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***Target Rediscovery on Long-wave Infrared Hyperspectral Images using  
Radiance and Emissivity Data***

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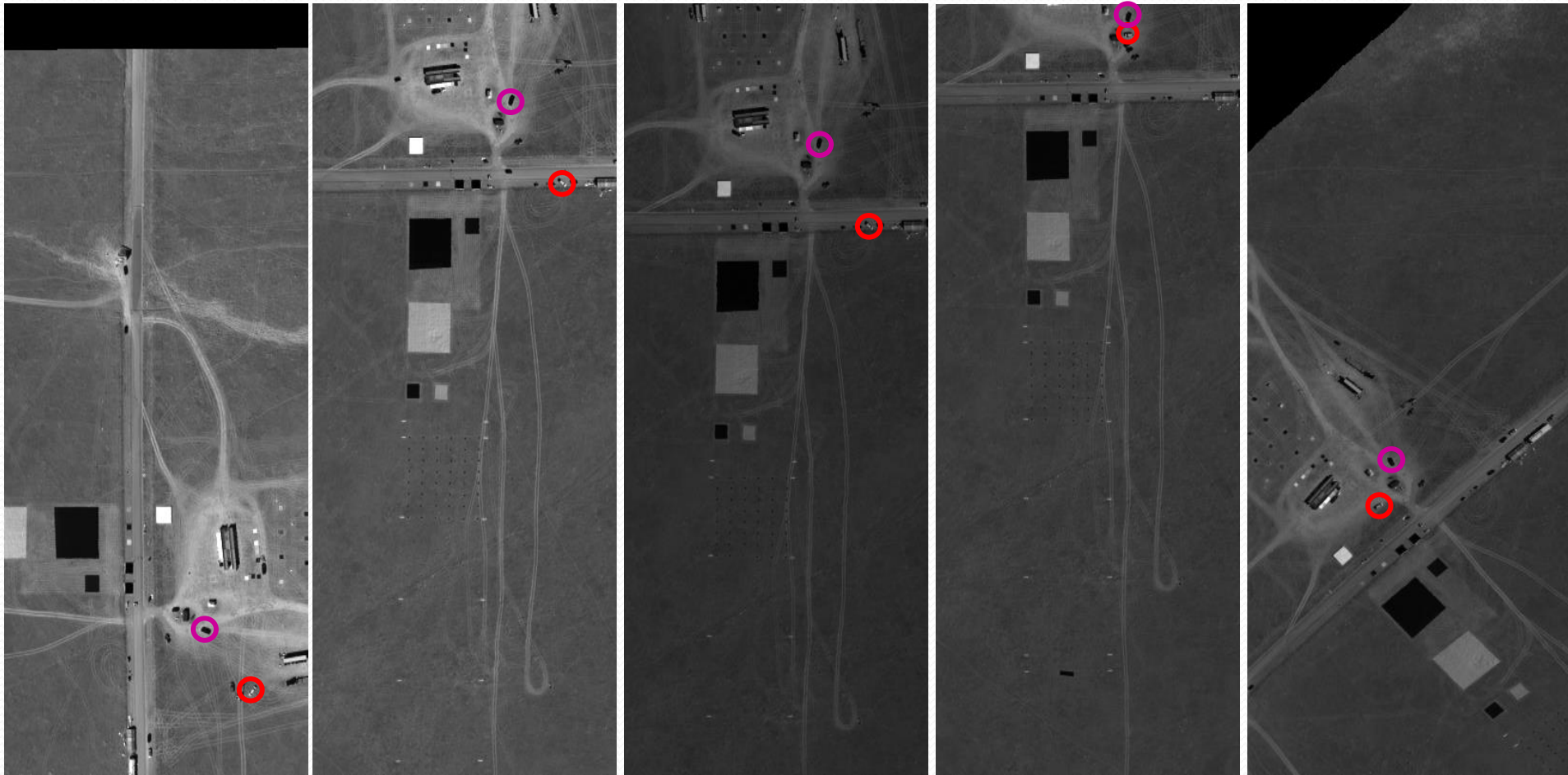
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# OUTLINE

- Problem Description and Existing Works
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  - Comparison with respect to LWIR and SWIR spectrum
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# TARGET REDISCOVERY PROBLEM



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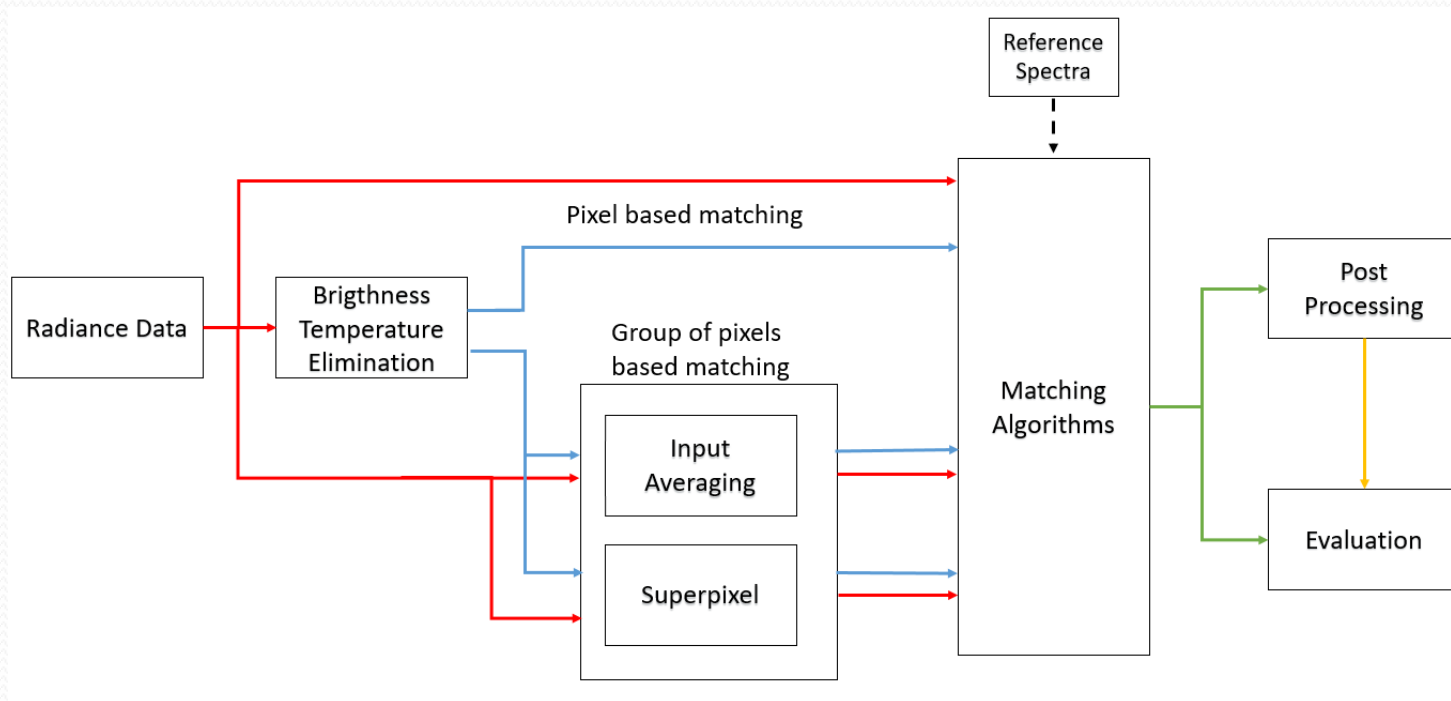
- Find the target in subsequent images of the same scene

# PREVIOUS WORK ON TARGET REDISCOVERY

- A few work by Kerekes et al [1] and Uzkent et al. [2] to perform detection and tracking by selecting and weighting certain wavelengths in VNIR range.
- No work on target rediscovery on LWIR hyperspectral images to the knowledge of the authors
- Recent studies on target identification on LWIR hyperspectral images by Rankin et al. [3] and Wurst et al. [4]

# Proposed Target Detection Methodologies

## Target Detection on LWIR Images



### Reference Spectra:

- Target Radiance/Emissivity obtained from previously captured hyperspectral image
- Emissivity signatures measured at ground

# Proposed Target Detection Methodologies

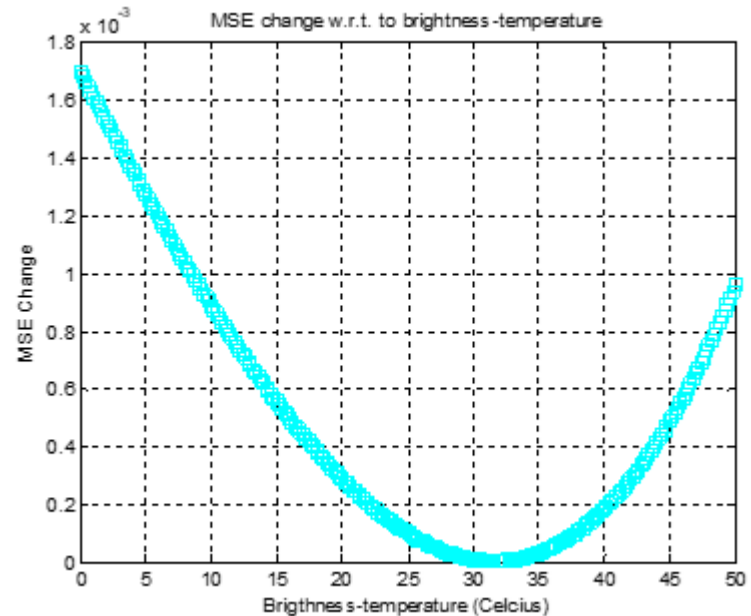
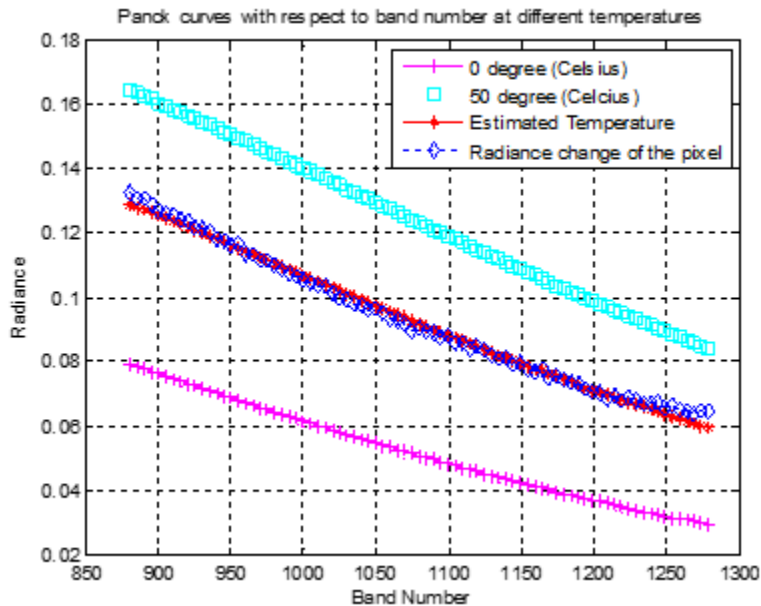
## Brightness Temperature Elimination (1)

### Algorithm for Brightness-Temperature Estimation:

- For each pixel of the hyperspectral image, the radiance change of the pixel is assigned to a vector.
- Beginning from a minimum temperature,  $T_{min}$ , to a maximum temperature,  $T_{max}$ , Planck curves [11] are generated for the thermal range of LWIR camera with a step size of temperature,  $\Delta T$ .
- The brightness-temperature corresponding to the generated curve, which is closest to the radiance change of the pixel in MSE sense, is assigned as the brightness-temperature of that pixel.
- The Planck curve generated for the estimated brightness-temperature is subtracted from the radiance spectra and inputted to the target detection algorithm.

# Proposed Target Detection Methodologies

## Brightness Temperature Elimination (2)



- Take the difference of the radiance spectra (blue) and Planck Curve for the estimated brightness temperature (red).
- This difference can be regarded as an *approximation of emissivity* or *detailed component* of the radiance spectra involving the characteristic information about the pixel.
- Input the difference as a signature to the target detection algorithms.



# Proposed Target Detection Methodologies

## Utilized Filters for Group of Pixels

```
filt = [ 3 3 3
        3 4 3
        3 3 3];
```

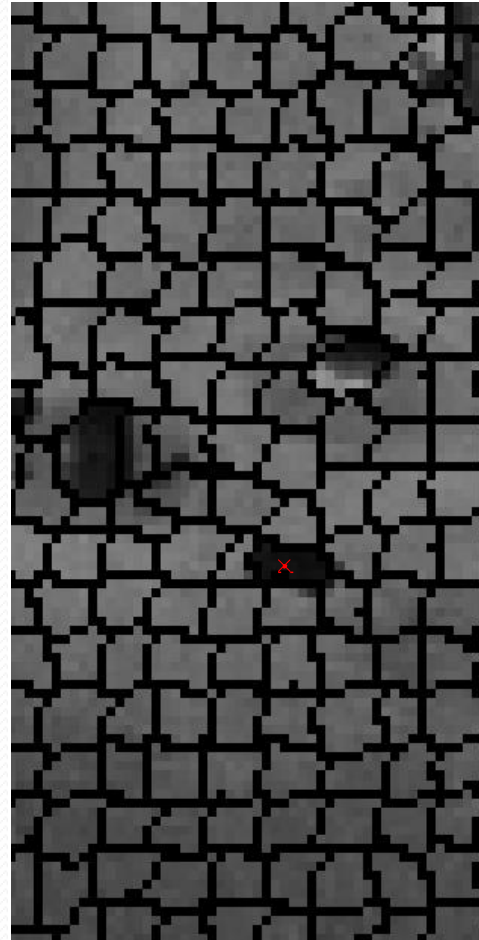
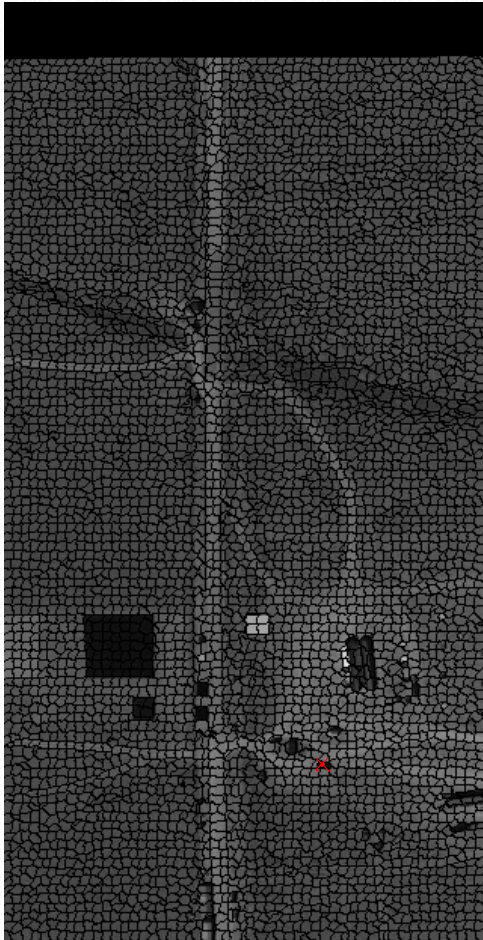
(Weighted averaging)

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filt = [-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1;
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        -1 -1 3 3 3 -1 -1;
        -1 -1 3 4 3 -1 -1;
        -1 -1 3 3 3 -1 -1;
        -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1;
        -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1];
```

(Difference of averages)

# Proposed Target Detection Methodologies

## Oversegmentation and Superpixels



# Proposed Target Detection Methodologies Utilized Algorithms

Representatives from 4 class of target detection methods:

- **SAM**

- $H_0: \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I)$
- $H_1: \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{b} \sim N(\alpha \mathbf{s}, \sigma^2 I)$

- $$T_{SAM}(\mathbf{x}) = \arccos \left( \frac{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{x}}{(\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{x})^{\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)$$

# Proposed Target Detection Methodologies Utilized Algorithms

Representatives from 4 class of target detection methods:

- **ACE**

- $H_0: \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \sim N(0, \sigma_0^2 \Sigma)$

- $H_1: \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{s} + \beta \mathbf{b} \sim N(\alpha \mathbf{s}, \sigma_1^2 \Sigma)$

- $$T_{ACE}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{s} (\mathbf{s}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{s})^{-1} \mathbf{s}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}}$$

# Proposed Target Detection Methodologies Utilized Algorithms

Representatives from 4 class of target detection methods:

- **OSP**

- $H_0: \mathbf{x} = \alpha_{b,0} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{n} \sim N(\alpha_{b,0} \mathbf{b}, \sigma_0^2 \mathbf{I})$

- $H_1: \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{n} = \alpha_s \mathbf{s} + \alpha_{b,0} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{n} \sim N(\alpha_s \mathbf{s} + \alpha_{b,0} \mathbf{b}, \sigma_1^2 \mathbf{I})$

- $$T_{OSP}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{s}^T (\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b})^{-1} \mathbf{b}^T) \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{s}^T (\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b})^{-1} \mathbf{b}^T) \mathbf{s}}$$

# Proposed Target Detection Methodologies Utilized Algorithms

Representatives from 4 class of target detection methods:

- **HSD**

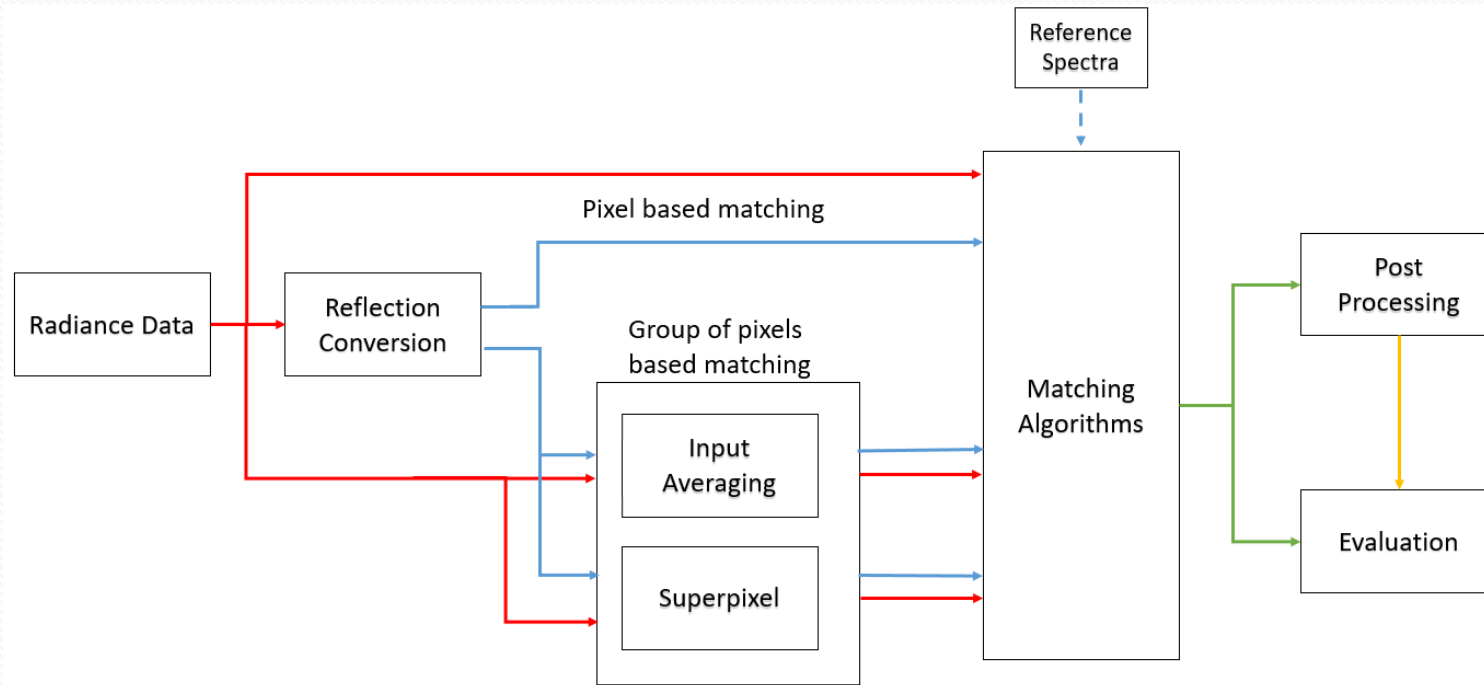
- $H_0: \mathbf{x} = \alpha_{b,0} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{n} \sim N(\alpha_{b,0} \mathbf{b}, \sigma_0^2 \Sigma)$

- $H_1: \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{n} = \alpha_s \mathbf{s} + \alpha_{b,1} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{n} \sim N(\alpha_s \mathbf{s} + \alpha_{b,1} \mathbf{b}, \sigma_1^2 \Sigma)$

- $$T_{HSD}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\alpha}_b \mathbf{b})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \hat{\alpha}_b \mathbf{b})}{(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\alpha} \mathbf{e})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \hat{\alpha} \mathbf{e})}$$

# Proposed Target Detection Methodologies

## Target Detection on SWIR Images



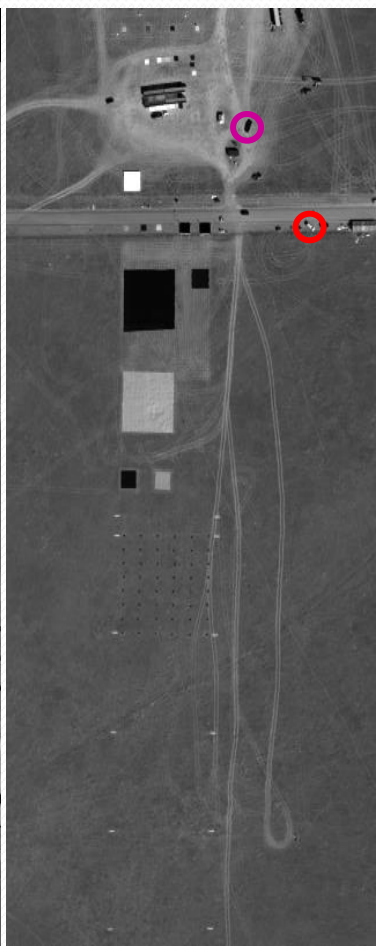
### Reference Spectra:

- Target Radiance/Reflectance from previously captured hyperspectral image
- Reflectance signatures measured at ground

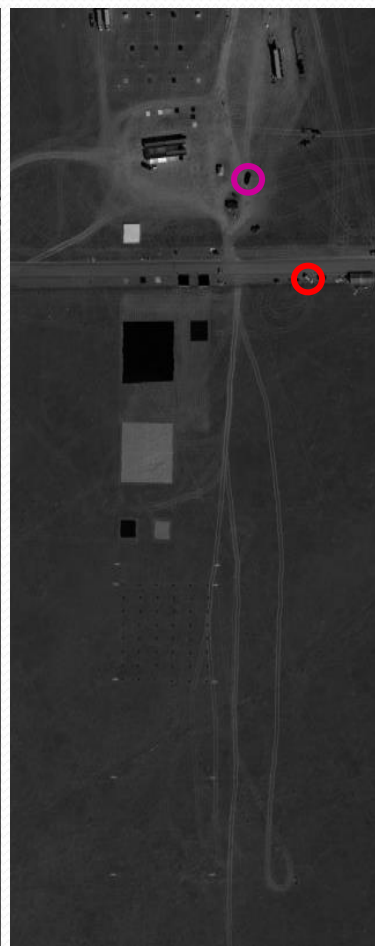
# Selected SWIR Images and Ground Truths Set 1 (NEO\_Hypex)



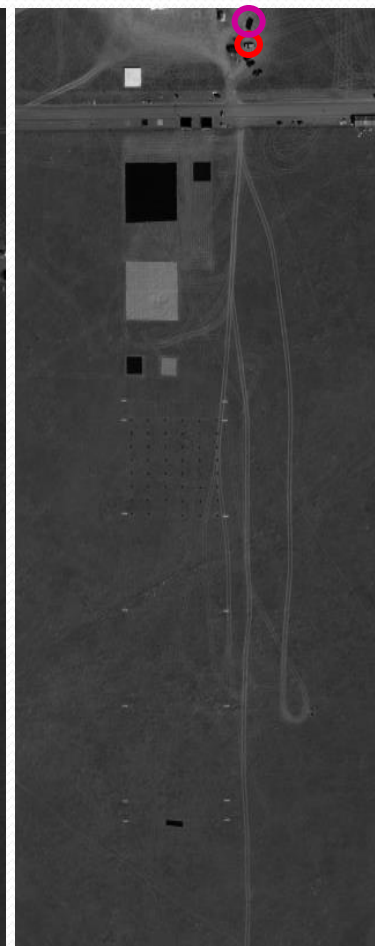
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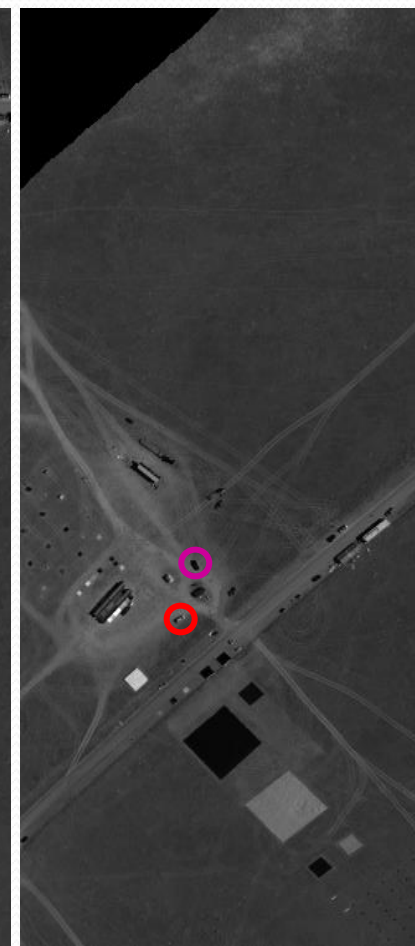
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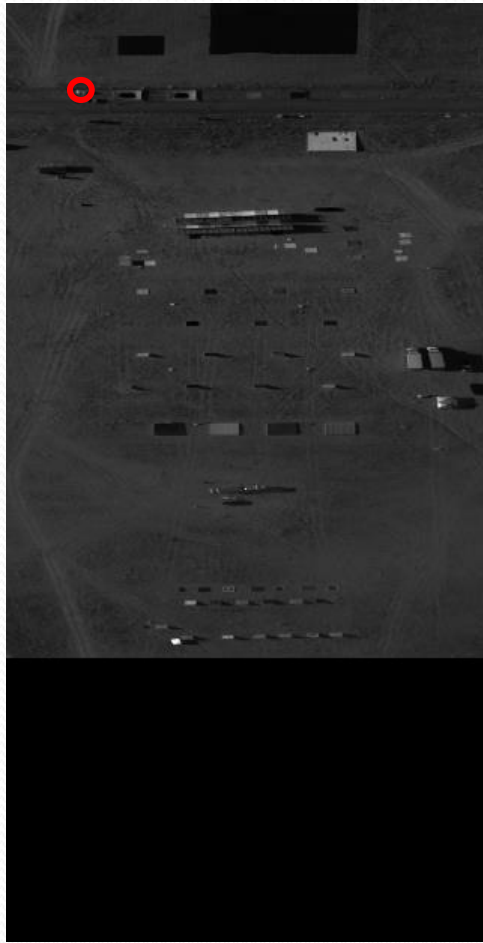


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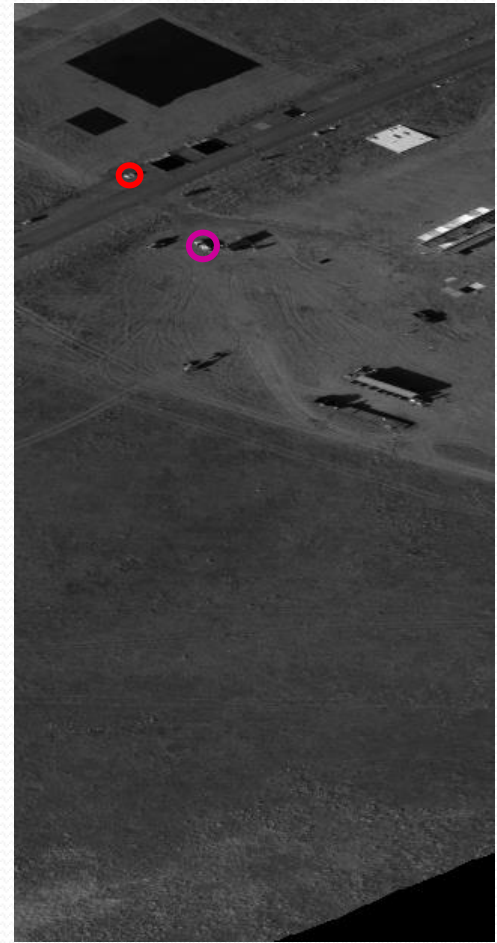
# Selected SWIR Images and Ground Truths Set 2 (NEO\_Hypex)



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# Target Detection Results (Target 1/ Set1)

## Algorithm: SAM

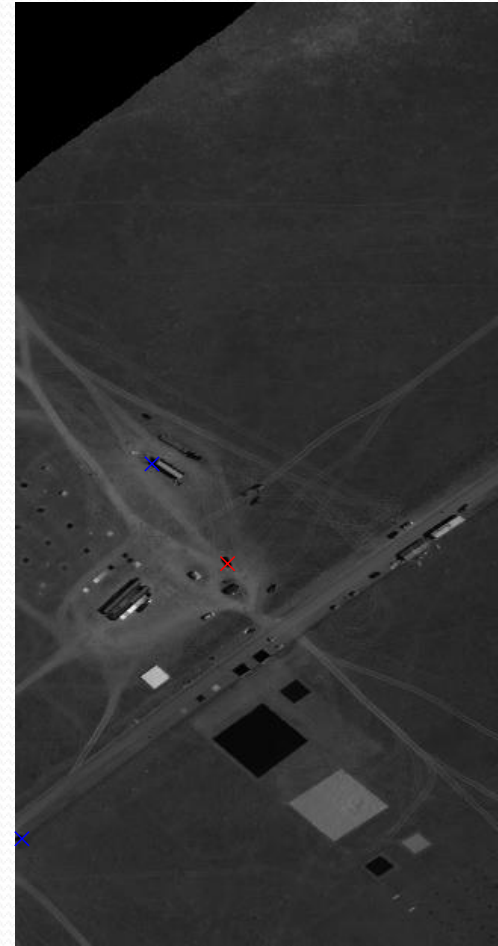
Image No: 1



Image No: 2



Image No : 3, Target with False Positives



# Target Detection Results (Target 1/ Set1)

## Algorithm: **SAM**

Image No: 4

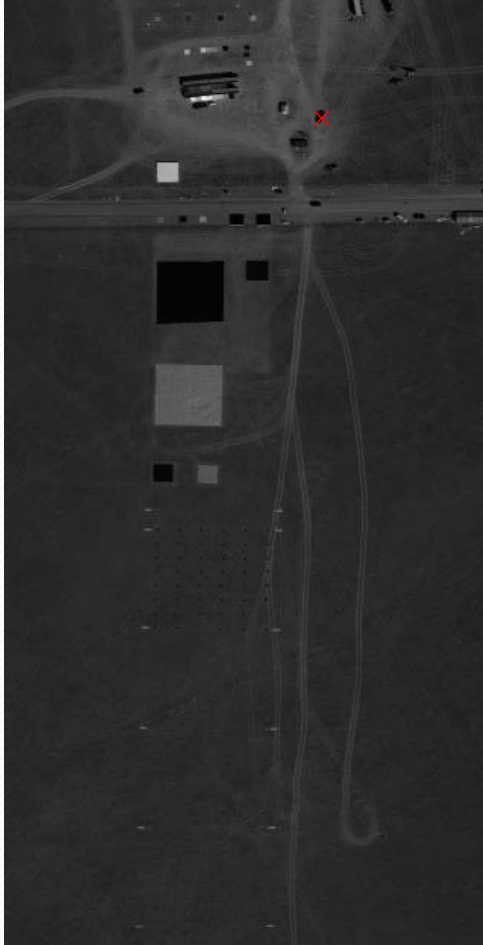


Image No: 5



# Target Detection Results (Target 1/ Set1)

## Algorithm: **ACE**

Image No: 1



Image No: 2



Image No : 3, Target with False Positives



# Target Detection Results (Target 1/ Set1)

## Algorithm: **ACE**

Image No: 4

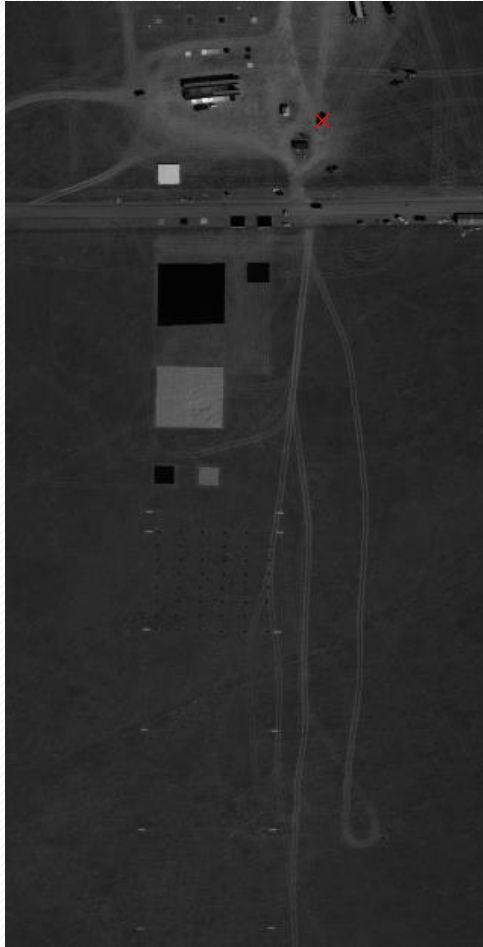
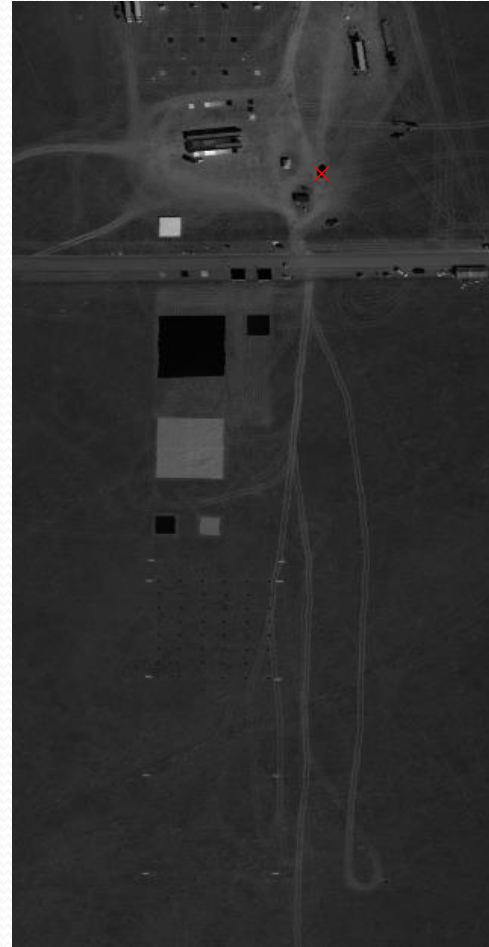


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# Target Detection Results (Target 1/ Set1)

## Algorithm: **OSP**

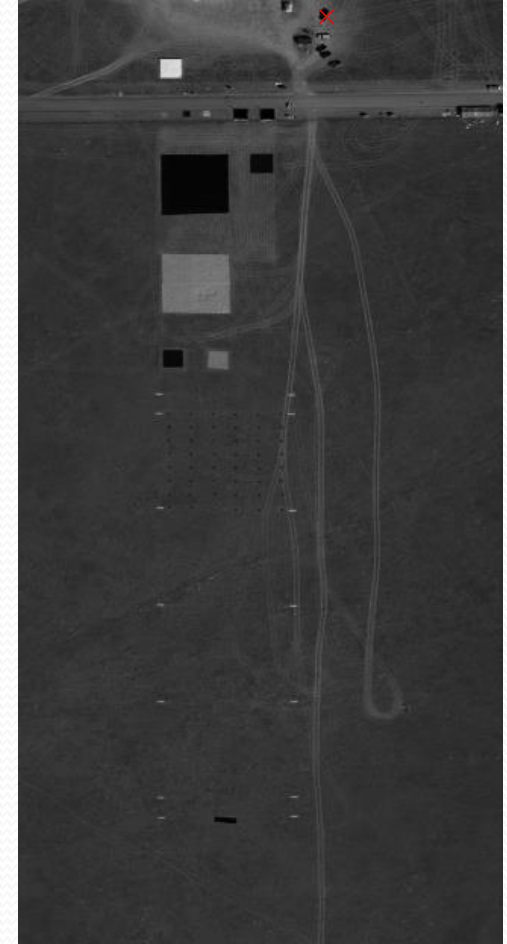
### **Background Signatures:**

- One signature close to the target vehicle
- One signature far from the target
- One signature from the main road

Image No: 1



Image No: 2



# Target Detection Results (Target 1/ Set1)

## Algorithm: **OSP**

Image No : 3, Target with False Positives

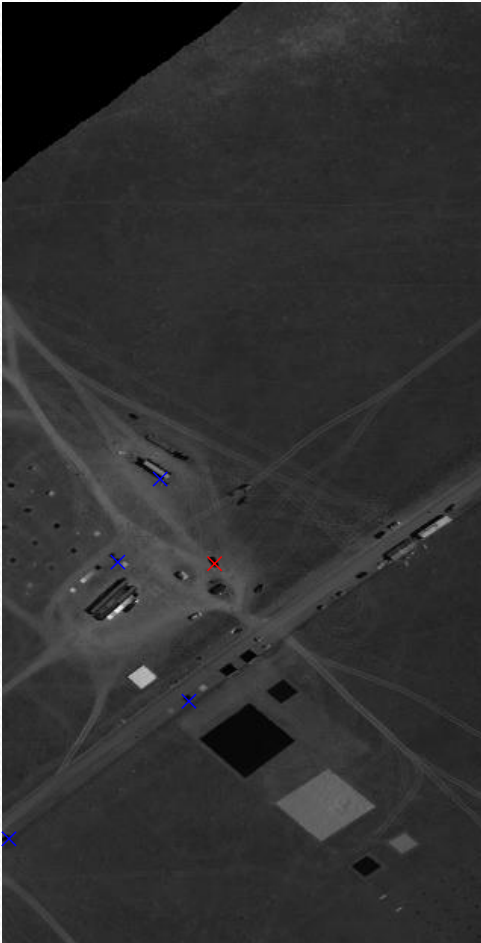


Image No : 4, Target with False Positives

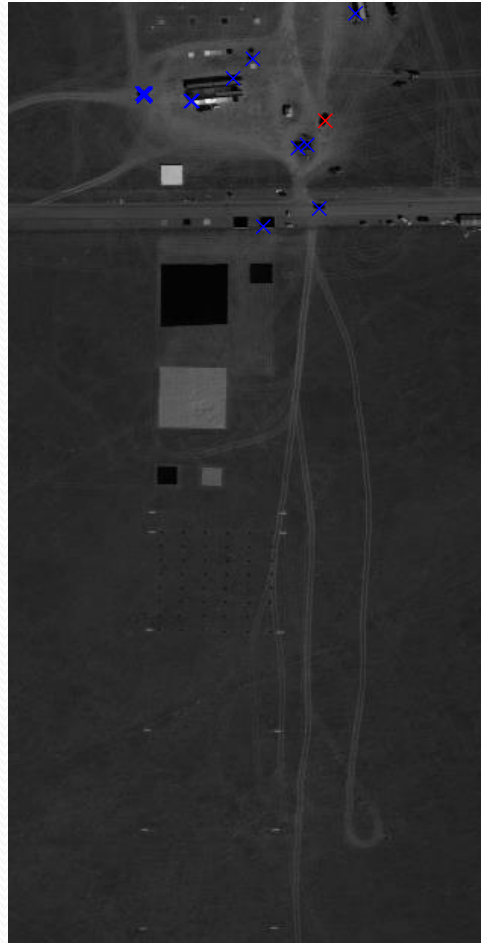
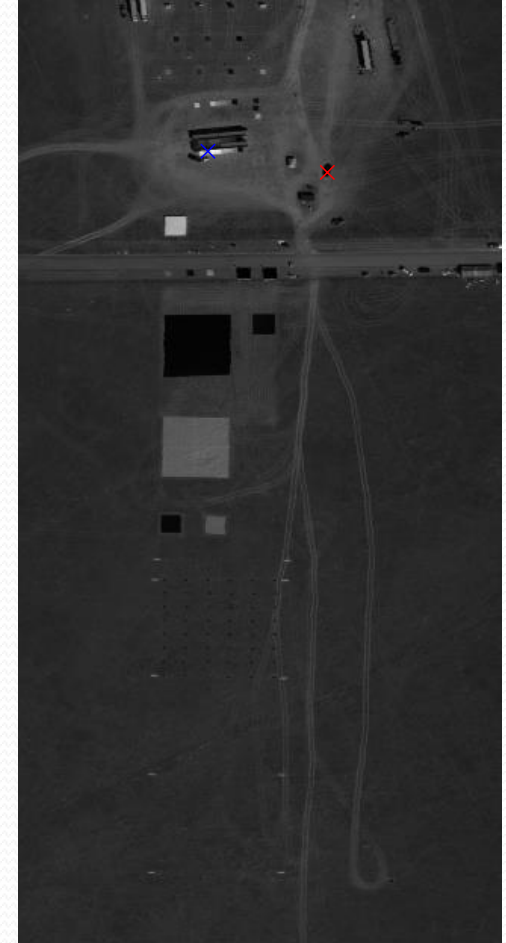


Image No : 5, Target with False Positives



# Target Detection Results (Target 1/ Set1)

## Algorithm: **HSD**

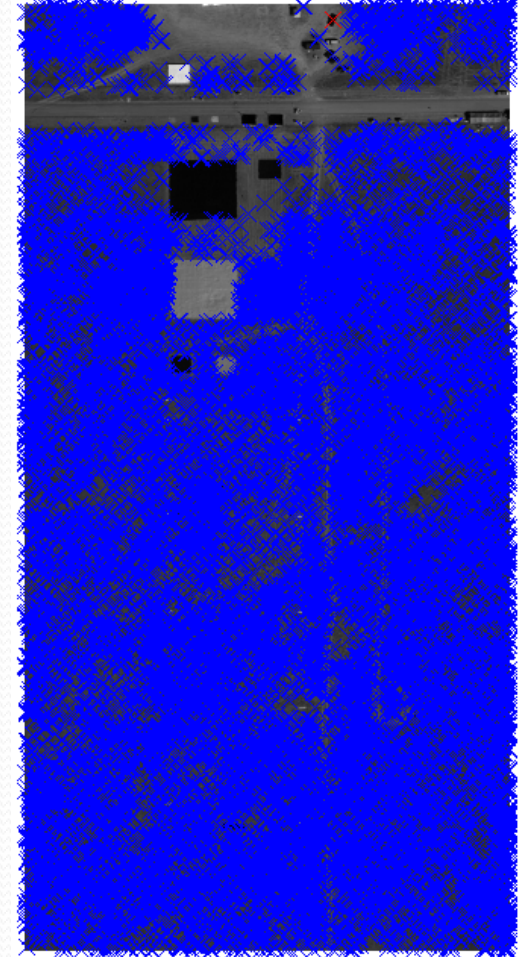
### Background Signatures:

- One signature close to the target vehicle
- One signature far from the target
- One signature from the main road

Image No: 1



Image No : 2, Target with False Positives





# Selected LWIR Images and Ground Truths

## Set 1 (SEBASS)

### Set 1:

006\_140811\_181455\_LINE\_A30\_1\_L2S.dat

006\_140811\_184031\_LINE\_A30\_1\_L2S.dat

006\_140811\_183500\_LINE\_B30\_1\_L2S.dat

006\_140811\_181926\_LINE\_B30\_1\_L2S.dat

006\_140811\_182830\_LINE\_B30\_1\_L2S.dat



# Selected LWIR Images and Ground Truths

## Set 2 (SEBASS)

Set 2:

[006\\_140824\\_214108\\_LINE\\_A15E\\_1\\_L2S.dat](#)

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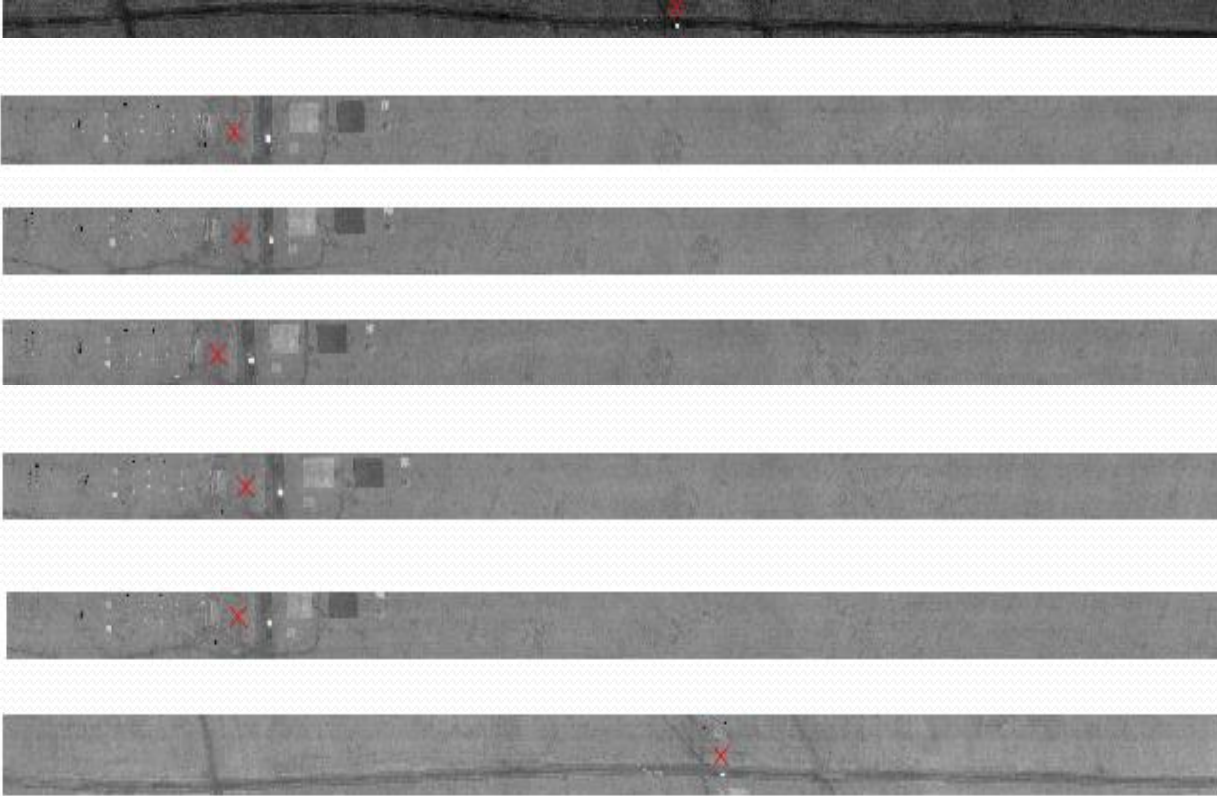
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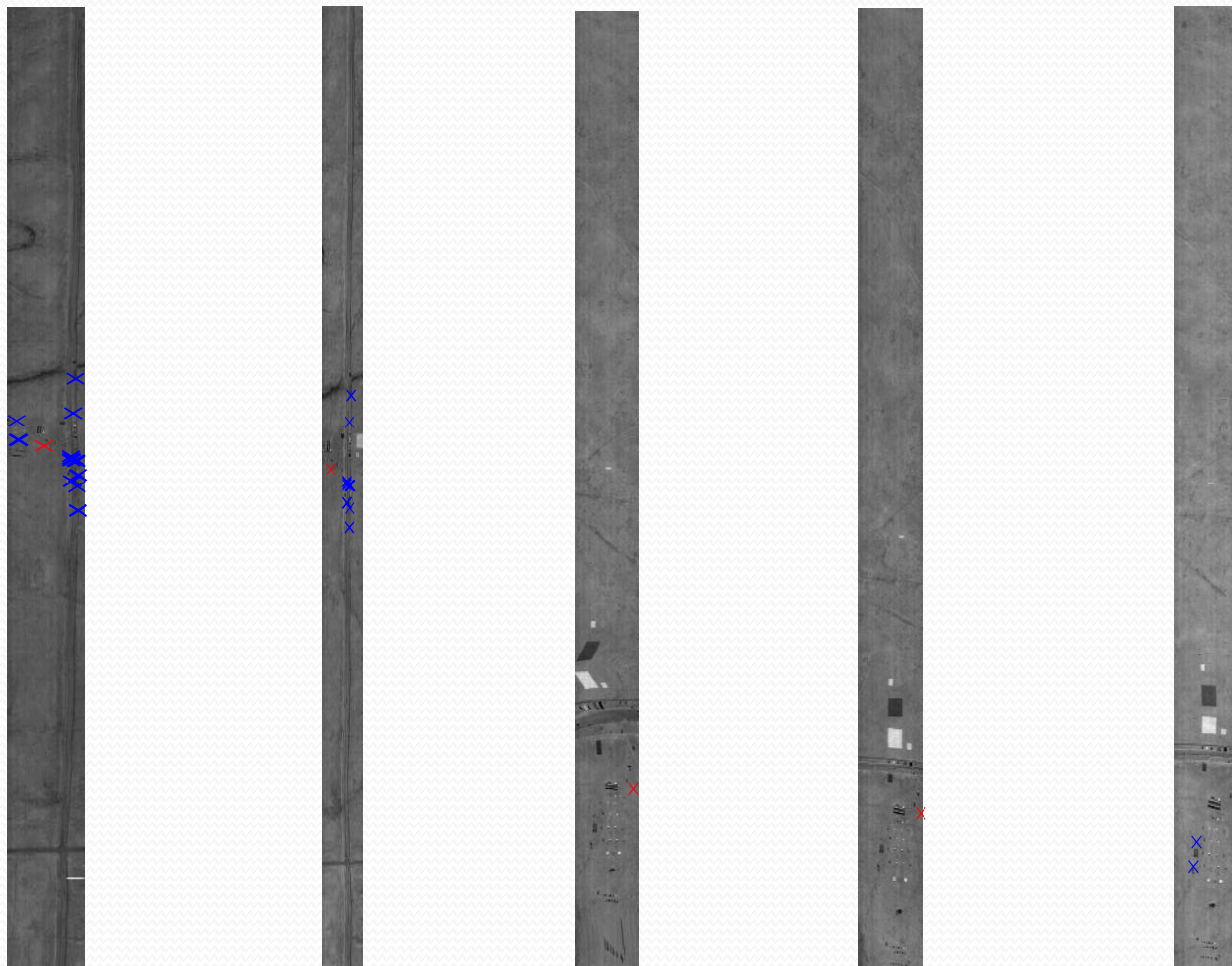
# Target Detection Results using **Radiance** Pixels vs. Group of Pixels (Algorithm ACE)

## False Positive Counts

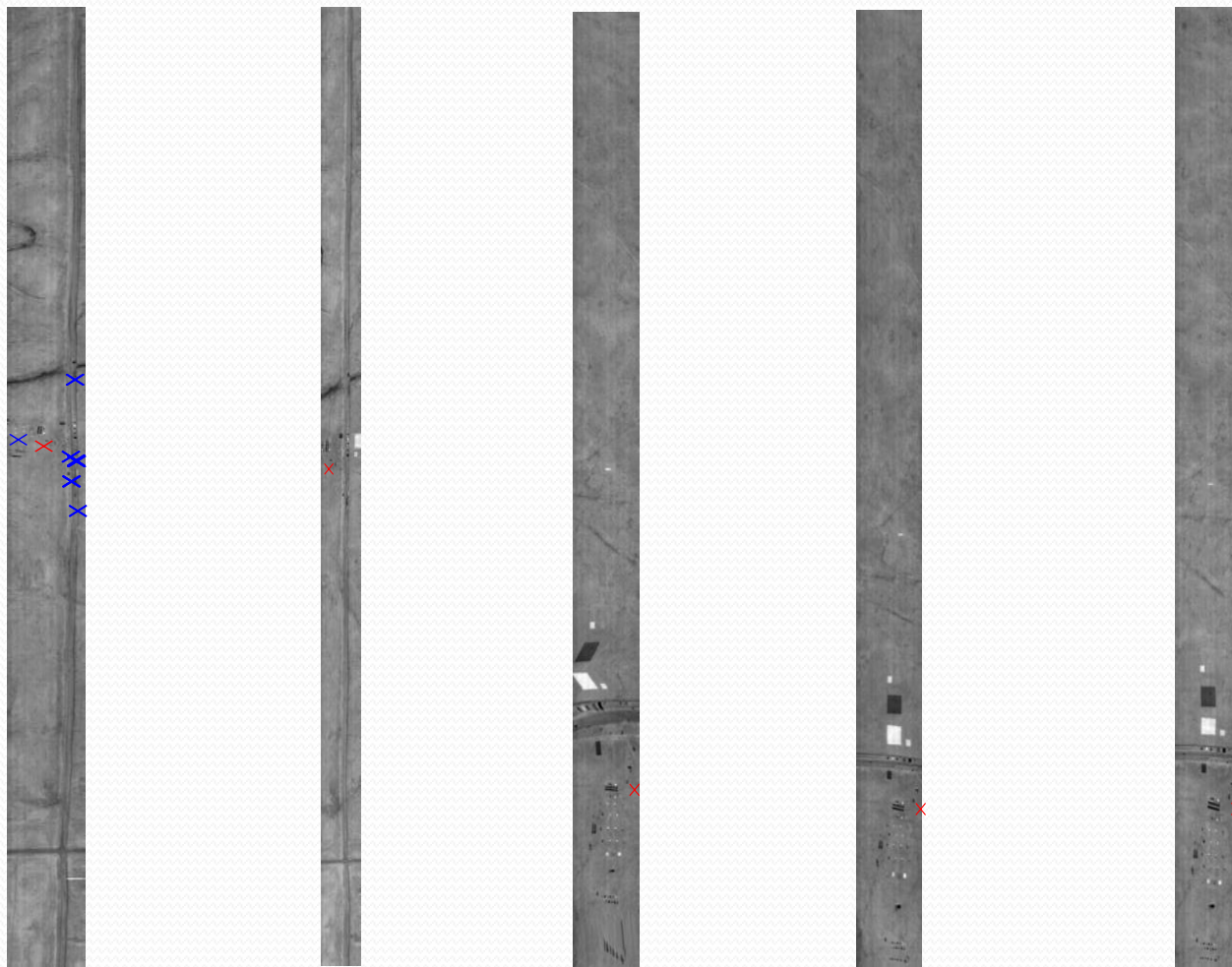
(Row: Reference radiance image no; Column: Test image no)

Image No		T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>5</sub>	Total	Rate (%)
R <sub>1</sub>	P	0	0	10	0	0	10	0.001
	SF	0	139	1	0	0	140	0.011
R <sub>2</sub>	P	6	0	1	0	0	7	0.001
	SF	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.001
R <sub>3</sub>	P	24	1	0	5	2	31	0.002
	SF	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.001
R <sub>4</sub>	P	41	20	0	0	2	63	0.005
	SF	28	0	0	0	0	28	0.002
R <sub>5</sub>	P	28	13	11	0	0	52	0.004
	SF	64	21	13	0	0	98	0.008

# Target Detection Results using Radiance Pixels (Algorithm ACE)



# Target Detection Results using Radiance Group of Pixels (Algorithm ACE)



# Target Detection Results using Radiance SUPERPIXELS (Algorithm ACE)

- Not Satisfactory Results with Superpixes
  - Superpixels are not very well aligned with the boundaries of the objects on thermal LWIR images



# Target Detection Results using Emissivity Pixels (Algorithm ACE)

Image No: 2, Target with False Positives

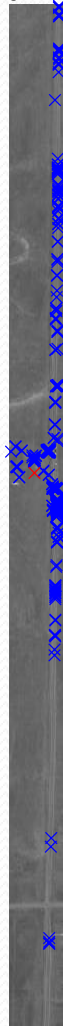


Image No: 3, Target with False Positives



Image No: 4, Target with False Positives

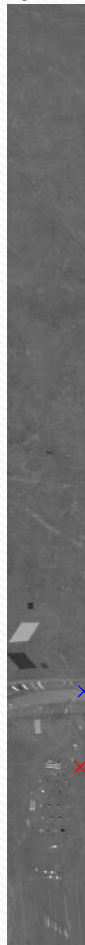


Image No: 5



Image No: 6



# Target Detection Results using Emissivity Group of Pixels (Algorithm ACE)

Image No: 2



Image No: 3, Target with False Positives



Image No: 4

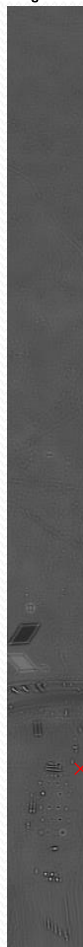


Image No: 5



Image No: 6





# Target Detection Results over Radiance

## False Positive Rates

- Average False Positive Rates when True Positive Rate is 100%.
  - ACE is the leading algorithm.

	Matching Algorithm	Target 1 Set 1 (%)	Target 2 Set 1 (%)	Target 3 Set 1 (%)	Target 1 Set 2 (%)
<b>Pixel Based</b>	SAM	2.3652	0.0856	0.6310	0.0028
	ACE	0.0027	0.0009	0.0003	0.0013
	OSP	0.7340	0.0087	0.0003	0.0127
	HSD	1.3569	0.0004	0.0003	0.0001
<b>Group of Pixels Based</b>	SAM	12.0139	1.9467	0.1265	3.0756
	ACE	0.0044	0.0001	0.0002	0.0264
	OSP	6.1819	5.2492	0.0011	3.9974
	HSD	20.6007	8.9464	0.0010	0.0903



# Target Detection Results over Radiance

## Percentage of the Test Images with No False Positives

- Percentage of the test images where the target is detected without any false alarm.
  - ACE is the leading algorithm.

	Matching Algorithm	Target 1, Set 1 (%)	Target 2, Set 1 (%)	Target 3 Set 1 (%)	Target 1 Set 2 (%)
<b>Pixel Based</b>	SAM	5	25	17	59
	ACE	35	83	67	43
	OSP	30	42	67	45
	HSD	15	75	50	79
<b>Group of Pixels Based</b>	SAM	10	25	67	69
	ACE	60	83	50	59
	OSP	10	8	50	50
	HSD	20	75	67	69



# Target Detection Results over Emissivity

## Percentage of the Test Images with No False Positives

- Percentage of the test images where the target is detected without any false alarm.
  - ACE is the leading algorithm.

	Matching Algorithm	Target 1, Set 1 (%)	Target 2, Set 1 (%)	Target 3 Set 1 (%)	Target 1 Set 2 (%)
<b>Pixel Based</b>	SAM	17	17	55	5
	ACE	83	33	52	20
	OSP	58	33	57	30
	HSD	66	50	64	25
<b>Group of Pixels Based</b>	SAM	25	50	62	25
	ACE	75	83	67	60
	OSP	33	67	67	30
	HSD	37	67	69	20



# Radiance vs. Emissivity

## Percentage of the Test Images with No False Positives

- Percentage of the test images where the target is detected without any false alarm

Set ID	Target ID	Radiance	Emissivity
Set 1	Target 1 (black)	35 %	20 %
	Target 2 (white)	83 %	83 %
	Target 3 (black)	67 %	33 %
Set 2	Target 1 (black)	43 %	52 %

- Emissivity conversion does not affect the detection rate for the white car.
- Emissivity conversion does not indicate a stable performance increase or decrease for the black cars as well.

# SWIR vs. LWIR

## Percentage of the Test Images with No False Positives

- Percentage of the test images where the target is detected without any false alarm

	Target 1	Target 2	Target 3	Target 4
SWIR	75	85	83	100
LWIR	60	83	50	59

- Although the utilized targets are different in the experimental sets, the average detection rate in SWIR is better than the ones in LWIR.
- Better SNR quality in SWIR images compared to the ones in LWIR images, where the noise in thermal bands are more dominant.

# Target Discovery

## Conclusions

The performances are compared with respect to the false positive rates when the recall (true positive rate) is 100 %. The percentage of the test images, where the target is detected without any false positives, over all the images, is employed as a second performance metric.

- **Pixels vs. Group of Pixels vs Superpixels Comparison**
  - GPs have indicated a significantly better result w.r.t Pixels.
  - Not Satisfactory Results with Superpixels as they are not very well aligned with the boundaries of the objects on thermal LWIR images
- **Radiance vs. Emissivity Comparison**
  - There is not a comparatively better result when emissivity is used in pixel wise detection. An exception is observed in the detection performances of white vehicle when the emissivity is utilized.
- **Algorithm Comparison (SAM, ACE, OSP, HSD)**
  - SAM and ACE have comparable performances for the SWIR Images.
  - ACE have indicated the best performance for LWIR images.
- **SWIR vs LWIR Comparison**
  - The detection performances for SWIR images are quite better compared to the LWIR images due to the better resolution and SNR for SWIR images.

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