \left[p_r^c \left(\frac{y_j}{\mu_r^c, \sigma_r^c} \right) \right]$$

$$\text{Now compute objective function- } d_{pq}^c = -1n \left[p_r^c \left(\frac{y_j}{\mu_r^c, \sigma_r^c} \right) \right],$$

$$|J_{pq}^c - J_{pq}^{c-1}| \leq \delta$$

Now determine Membership matrix $\{\mu_{pq}^{c+1}\}$

$$\mu_{pq}^{c+1} = \frac{\pi_{pq}^c \exp(-d_{pq}^c)}{\pi_{pq}^c \exp(-d_{pq}^c) + \pi_{pq}^c \exp(-d_{pq}^c)}$$

Update deviation and mean values σ_r^{c+1} and μ_r^{c+1} respectively, $c=c+1$

$$\mu_r^{c+1} = \frac{\sum_x (\mu_{pq}^c y_j)}{\sum_x (\mu_{pq}^c)}$$

$$\sigma_r^{c+1} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_x [u_{pq}^c (y_j - \mu_r^{c+1})^2]}{\sum_x (u_{pq}^c)}}$$

B. Fuzzy c-Mean

It is a clustering technique, which allows one object belongs to two or more object in clusters form. Similarly object or data will be placed in one place and other place. This method improves frequently using pattern recognition.

Minimization object function

$$J_x = \sum_{p=1}^M \sum_{q=1}^b u_{pq}^n \|x_p - c_q\|^2, 1 \leq n < \infty$$

Whereas m, belongs to real number which is greater than 1, u_{pq} is a degree of membership, p is a dimensional measured data, C_q is a cluster center. $\| * \|$ it denotes similarity between center and measured data.

In fuzzy c- mean clustering, with the help of iterative optimization objective function, fuzzy partitioning can be done, using update membership u_{pq} and center of cluster c_p .

$$u_{pq} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^b \left(\frac{\|x_p - c_q\|}{\|x_p - c_i\|} \right)^{\frac{2}{n-1}}}, \quad c_{pq} = \frac{\sum_{p=1}^M u_{pq}^n x_p}{\sum_{q=1}^M u_{pq}^n}$$

$$\text{Iteration stops when } \max_{pq} \|u_{pq}^{(i+1)} - u_{pq}^{(i)}\| < E_s$$

E denotes terminal point between 0 and 1 for k^{th} iteration; it also covers local minimum point J_x .

Following steps are

1. First initialize process U so it denoted as $[u_{pq}]$ matrix, $u^{[0]}$
2. Now calculate center of vectors $c^{(i)} = [c_q]$ with $u^{(i)}$, $c_{pq} = \frac{\sum_{p=1}^M u_{pq}^n x_p}{\sum_{q=1}^M u_{pq}^n}$
3. Update the process by using $u^{(i)}$, $u^{(i+1)}$

$$\text{Therefore } U_{pq} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^b \left(\frac{\|x_p - c_q\|}{\|x_p - c_i\|} \right)^{\frac{2}{n-1}}}$$

If $\|u_{pq}^{(i+1)} - u_{pq}^{(i)}\| < E$ then stop the process for further operation otherwise return to step 2.

C. Morphological operation

Morphological operation is based on the structure analysis, in which some components are selected among all, which satisfy Gestalt principles such as (1) Proximity state that two objects are easier regard as a single object by a human being if those

objects are close to each other. (2) Good continuation states that objects are easier regard as a single object if they can be continued from one to other. According to these principles criteria have been developed. If both analyzed components are lines then first group of criteria is applied. Based on this criteria proximity is state as minimum of Euclidean distances between starting and ending points of these lines and the excellent continuation is determined by checking orientation difference. If both objects are not lines then second group of criteria is applied. Relation of lines to non-lines then third group of criteria is applied. The analysis is done by two routines: In-level routine and inter level routine.

In-level routine: It Analyzes level $N = \{3, 2, 1\}$ component to gain oil slick structure. Structure is consist element that satisfy proximity criteria and good continuation criteria. The oil slick structure is selected from each component of level N that calls the inter-level routine to group or cluster it with the structures levels from lower.

In Inter-level routine the component is given from a level $N > 1$, all component are search from level $N-1$ and component are find that satisfies criteria of Gestalt-based. Set current component, set level as $N = N-1$, then call Inter-level routine again, then stop the analysis when current level show $N = 1$ or no components present to analyze. Analysis start for gray level mask from level 4. This level represents lowest backscatter area in radar images. If level 4 gray contain few pixel then merge level 4 and level 3 that represent dark areas of the Synthetic aperture radar fragments with slick correspond look-alikes areas. The levels $N = \{3, 2, 1\}$ routine is run to find oil silk structure which correspond to less-dark areas of SAR image. Then this structure passed to subsequent analysis for inter-level routine analysis. Components are selected in stages of analysis are retained in the image and other considered as noise.

D. Active contour

Active contour describe boundary and shape in SAR images. it is also known as snakes. It solves problems based on boundary and its shape. It is deformable model, so active contour help to monitor image noise and motion tracking. It also helps to find Illusory contours in the data by information of missing boundary. Active contour works on adaptive and autonomous search, Gaussian smoothing in image, track object dynamically.

Let us consider point's m_i with set of s where $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, ' $B_{external}$ ' external energy edge based help to control fitting in image, external energy is a force combination to image itself and ' $B_{internal}$ ' internal energy based energy help to control deformation in image. The sum of external and internal energy sources form energy function in the input image.

$$A_{active\ contour} = \int_0^1 A_{contour}(v(s))ds = \int_0^1 (A_{inter}(v(s)) + A_{img}(V(s)) + E_{exter}(v(s)))ds$$

To find out boundary in image it work under intensity, $A_{Line} = I(p, q)$, line attracted towards in darker and lighter lines in the images. Image smoothing and noise deletion can be done using formula.

$$A_{Line} = filter(I(p, q)),$$

$$A_{internal} = A_{cont\ our} + A_{curve}$$

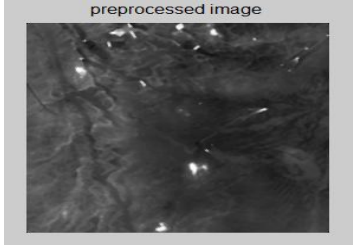

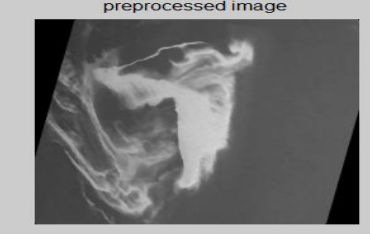
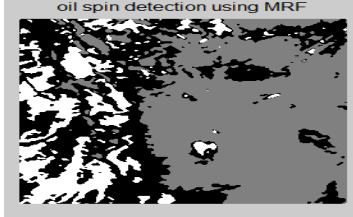
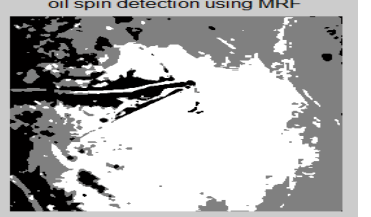
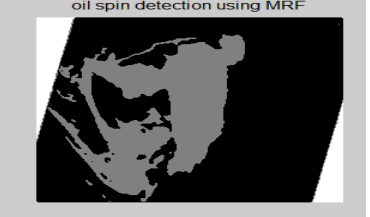
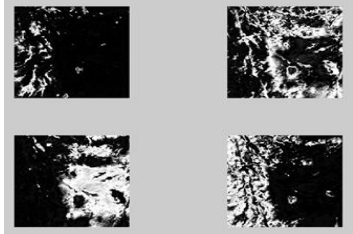
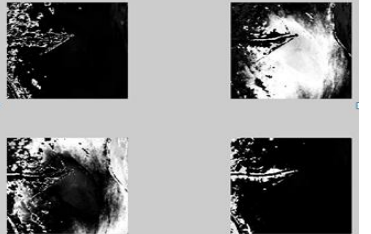

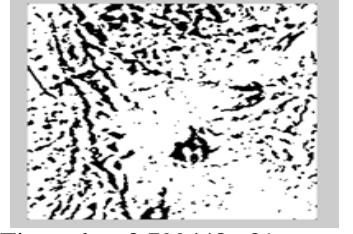



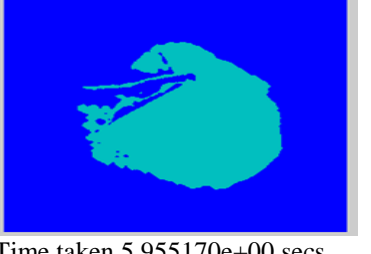
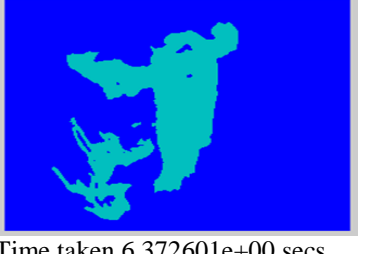
$A_{contour}, A_{curve}$ It defines corresponds continuity and curvature terms.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this approach, four different techniques were used which helps to regular monitoring and detection of oil spills in the ocean. This research work is carried out using SAR RADARSAT-2 image. This technique examined SAR image to find structure of the oil spill with levels of gray corresponding to less damp / most damped area of sea surface roughness. Radar images confirmed grey level mask containing structure of the slick in Gulf of Mexico. Oil spill happened on 27 April 2010 where crude oil spread in 49,500 km² across 19,112 square miles in Gulf of Mexico. As we know oil spill is one of the biggest issue in marine environment. Here four algorithms are applied to find out pattern, dark patches and tracking of oil spill with low time complexity in the given ENVISAT ASAR images. In this research different days images has been taken for regular monitor and observe occurrence of oil spill in ocean. For detection of oil spill incidence angle with HH polarization is suitable for research. According to HH polarization and incidence angles it helps to reduce noise which is created during bad weather conditions. For detection of spill ASAR width increase to 300km- 350km. Advance synthetic aperture radar provide high level of sensor images. Figure-3 indicates spills with patterns, dark patches, oil spill tracking and surrounding area of the images. To determine positive and negative pattern it compared with neighborhood pixels. In this

paper after comparing four algorithms, it define morphological closing techniques is more convenient and good for oil spill detection because in ASAR images it slowly varies gray level point based on image location and positions which help to monitor and detect oil spill region in fast way with low time complexity based on different weather condition. Here table2. represents experimental results for oil spill detection with area coverage.

Figure3. Oil spill Detection Results

 <p>preprocessed image</p>	 <p>preprocessed image</p>	 <p>preprocessed image</p>
<p>Markov random field</p>  <p>oil spin detection using MRF</p> <p>Time taken for MRF 1.932765e+00 secs</p>	<p>Markov random field</p>  <p>oil spin detection using MRF</p> <p>Time taken for MRF 1.764280e+00 secs</p>	<p>Markov random field</p>  <p>oil spin detection using MRF</p> <p>Time taken for MRF 1.710396e+00 secs</p>
<p>Fuzzy c-mean clustering</p>  <p>Time taken for fuzzy c means 5.373666e+01 secs</p>	<p>Fuzzy c-mean clustering</p>  <p>Time taken for fuzzy c means 5.373666e+01 secs</p>	<p>Fuzzy c-mean clustering</p>  <p>Time taken for fuzzy c means 5.529804e+01 secs</p>
<p>Morphological closing</p>  <p>Time taken 2.799448e-01 secs</p>	<p>Morphological closing</p>  <p>Time taken 2.790913e-01 secs</p>	<p>Morphological closing</p>  <p>Time taken 2.470920e-01 secs</p>
<p>Active contour</p>  <p>Time taken 6.175917e+00 secs</p>	<p>Active contour</p>  <p>Time taken 5.955170e+00 secs</p>	<p>Active contour</p>  <p>Time taken 6.372601e+00 secs</p>

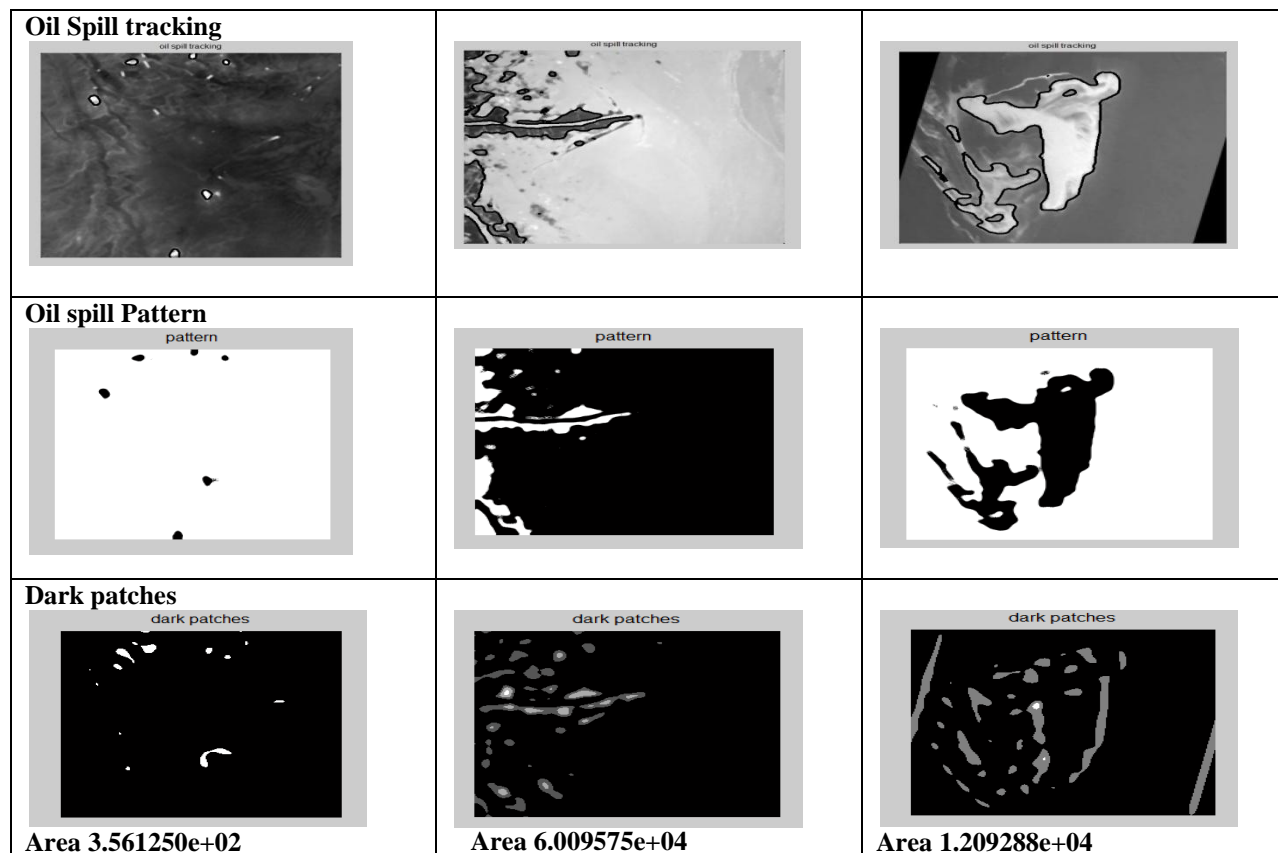


Table2. Experimental Results for oil spill Detection Time

Techniques used	Image 1	Image 2	Image 3
Markov Random Field	1.932765e+00secs	1.764280e+00secs	1.710396e+00secs
Fuzzy c means	5.373666e+01secs	5.390935e+01secs	5.529804e+01secs
Morphological closing	2.264546e-01secs	2.226974e-01secs	2.470920e-01secs
Active Contour	6.175917e+00secs	5.955170e+00secs	6.372601e+00secs
Coverage Area (m²)	3.561250e+02	6.009575e+04	1.209288e+04

V. CONCLUSION

Oil spill is a biggest problem in marine environment which misbalanced marine life cycle. Every year problem arrives due to oil spills in ocean. In this research, comparing of algorithms take place which results in less time consuming, oil spill tracking, oil spill area, patches and spill patterns. This work helps in regular monitoring of oil spills. This approach find out which algorithm is best suited for detection and tracking of oil spill in ocean with low time complexity. In this work input image taken from ASAR RADAR SAT-2 from Gulf of Mexico region. Main objective of this work is to utilize tracking of spilled area, gray scale masking feature extraction with less time consuming. Here morphological closing techniques can be used as a good tool for monitoring and identifying the occurrence of oil spill and Synthetic aperture radar image serves as a good sensor for surveying of oil spill. In conclusion, after comparing algorithms, morphological technique serves as excellent method for detection of oil spill with low time complexity.

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