# Oil Spill Detection and Classification by ALOS PALSAR at Vietnam East Sea

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#### INTRODUCTION

- The National reports on sea pollution in Vietnam East Sea:
  - 12 oil spills and 31 accidents from 1990-1995.
  - The most serious oil pollution in Vietnam East Sea has coccured in the early months in 2007
- In 2007, Vietnam was completely passived and causes and sources of oil spill are still unknown.
- It was unable to define exactly the time oil spill occurred due to lack of proper equipments for inquiring, surveying and detecting the oil spill in early stage at sea.

#### Oil pollution cleaning



04/02/2007 - Hoi An - Da Nang Province



28/03/2007 - Vung Tau-Khanh Hoa Province



28/03/2007 - The Central region of Vietnam



#### Purpose of the report

- Giving review on oil spill detection and classification techniques in SAR images
- Selecting a suitable and useable method to detect and classify oil spill at sea in condition of Vietnam.

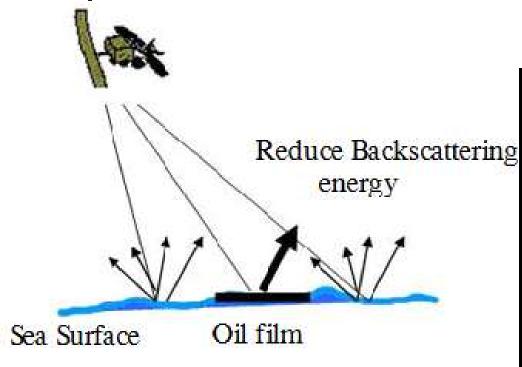


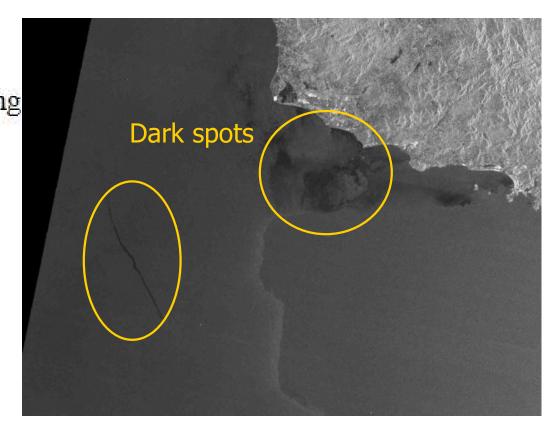
### OIL SPILLS DETECTION AT SEA BY MICROWAVE REMOTE SENSING

- Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) used for monitoring oil pollution systems due to its wide area coverage and day and night and all weather capabilities
- Optical sensors have no such capabilities like microwave sensors

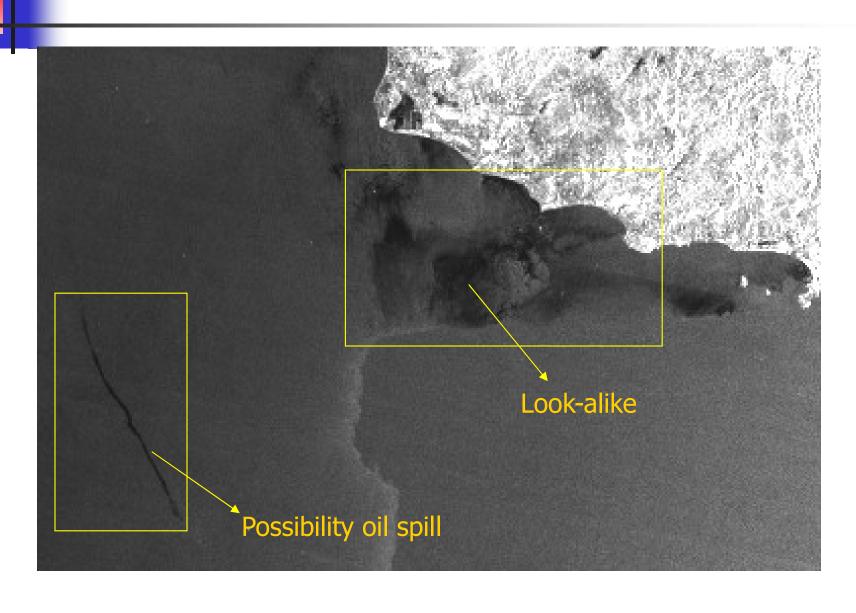


#### PRINCIPLE OF OIL SPILLS DETECTION

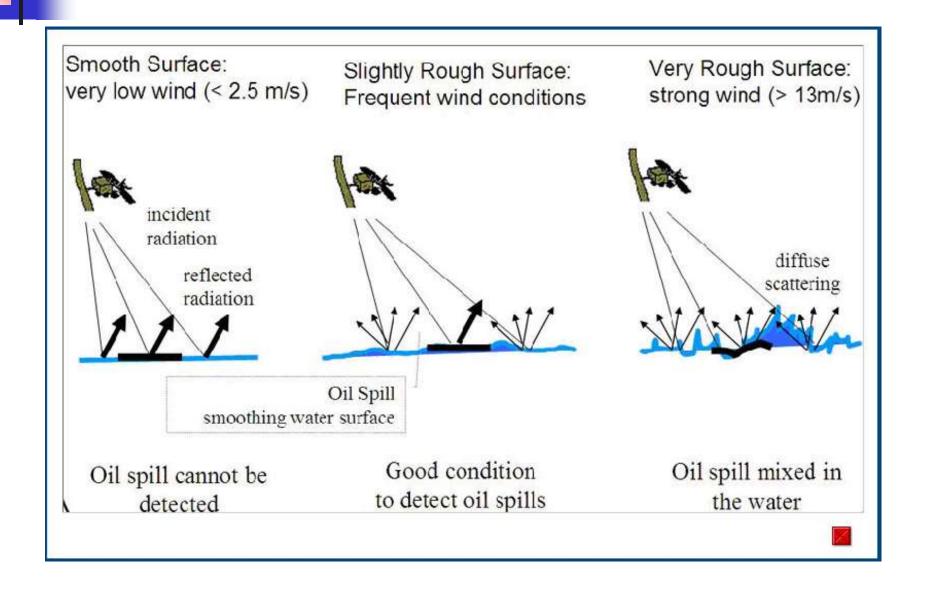




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### WIND CONDITION FOR OIL SPILL DETECTION

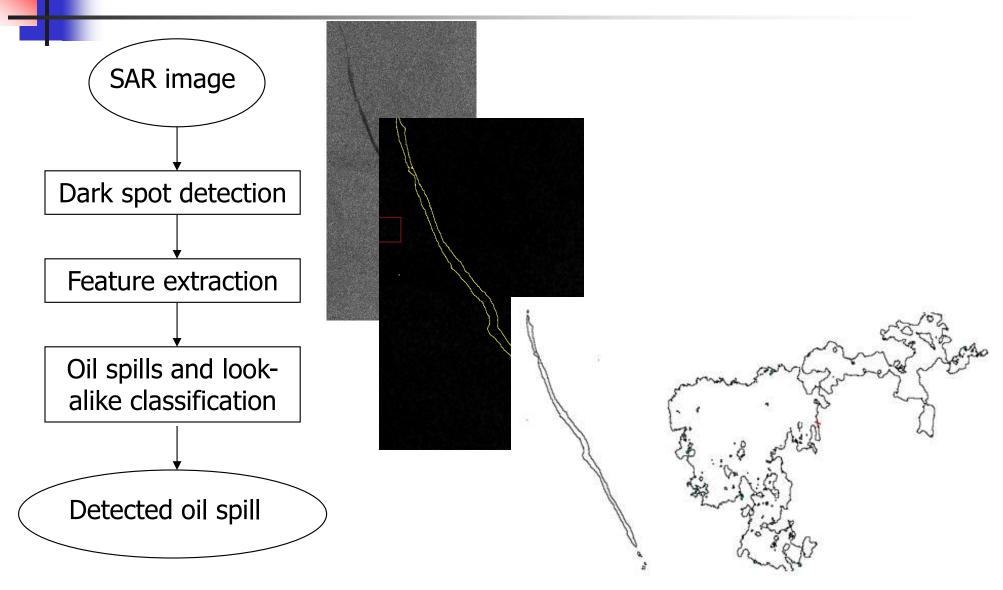


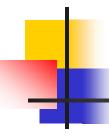


#### OIL SPILL DETECTION IN SAR IMAGE

- Two main steps:
  - Detection of dark spots
  - Classification of the slicks
- Methods: Manual, semi or fully automatic detection

### Automatic techniques for oil spill detection in SAR image





#### Algorithm for detecting dark spots

- By automatic threshold
- By Hidden Markov Chain (HMC) algorithm
- By Constant False Alarm Rate (CFAR) algorithm



#### Feature extraction

- Geometry and shape features of the segmented regions
- Physical characteristics of the backscatter level of the spot
- Spot contextual features: nearby land or a bright spots
- Fractal texture description (D)



#### Classification methods

- Artificial Neural Network
- Accuracy of classified results between 82% and 94%
- This result has been achieved using different dataset and algorithms

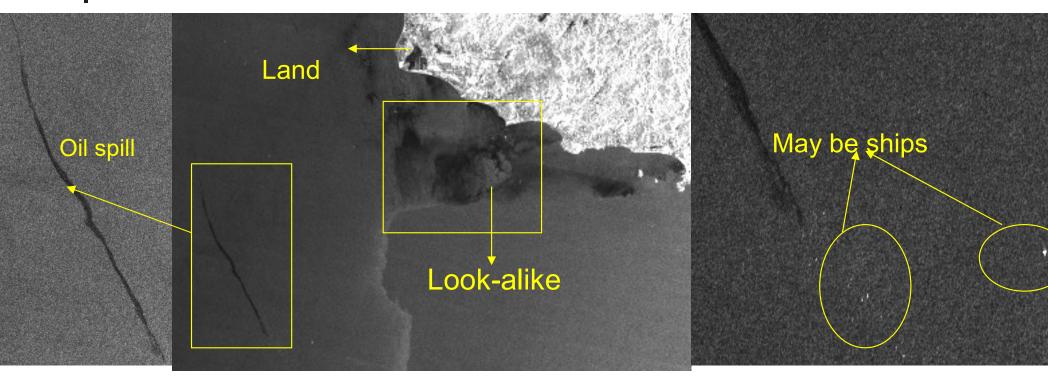


#### **EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS**

- ALOS PALSAR: Level 4.2-ERDAS with spatial resolution 100m, 4 looks and polarization HH
- 3 ALOS PALSAR images on 8/03/2007, 29/03/2007 and 18/04/2007
- Our results are studied by visual interpretation and semi-automatic method on ALOS PALSAR images

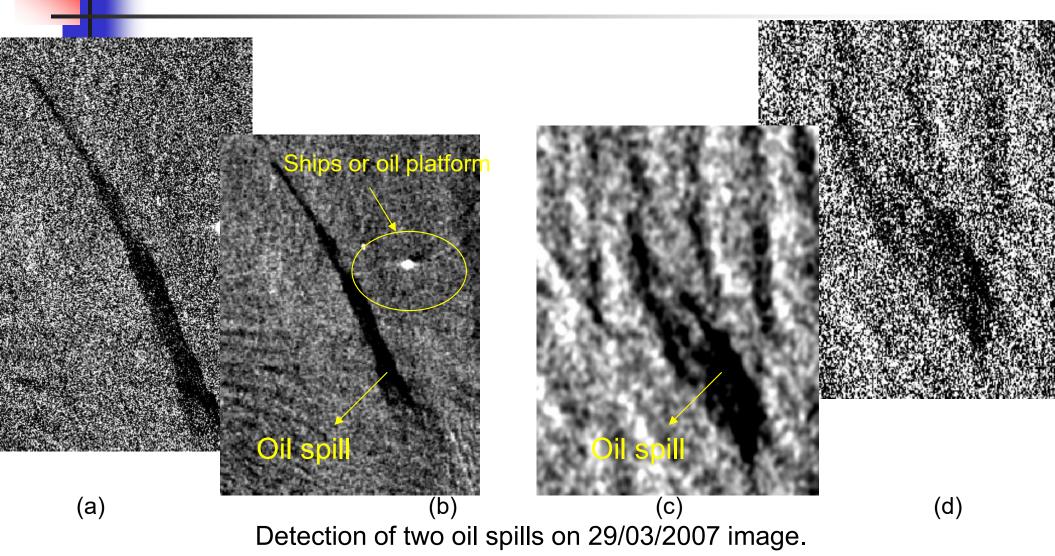


#### Result of visual Interpretation on ALOS PALSAR



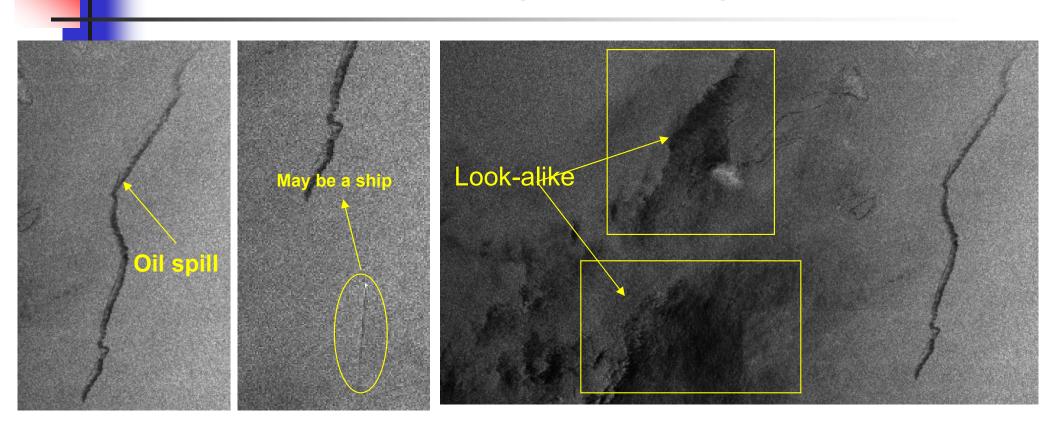
Detection of oil spill in 08/03/2007 image

#### Result of visual Interpretation by ALOS PALSAR



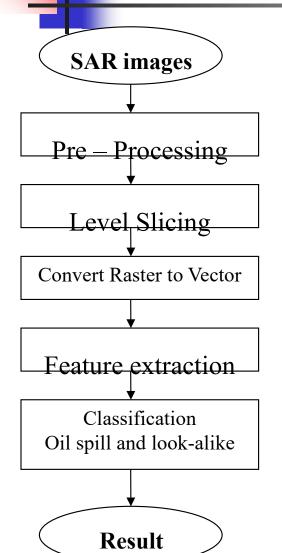
(a) and (d) original data. (b) and (c) filtered by LEE algorithm (window 7x7)

#### Result of visual Interpretation by ALOS PALSAR



Detection of oil spill on 18/04/2007 image

#### Results by semi-automatic technique



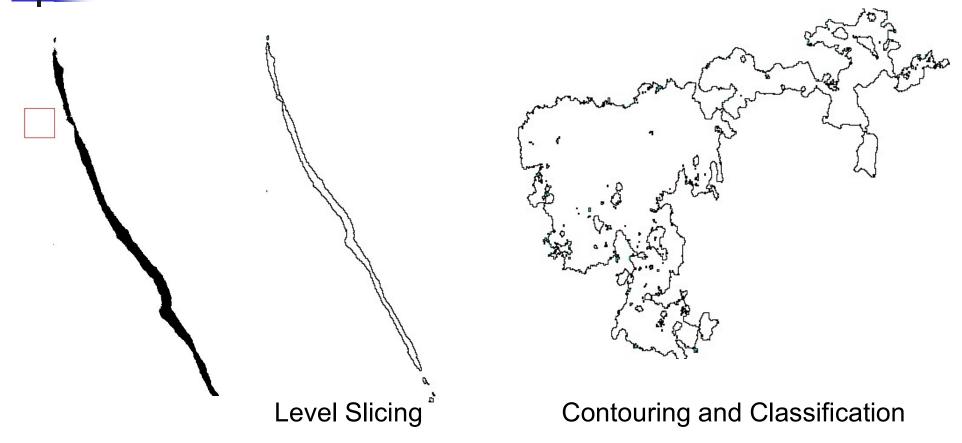
#### Oil spills detection and classification in ALOS PALSAR images

Images	No	Area (m²)	P (m)	Complex (C)	Shape factor	Results
8/3/07	1	25095000	111800	6.30	36.62	Oil spill
8/3/07	2	119965000	357400	9.21	1.36	Look - alike
29/3/07	3	58694	6144	7.16	12.57	Oil spill
29/3/07	4	7310	986	3.25	1.23	Look-alike
18/4/07	5	25492	4726	8.35	41.43	Oil spill

Table 1

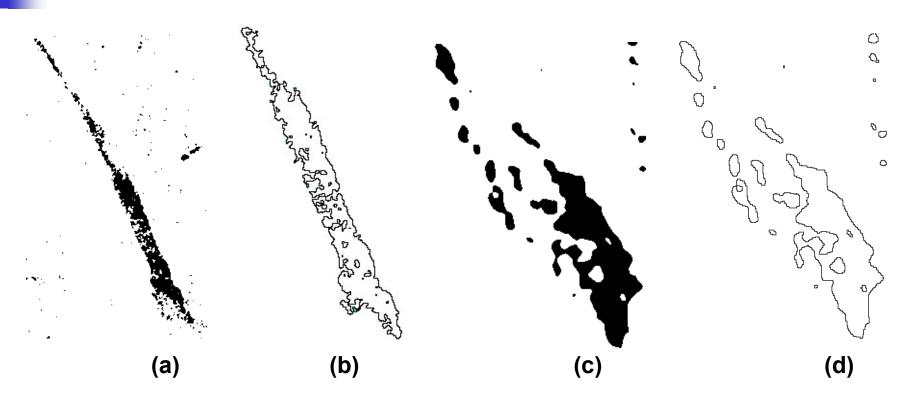


#### Results by semi-automatic technique



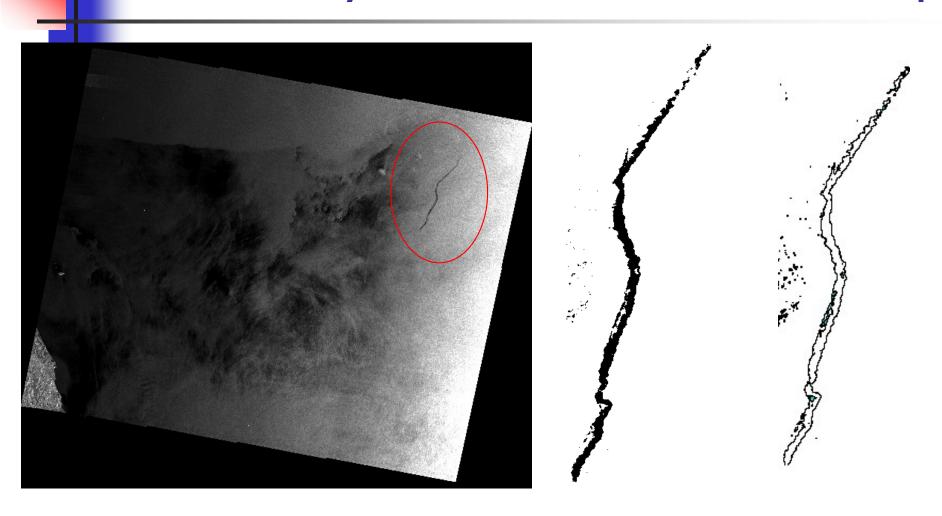
Detection and classification of oil spills on 8/3/2007 image





Detection and classification of oil spills on 29/3/07 image.
(a) and (c) level slicing. (b) and (d) contouring and classification.
(c) and (d) an oil spill has not been detected.

#### Results by semi-automatic technique



Detection and classification on 18/04/2007 image.



#### CONCLUSION

- ALOS PALSAR with spatial resolution of 100m resolution: used for detection and classification of large size oil spill at sea.
- Level slicing which is quite simple method can be used and demonstrate quite good results
- To improve the accuracies, there is a need to find out geometry, shape features and backscattering levels AND integration of GIS databases, wind speed, position of lands to achieve better oil spill detection result.



#### CONCLUSION

- The next our research:
  - Automatic adaptive threshold, vectorization and calculated geometry features
  - The method for discrimination between oil spill and look-alike
  - Built a software program for detecting and classifying oil spill in the sea in SAR image



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